

Easement is on 269-acre King-Caledon property

By Bill Rea

The Glassco property is a tract of lands that straddles the boarder of King

Township and the Town of Caledon that must be seen to be appreciated.

The property is going to

be protected from development thanks to the placement of a conservation easement.

A host of dignitaries gathered on the 269-acre property recently to celebrate the easement on the environmentally sensitive land.

"Boy, this place is beautiful," declared Andre Flys, president of the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust.

"The Oak Ridges Moraine land Trust is extremely proud to be part of protecting such a legacy," he added. "The Glassco family's generosity in donating this conservation easement is a big step toward protecting our water resources in perpetuity."

"What a magnificent day to do this," declared King Mayor Margaret Black, who added her 18-acre property adjoins the Glassco lands.

She also expressed the appreciation of the Township and York Region for the contribution. "It's a victory for our community and it's a victory for our environment," she remarked.

As well, Black thanked ORMLT for the part they played in getting the easement placed. "Together, we have accomplished something wonderful in our community today."

The property consists of mature and second-growth forests. It houses the headwaters of the West Holland River, which drains into

Lake Simcoe, and also has a 16-acre kettle lake called Hall Lake. It is home to rare plants, grasses, fish, snakes and reptiles.

A conservation easement was put on the property through the efforts of ORMLT, with financial assistance from York Region, and the families of the late Elizabeth and Walter Gordon and Jane, Dan, Briony and Rufus Glassco. The placement of a conservation easement on the property ensures that no development can take place there, in perpetuity.

"Our actions today help pave the way for environmental protection for one of our region's greatest environmental assets, and further preserve the rural life that we have come to appreciate in King Township," Black observed.

Simone Banz of the Peel Region planning department, said she was familiar with the generosity of the Glasscos, adding that's where steps like this get started.

Andrea Kettles of Environment Canada said her department's ecological gifts program is possible because of donations like the one from the Glasscos."

She added the programs helps other Canadians make similar donations. There have been 573 such contributions made across the country, meaning some 126,000 acres have been protected.

"The program is a success, thanks to you folks," she said.

Speaking on behalf of her family, Jane Glassco observed that a lot of work went into this, especially on the part of her family. "It's been a long process getting it this far," she said.

"We don't think of this as generous," she remarked, commenting the idea is to protect their land from development. "We think of this as selfish."

"I don't think we need any more development," she added, "but I think we need green places."



Photo by Alan Liczyk

BUSINESS PARK GROUNDBREAKING

Panattoni Development Company held a ground-breaking ceremony recently for its newest industrial project in Caledon, the Manchester Business Park, located at Manchester Court and Coleraine Drive in Bolton, which comprises the construction of two large, modern industrial warehouse buildings totalling more than 800,000 square feet. Building A is 576,000 square feet, has 83 dock level doors and is scheduled for completion in May 2008. Building B is 253,000 square feet with 37 dock level doors and to be completed by summer 2008. On hand for the groundbreaking were (l to r) Joseph Tripodi of Belrock Construction Ltd., Norm Lingard, manager of economic development and communications with the Town of Caledon, Dean Cutting, vice-president development with Panattoni, Councillor Richard Whitehead, Mayor Marolyn Morrison, Councillor Nick deBoer, Wade Dobbin, partner with Panattoni, Gabriel Grossi of Belrock Design Build Inc., and Geza Tormasi, associate with Glenn Piotrowski Architect.

Town gets \$21,677 funding

The Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund has approved Caledon application for funding of \$21,677 to perform the inspection and valuation of the Town's assets.

Town gives \$10,000 for study

Caledon council recently approved contributing \$10,000 to the Highway 50/Highway 427 Extension Area Transportation Master Plan.

The study cost is estimated at about \$100,000. Peel region and the City of Brampton will split evenly the balance of the cost.

Caledon's contribution is 100 per cent recoverable from development charges.

Council also directed staff to participate in the transportation master plan.

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Robert & Betty Brander of Cheltenham are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter
Amanda Jean to Steve Hammell
son of Jim & Marie Hammell of Dobbinton, ON.
Wedding is set for March 2008.



Stag & Doe for Amanda & Steve is scheduled for
Sunday September 2, 2007

Held at Tara Community Centre.

Fun begins at 12pm with a baseball tournament with a dance to follow that evening. Tickets \$5.

For ticket information contact Abbie Brander

905-838-3417



PROPOSAL CALL

NO. 07-09

Proposal Call No. 07-09 for Three (3) New 2007 Pickup Trucks, Regular Cab Long Box 1/2 Ton Rating.

Sealed tenders, clearly marked as to contents, will be received by Craig Campbell, Director, Public Works & Engineering Department, Town Hall, Town of Caledon, no later than 11:00 am local time (according to the clock located in the Public Works & Engineering Department) on: **Tuesday, September 5, 2007.**

Proposal call forms and instructions to proponents are available at the Public Works & Engineering Department at the address below between 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, local time, Monday to Friday for a non refundable fee of \$25.00 (G.S.T. included) per bid document commencing Wednesday, August 22, 2007.

The Town of Caledon reserves the right to reject any or all tenders, and also reserves the right to accept other than the lowest tender.

For further information please contact the Public Works & Engineering Department.

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