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HISTORIC GEORGETOWN BUILDING RECEIVES FAÇADE MAKEOVER THOROUGH COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

HALTON HILLS, ON – Inkwell Montessori School located in one of downtown Georgetown's most historic buildings has completed a façade makeover with assistance from the Town of Halton Hills. The 150 year old building has had many uses including a church, a movie theatre called the Gregory, the Odd-Fellows-Rebecca Hall, a restaurant and now a nursery school with over 50 students.

The building has undergone many renovations over the years and could be described as eclectic. The recent facade work included new durable siding, new railings on the upper balconies making them safer and more useable and exterior painting.

The CIP provides matching funding for a number of programs aimed at the business community. The Façade Improvement Program in downtown Georgetown provides a 50% grant on eligible work to a maximum amount of \$10,000.00. Total grants approved for 2017 amounted to over \$150,000.00 resulting in an overall community investment of \$322,000.00.

"I am pleased that Inkwell Montessori School was able to access the CIP to make these very worthwhile improvements to their facility," said Mayor Bonnette. "This is the second completed project in downtown Georgetown and demonstrates the Town's commitment to the business community."

The CIP has an annual budget of \$75,000 however funds not used in one fiscal year are carried forward and applications may be submitted at any time.

Owner Lynne Fitzgerald stated, "Operating a business, especially a nursery school in an older building can be a challenge but we certainly enjoy the charm and history of our facility. We are constantly doing renovations and maintenance and we certainly appreciate the financial support from the Town. The application process was simple and Town staff were very helpful."

For more information about the CIP please contact the Economic Development Office 905-873-2601 x2343 or edo@haltonhills.ca

About the Town of Halton Hills

The Town of Halton Hills, with a population of approximately 60,000, consists of two urban centres, Georgetown and Acton, the Halton Hills Premier Gateway employment area, three hamlets – Glen Williams, Stewarttown and Norval – and several smaller settlements. Halton Hills has long been recognized for its natural beauty, active agricultural community, high quality of life and proximity to major centres, including Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto. The Town is ranked as one of the top small communities in Canada by a national magazine.



Left to right Lynne Fitzgerald, Carole Warfield (co-owners) & Mayor Rick Bonnette

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