



Breaking ground at Nineteen on the Park!

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'Twas a dark and rainy day, but that didn't stop an enthusiastic crowd from showing up to celebrate the official groundbreaking ceremony for Nineteen on the Park! at 19 Civic Ave. on April 11. Constructed in 1896, the heritage building has enjoyed a storied career as a market, concert hall, movie theatre, bowling alley, billiard parlour, garage and the town's municipal offices.

At the ceremony, Oak Ridges MPP Helena Jacek presented Mayor Wayne Emmerson with a cheque for \$930,000, representing a one-time Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative grant which will

support the building's transformation into a downtown arts and cultural centre. The project, with an estimated overall cost of approximately \$3.4 million, will serve as a multi-purpose venue for exhibitions, concerts, film and live theatre performances. Other planned uses include corporate and social receptions, community events, meetings and workshops.

"Receiving such a substantial grant is obviously fantastic news and council is certainly very appreciative," said Mayor Emmerson. "The grant keeps us on target and moves us one step further to realizing our vision of a thriving community arts and cultural facility downtown."

The project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2009.

Oak Ridges MPP Helena Jacek presents Mayor Wayne Emmerson with a cheque for \$930,000 towards the establishment of Nineteen on the Park! at a groundbreaking ceremony on April 11. Also present were Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum curator Dorie Billich, Ward 4 councillor Susanne Hilton, Ward 5 councillor Richard Bartley, Ward 1 councillor Ken Ferdinands and Ward 3 councillor Clyde Smith.

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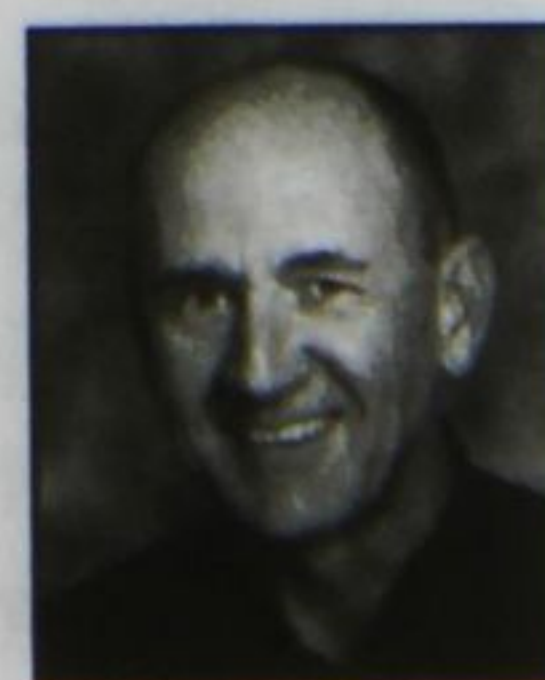
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With 26 teams participating and coupled with overwhelming community support, our inaugural Relay for Life in 2007 exceeded all expectations. We raised over \$80,000 for cancer research. Doing it again this year seemed to be a no-brainer, so here we are! Let's gather family and friends at Willowgrove on June 13th for an overnighter of fun, food, music and walking for a terrific cause. With over 400 local residents, join in as a team member or volunteer and come on out to Remember, Celebrate and Fight Back in this family-friendly event.

See you at Willowgrove!

Terry Neprily

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