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### Walk of Fame recognition program established to honour Miltonians

The Town of Milton's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Master Committee, assisted by Milton Historical Society, recently launched the "Walk of Fame," a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary legacy program to honour Miltonians past and present who have earned significant national and/or international recognition through their enduring achievements.

The Walk of Fame will be established in the glass overhead corridor that will join the expanded Town Hall to its new addition. Each Walk of Fame inductee will be permanently recognized within the linked walkway. The first inductees into the Walk of Fame will be formally announced during the Walk of Fame ceremonies at Milton Fairgrounds on Canada Day this year, and are as follows:

Peter Appleyard	Chris Hadfield	P.L. Robertson
Harry Barnes	Bruce Hood	Enio Scisizzi
G. Allan Burton	Mike Kaszycki	Tiger Ali Singh
Albert Casson	Betty Kennedy	Tiger Jeet Singh
Ernie Coombs	Bob Kranstz	James W. Snow
F.H. Deacon	Darlene Kranstz	Bert Stewart
Susan Delacourt	Douglas Leiterman	Leon Stickle
Jim Dills	John Wallace McCutcheon	John Tonelli
David James Elliot (Smith)	Peter McDuffe	Ed Whitlock

Nominations in future years will be considered from the general public provided the criteria are met. Future nominations may be forwarded to the Milton Historical Society for approval by Milton Council, and inductees will be announced at the annual Mayor and Council's New Year's Day Levee.

To be considered for Walk of Fame recognition, a candidate must be born in Milton or have spent formative or creative years in the community over a minimum 10-year period. The nominee's accomplishments must be national or international in scope and must be best-in-class in his or her field of endeavour for a minimum two-year period in the following five fields: athletics; arts and entertainment; business, agri-business and industry; government and public service; and health and science. Inductees will be added to the Walk of Fame as credentials permit, rather than on an annual basis.

For more information about Milton's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary or to volunteer for an event during 2007, please visit the Town's website at [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca) and click on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo.

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## Backgrounder

### 2007 Milton Walk of Fame Inductees

**Peter Appleyard** – Peter Appleyard is an internationally acclaimed vibraphone soloist, and one of the world's best vibraphonists, percussionists and composers. Mr. Appleyard has played on television and radio and toured all over the world since becoming a professional musician after World War II. He has accompanied almost every major band leader, jazz musician and jazz singer over his long and illustrious career. Mr. Appleyard was named a Member of the Order of Canada in 1992.

**Harry Gregory Barnes** – Harry Barnes, an international triathlon competitor for more than 25 years, is a world-record holding master's triathlon champion. He won a gold medal in 2006 at the World Master's Games. He won bronze medals in the 2002 and 2003 International Triathlon Union's World Championships. He was the Grand Master Champion in 2000, 2002, 2002 and 2003.

**Lieutenant-Colonel G. Allan Burton (1915-2002)** – Allan Burton began his career with the Robert Simpson Company, one of Canada's leading department store retail chains during the 20th Century, in 1935 and retired as Chairman in 1978. Mr. Burton was commissioned in the Governor-General's Horse Guards in 1933 and received a Distinguished Service Order for valour during World War II. He commanded the regiment from 1948 to 1950 and later became Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada in 1985.

**Albert Casson** – Albert Casson is one of Canada's foremost wildlife artists. Amongst his most celebrated works are *At The Edge*, artwork depicting giant pandas from China, for which he was commissioned by Kodak Canada on behalf of the Calgary Zoo; *Echoes*, artwork depicting Beluga whales, for which he was commissioned by Kodak Canada for the Vancouver Aquarium; *Looking Forward*, artwork depicting the R.M.S. Segwun Steamship; *Majesty of the Mountain*, artwork depicting a Grizzly bear, for which he was commissioned by Kodak Canada on behalf of the Calgary Zoo; *This is the Life*, artwork depicting the giant panda, for which he was commissioned by Kodak Canada on behalf of the Winnipeg Zoo; and *The Final Lap*, artwork depicting Indy race cars for the Molson Indy. He has been recognized as Artist of the Year in Barrie, Ontario, and Artist of the Year for "Friends of the Wye Marsh" in Midland, Ontario.

**Ernest Coombs/"Mr. Dressup" (1927-2001)** – Ernie Coombs was "Mr. Dressup" on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) television network that premiered in 1967 and was supported in his entertainment of Canadian children until 1996, by his friends, Casey and Finnegan. Over the 28 years the show was broadcast across Canada, Mr. Coombs presented arts and crafts, songs, stories and games for children. He received the Earle Grey Award - ACTRA "Lifetime Achievement" in 1994, and was named a Member of the Order of Canada in 1996.

