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RAILWAY MUSEUM UNVEILS THE PAST

October 9, 2007, Milton, Ontario – The Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association (O.E.R.H.A.), operators of the Halton County Radial Railway (HCRR) will officially open their new Archives Facility on October 20 at the museum with the Honourable Mayor Gordon Krantz cutting the ribbon.

Last year, the HCRR received \$45,820 in funding from the Milton Community Fund for the renovation of two former Canadian Pacific boxcars to properly store the museum's archives.

"A great deal of time and work has been spent renovating, gathering and moving the artifacts to the new facility," commented Tom Twigge-Molecey, General Manager of the Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association and lead for the project. "We are extremely grateful to have the continued support from the Milton Community Fund for this project."

Five boxcars were donated by the Canadian Pacific Railway in April to the museum. The plan was to use two of these cars to renovate and preserve the museum's many archives, which include drawings, photographs, clothing and other railway related materials.

"These railcars will more than prove their worth in the coming months and years. We are truly fortunate to have received the funds to renovate them and properly store our archives," said Twigge-Molecey.

The opening ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 20. Everyone is welcome to attend the event. Some light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Located at 13629 Guelph Line in Milton, Ontario, the Association works to preserve and protect railway cars and equipment for the education and enjoyment of the public and for future generations. Along with its railcar collection on display, the museum offers its visitors unlimited streetcar rides, tours, and access to its railway station, gift shop, ice cream shop and picnic areas.

The Association celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2004. It is a privately funded, not-for-profit, educational organization and a federally registered charity. The museum is open to the public May to October and attracts approximately 15,000 visitors per year. For more information about the museum call 519-856-9802 or visit www.hcry.org.

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