



MEDIA RELEASE

Oak Ridges Moraine Trailhead to be Located in Castleton

King City, May 12, 2008 - The Oak Ridges Trail Association and the Township of Cramahe have reached agreement on the routing of the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail, which will see the eastern trailhead established in the village of Castleton.

Already 206 kilometers in length from the Niagara Escarpment to Rice Lake, the popular hiking trail will span the entire Oak Ridges Moraine, from east to west, once completed. Castleton is located on the edge of the moraine's most easterly excursion.

"The people of Castleton and the Township of Cramahe have given us a very warm welcome to their community," said Harold Sellers, Executive Director of the Oak Ridges Trail Association. Several presentations to Township Council as well as two public open houses were held to inform local residents and gather their comments, concerns and suggestions.

The Castleton Sports Club was particularly instrumental, giving permission for the trail's terminus to be the community's sports field.

Mayor Marc Coombs of the Township of Cramahe welcomed the passage by Council on May 6th of a bylaw permitting the trail association to use roads and road allowances, until such time as off-road routes can be identified and arranged. "The Township looks forward to welcoming visiting hikers to our beautiful area as well as having a new opportunity for our own residents to enjoy the trail," he stated.

In the near future the trail will be marked with the traditional hiking blazes and an appropriate landmark will be created in the Castleton Sports Club Park. An official opening will also be scheduled.

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The Oak Ridges Trail Association (ORTA) is a volunteer, community-based organization that builds and maintains the Oak Ridges Trail, a 260 km public hiking route across the Oak Ridges Moraine from Palgrave in the west to Rice Lake in the east.

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