**Colonel Frederick Herbert Deacon (1874-1948)** – Colonel Frederick Herbert Deacon established F.H. Deacon & Company in 1897, making it one of the first brokerage firms in Canada and one of the first 30 securities firms to have a seat on the Toronto Stock Exchange. He became a millionaire by 1914 and almost lost it all during the stock market crash of 1929. Through shrewd perseverance and hard work, Colonel Deacon kept his firm afloat through the stock market crash of 1929, the Great Depression and World War II while most of his competitors closed their doors. He sold the firm to his sons in 1948.

**Susan Delacourt** – Susan Delacourt is a political journalist and author who has covered the federal scene since the late 1980s for four newspapers - the Toronto Star, as Ottawa bureau chief, the Globe and Mail, the National Post and the Ottawa Citizen. She is a regular panelist on CBC Newsworld's Politics show and author of three books - *United We Fall* (1993), *Shaughnessy: The Passionate Politics of Shaughnessy Cohen* (2000) and *Juggernaut: Paul Martin's Campaign for Chretien's Crown* (2003).

**Jim Dills** – Jim Dills was recruited to lead the Canadian Community Newspapers Association as its Executive Director, a position he held between 1979 and 1987. Guiding the association to economic stability, he traveled the country using his unique combination of industry knowledge, experience and leadership to build the national profile of the community newspaper industry while representing the interest of over 600 community newspapers to government and industry partners. Mr. Dills was named CCNA's first Honourary President, presented with a Gold Quill and was made aware of the establishment of the Dills Family Fund.

**David James Elliot** – David James Elliot was the star of the hit CBS television series “JAG,” which ran from 1995 to 2005. He played the character, Harmon Robb, Jr. Mr. Elliot has played in a number of TV and movie productions, most recently *The Man Who Lost Himself*, based on the true life story of former Canadian Football League player Terry Evanshen.

**Colonel Chris A. Hadfield, Canadian Space Agency Astronaut** – Colonel Hadfield served in the Canadian Air Force for 25 years, a career distinguished by performing the first CF-18 intercept of Soviet ‘Bear’ aircraft in Canadian airspace, being the top graduate of the USAF Test Pilot School, and being the top Test Pilot in the US Navy. Selected as a Canadian Space Agency astronaut in 1992, Colonel Hadfield was Canada’s first Space Shuttle Mission Specialist, the first Canadian to operate the Canadarm in orbit, and the only Canadian to ever board the Russian Space Station Mir (STS-74 – November 1995). He was also Canada’s first spacewalker, twice leaving the Space Shuttle and floating freely in space while installing Canadarm2 onto the International Space Station (STS-100 – April 2001).

**Bruce Hood** – Bruce Hood was a referee in the National Hockey League from 1963 to 1984. During his 21-year NHL career, he was the first to referee 1,000 NHL games and refereed 1,033 regular season games, 157 Stanley Cup playoff games, three NHL All-Star games and three Canada Cup Series. He was also the first professional referee to officiate in the World Championships in Prague, Czechoslovakia in 1985. In 2000, he was appointed as Air Travel Complaints Commissioner by then Prime Minister Jean Chretien, and served in the role until 2002. He was the author of two best-selling books on his hockey career, *Calling the Shots* (1988) and *The Good of the Game* (1999).

**Mike Kaszycki** – Mike Kaszycki played more than 200 National Hockey League games between 1977 and 1982 with the New York Islanders, Washington Capitals and Toronto Maple Leafs. A forward, Mr. Kaszycki scored 42 goals and had 80 assists over that period and also appeared in 19 playoff games.

**Betty Kennedy** – Betty Kennedy was appointed a Canadian Senator in 2000 by then Prime Minister Jean Chretien. She is best known as a panelist on the long-running CBC television network show, *Front Page Challenge*, from 1962 to 1995. She was public affairs editor of Radio Station CFRB and Host-Producer of the daily *Betty Kennedy Show* from 1959-1986. She was the author of two books, *Gerhard* (1975) and *Hurricane Hazel* (1979). In 1982, Mrs. Kennedy was made an Officer of the Order of Canada. In 1983, she was elected to the Canadian News Hall of Fame and in 1992 Mrs. Kennedy was elected to the Canadian Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

**Bob Kranstz** – Bob Kranstz was instrumental in the inception of sport jiu-jitsu in the 1970s and is a former three-time World Champion (Senior Division over 40). Bob Kranstz is a seventh degree black belt in jiu-jitsu.

**Darlene Kranstz** – Darlene Kranstz is a fifth degree black-belt who has helped to pioneer the sport of jiu-jitsu amongst women around the world. She is a four-time World Champion having won in 1988, 1992, 1995 and 1996.

**Douglas Leiterman** – A major creative talent of the 1960s, Douglas Leiterman, in partnership with Patrick Watson, created and produced the CBC's seminal public affairs program *This Hour Has Seven Days*, which has repeatedly been cited as the most exciting and innovative public affairs series of its kind in the history of Canadian television. He also founded Wired City Communications and Motion Picture Bond Company and wrote and hosted the initial years of CBC's *The Passionate Eye*.

