

Mental health treatment gets Trillium grant

Peace Ranch, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping adults with serious mental illness, formally launched its development efforts, thanks to a \$171,200 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Kathy Boynton representing John Tory, MPP for Dufferin-Peel-Wellington-Grey, joined OTF representative Sheila Tutty in congratulating Peace Ranch.

MPP John Tory was unable to attend and sent his best wishes. "As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Dufferin-Peel-Wellington-Grey, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the Board, staff and volunteers of Peace Ranch on receiving this grant," said Tory. "Peace Ranch is a very important facility in our community and this funding will ensure that it continues to provide quality care in such a unique and therapeutic setting."

The three-year grant will be used to recruit and retain a highly experienced development officer who will be responsible for increasing funding to Peace Ranch. It will also allow for the expansion of programming to meet the needs of clients with severe mental illness throughout the Peel region.

"We are thrilled and grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for this most generous grant and that the foundation is committed to addressing mental health needs in the community," said Mary Podrebarac, board chair of Peace Ranch. "This is a strong endorsement of

our unique therapeutic model delivered through Peace Ranch. The funding will provide us the opportunity to address our lengthening waiting lists for services at Peace Ranch."

In recent years, the Local Health Integration Network has identified northern Peel as an under-served area with a scarcity of affordable housing and services for those who live with mental illness. There are currently over 6,000 people in Peel Region who suffer from serious mental illness. Over the last year, more than 140 unique individuals were cared for and served by dedicated staff and volunteers through various residential and day programs at Peace Ranch.

Peace Ranch is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping adults with serious mental illness. Founded in 1990, on over 25 acres of serene countryside in Caledon, Peace Ranch provides its participants an opportunity to work toward a more self-reliant and satisfying life through participation in a residential therapeutic farm community. For more information, please visit www.peaceranch.com.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For 25 years, it has supported the growth and vitality of communities across the province. OTF continues to strengthen the capacity of the volunteer sector through investments in community-based initiatives. For more information, please visit www.trilliumfoundation.org.



Celebrating Peace Ranch's Trillium grant were (l to r) Sheila Tutty of the Halton Peel foundation; Eric Tripp-McKay, executive director of Peach Ranch; Mary Podrebarac, Peach Ranch board chair; Kathy Boynton and Sylvia Jones from MPP John Tory's office.

New Two Bag Standard for Garbage Collection

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The Region of Peel's two bag standard for garbage collection has started.

Peel households that receive curbside waste collection services may place a combined total of two garbage bags, garbage containers or small bundles of wood for collection at the curb each week.

Each additional item must have a Region of Peel garbage tag attached to it to be eligible for collection. Items above the two bag standard, without tags, will not be collected.

Recycle all you can to meet the NEW two bag standard. Reducing your waste will help to preserve our natural resources and protect the environment.

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Sneath Road bridge closed

Due to public safety reasons, Caledon council directed staff last Tuesday to immediately close the Sneath Road bridge in Bolton to vehicular traffic.

Council also directed staff to undertake a class environmental assessment to determine if the bridge should be replaced. The replacement of the bridge was referred to 2008 capital budget discussions.

Craig Campbell, director of public works and engineering, estimated the class environmental assessment to cost \$50,000 and the replacement of the bridge to cost \$300,000.

The Sneath Road bridge is located on a small local road between Old King Road and King Street. The structure, built in 1920, carries one lane of north-south traffic on Sneath Road over the Humber River. The bridge has an overall length of 24.8 metres. It was designated a heritage structure in 2000.

Campbell explained the bridge was inspected by a professional structural engineer Sept. 5 and the engineer concluded it needed to be closed to vehicular traffic. The engineer said the structure was in very serious condition.

Campbell added the earliest a replacement structure could be in place would be the summer or fall of 2008.