



King Twp. Mayor Margaret Black dressed for the occasion, as Innisfil Mayor Stewart Fisher (left) and BWG Mayor Frank Jonkman attended signing ceremony on Friday...

## Proclaiming Yonge's Bicentennial

A Proclamation, declaring 1996 to be the bicentennial of Yonge Street, has been making its way south from Rainy River, the northernmost community on the 1,896 kilometre-long street. The scroll is on its way back to Toronto where, like Yonge Street itself, it first started out. In each community along the way, a local representative has signed the document, before passing it on to the next municipality.

On Friday, August 16th, Innisfil Mayor Stewart Fisher brought the scroll to King Township, where King's Mayor, Margaret Black, resplendent in an authentic costume of the 1790's, signed the Proclamation. She then passed the document to Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Frank Jonkman, who brought it back to Bradford for another signing ceremony at Saturday's Open Air Market.

While Bicentennial coordinator Barb Verney, in mob cap and pinafore, read the Proclamation out loud, and traffic rolled and thundered on the world's longest street, the Mayor added his signature.

Today, at 3 p.m., a cavalcade of antique cars will be leaving the Tim Horton's parking lot on Holland Street East, to bring the Proclamation to its next destination, in East Gwillimbury.



... and on Saturday, Mayor Jonkman signed the Proclamation in Bradford. Barbara Verney (in mob cap) looks on.