**Dr. John Wallace McCutcheon (1905-1992)** – Dr. Wallace McCutcheon was one of the five founders of Blue Cross (Ontario) in 1941, a national program synonymous with affordable quality supplementary health plans for individuals, families, seniors and employers of all sizes.

**Peter McDuffe** – Goaltender Peter McDuffe played his first NHL game in 1971 and suited up for over 250 games with the St. Louis Blues, New York Rangers, Kansas City Scouts and Detroit Red Wings. He closed out his professional career in 1976 with the World Hockey Association Indianapolis Racers.

**Peter Lymburner Robertson** – Peter Lymburner Robertson is the Canadian inventor of the socket-head screw and the socket-head screwdriver, first produced in his factory, P.L. Robertson Company Limited, in 1908. His firm was the largest employer in Milton for more than 50 years. Mr. Robertson also authored *The Gold Standard*.

**Enio Scisizzi** – Enio Scisizzi played 81 National Hockey League games during the original six between 1946 and 1952 with the Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Blackhawks. A forward, Mr. Scisizzi scored 12 goals and adding 11 assists over that period.

**Tiger Ali Singh** – The son of Tiger Jeet Singh, Tiger Ali Singh was a World Wrestling Federation (WWF) wrestler from 1997 to 2002. Over that time he won the Kuwait Cup Tournament, was a two-time International Wrestling Association team champion and the Asian Heavyweight Champion.

**Tiger Jeet Singh** – Tiger Jeet Singh fought in the Canadian, U.S. and international wrestling circuits from 1965 to 2005. During that time, he wrestled professionally in Japan for 22 years. He won many championships, including the All Japan Professional Wrestling All Asia Heavyweight Championship, the NWA International Tag Team Championship, the International Wrestling Alliance Tag Team Championship, the International Wrestling Association International Heavyweight Championship, the National Wrestling Alliance Canadian Tag Team Championship, the National Wrestling Alliance International Tag Team Championship (twice), the National Wrestling Alliance North American Tag Team Championship, the National Wrestling Alliance United States Heavyweight Championship, the New Japan Professional Wrestling Heavyweight Championship, the New Japan Professional Wrestling North American Heavyweight Championship, the New Japan Professional Wrestling North American Tag Team Championship, the Universal Wrestling Association World Heavyweight Championship (twice) and the World Wrestling Association World Martial Arts Championship.

**James W. Snow** – Jim Snow was Canada's longest serving Minister of Transportation and Communications, from 1975 to 1985. He served as a Member of Provincial Parliament, representing Halton from 1967 to 1985. He wrote an autobiographical account of his life in politics, entitled, *Mr. Jim*.

**Bertram G.H. Stewart** – Bertram Stewart is one of the world's most successful cattle showmen and judges. In 1988 he was awarded a Centennial Award by the Province of Ontario for outstanding service to agriculture. In 2002, he was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for outstanding service to Canada. In 2005 he was awarded the prestigious Klussendorf Award at the World Dairy Expo and a Brazilian Holstein Association award that same year. He has lead 16 grand champion show winners at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and countless winners and champions in Canada, the U.S., Mexico and Brazil.

**Leon Stickle** – Leon Stickle worked as a linesman in the National Hockey League between 1970 and 1997. Mr. Stickle worked in 1,967 regular season games, 250 Stanley Cup playoff games, six Stanley Cup games, two Canada Cups, four NHL All-Star games and one Challenge Cup.

**John Tonelli** – John Tonelli played 1,028 National Hockey League games between 1978 and 1992 with the New York Islanders, Calgary Flames, Los Angeles Kings, Chicago Blackhawks and Quebec Nordiques. A forward, Mr. Tonelli scored 325 goals and added 511 assists over that period. He won four Stanley Cups with the Islanders and appeared in the 1984 Canada Cup, where he was named Most Valuable Player. Prior to signing up with the NY Islanders, John Tonelli played with the Houston Aeros of the World Hockey Association from 1975-1977.

**Ed Whitlock** – Mr. Whitlock became the oldest person in the world to run a long-distance marathon in under three hours when, at the age of 69, he completed the Columbus Ohio Marathon in 2:52:47 in the year 2000. Then in 2003 he completed the Toronto Waterfront Marathon in 2:59:10 to become the first person in the world, over the age of 70 to run a marathon in less than three hours. Since then, he has continued to extend his record, most recently with a time of 2:58:40 at age 74. His best time since turning 70 is 2:54:48 at age 73. He is the holder of 11 world age group records on the track at distances ranging from 1,500 to 10,000 metres, in addition to two marathon records for men over 70 and 75.