



Before: Artist Bill Lewotchko at the start of restoration project - with peeling mural seen in the background.

Mural restored for Bradford's Sesquicentennial...

Councillor Peter Dykie Jr. has been busy, helping to spruce up Bradford for the Sesquicentennial celebration this year.

In particular, he has made it his project to raise the funds to restore the Town's murals, in time for the 150th Anniversary - starting with the historic mural on Holland St. East, painted by artist Bill Lewotchko to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Yonge St.

"After 10 years, it was starting to peel real bad," said Dykie, who approached local businesses to supply materials, and cover the cost for Lewotchko to return to touch up the painting.

In fact, the artist has added to mural. Over a 4-day period last week, Lewotchko, using a Skyjack provided by Bradford Rental, repaired and brightened the mural, adding more trees, clouds and leaves - and bubbles. The main bubble contains the 150th Anniversary Logo; the others will be painted in the future, to commemorate historic events and scenes, or future activities.

The work was made possible by sponsors that included Home Depot

- which provided paint, brushes and aprons; Decorator's Edge Paint & Wallpaper, West View Homes, Reagens Canada, AP Cantech Inc., Kumi Canada Corp., Royal Bank and employees, Bradford Rental and the Town. "We had a lot of support from the Community," said Councillor Dykie.

Lewotchko noted that it took him a month and a half to do the original artwork, but only 4 days to carry out the repairs. He was congratulated by the Town's Mayor, Doug White - who also thanked Councillor Dykie, for "an excellent job in co-ordinating all this."

Pork BBQ

The annual Bond Head United Church and St. John's Presbyterian Church Pork BBQ takes place on Friday, July 20th, 4 to 7 p.m. The event, which for years was held in Bond Head, is now hosted by St. John's Presbyterian Church, located on the 10th Sideroad at the 8th Line, Bradford - which is fully handicapped-accessible.

Tickets at the door, or call Milt Calder, 905-775-6365.