

# Appendix B: Nomination Package for Doug Hunt



## City of Brantford Prominence Point Nomination Form

Please indicate in which category and achievement area(s) you are nominating the candidate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academics & Literature             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Athletics & Recreation       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Humanities & Volunteerism |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts, Architecture & Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmentalism                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other                     |

**NOMINEE:** DOUG HUNT - DOUG THE GREAT

### CONTACT INFORMATION of Nominee or Family Member:

Contact Name: DOUG HUNT

Address: [Redacted]  
Phone #: [Redacted]  
Email: [Redacted]

### INFORMATION:

1. In what way has the nominee brought local, regional, national or international recognition to the City of Brantford? SEE DOUG'S BIO ATTACHED.
2. Please describe the nominee's biographical information and his or her connection to the City of Brantford and its historic or contemporary development (i.e. the nominee was born there, lived here during a formative time in their life/career, etc.). Please include specific dates of achievements and/or active participation in organizations. BORN IN COUNTY OF BRANT - ALL ADULT LIFE IN CITY OF BRANTFORD
3. Why is it important to recognize the nominee as part of Prominence Point? What is exceptional about this individual's contribution to the City of Brantford? SEE BIO

Please attach at least one clear photograph (if available) of the nominee. Please also attach copies of supporting documents to support your nomination. These may include copies of newspaper clippings, testimonials, awards, photographs, web links, or other pertinent information.

**NOMINATOR'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_



Randy Papple



**REFERENCES: Persons who support this nomination**

References should be familiar with the nominee's achievements.

Reference 1:

Name: DAVE LEUAC

Address: 

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Reference 2:

Name: RANDY PAPPLE

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Name: GRAEME REED

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Please submit completed nomination forms to the City's Planning and Development Services electronically at [Heritage@Brantford.ca](mailto:Heritage@Brantford.ca) or in hardcopy to the attention of Long Range Planning (Prominence Point). Planning and Development Services is located at Brantford City Hall, 58 Dalhousie Street (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Brantford, ON, N3T 2J2.

# Doug Hunt - BIO



## Doug Hunt BIO

Doug Hunt, also known in his entertainment-life as “Doug the Great” is currently the Director of Fund Raising, Marketing and Volunteer Services at Participation Support Services. Formerly Participation House Brantford - PSS is an organization striving to meet the needs of physically disabled adults, seniors in our community, and adults with complex care needs.

Doug has been recognized locally and nationally for many of his achievements.

On October 21, 2023, Doug set a new Guinness World Record for Tallest Stilts ever Mastered. He took 14 independent steps on stilts measuring 55 feet tall. This took place at the 10th Anniversary of the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre. Doug and his team raised over \$18,000.00 in support of PSS.

September 14, 2002, Doug set a Guinness World Record in Brantford, for tallest and Heaviest Stilts ever Mastered. Doug was able to take 29 independent steps on Stilts measuring 50'9” and weighing a collective 137 pounds.

May 15, 2008, Doug led 625 people (mostly students) on stilts at North Park Collegiate for the Guinness world record for most people on stilts.

September 23, 1998, Doug set a Guinness World Record in Brantford, for tallest and Heaviest Stilts ever mastered. Doug was able to take 56 forward steps on Stilts measuring 50' 5' in height and weighed a collective 126 pounds.

Doug was the recipient of the 2022 Brant Community Foundation 5 Year Volunteer Service Award

Doug was the recipient of the 2022 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 70 Anniversary Pin.

Doug was the recipient of the 2002 Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal and 2012 Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Doug was the recipient of the 2014 Brantford Kiwanis Walter Zeller Fellowship Award.

Doug was the recipient of the 2017 Canada and Ontario 150 Coin.

Doug was the first recipient of the 2018 Brant Community Foundation “Kindness Award”.

*For more information:*

[www.DougTheGreat.com](http://www.DougTheGreat.com)

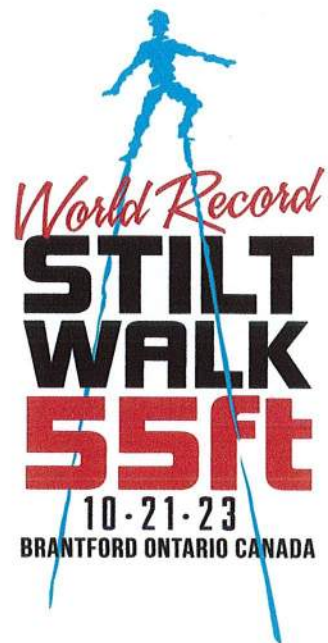
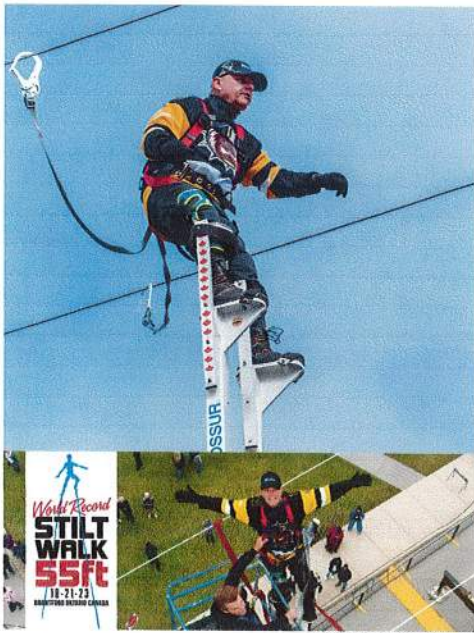
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Doug was recipient of the Brantford Freedom House (Kindness Project) 2019 Kindness Award.

He was also nominated Brantford's Citizen of the year in 1996, 1999, and 2002.

Brantford Jaycees, Brant Chapter of the Heart & Stroke Foundation, and the Ontario Cerebral Palsy Sports Association have all recognized Doug's volunteer work.

As a child, Doug's interest in magic, juggling and the performing arts was encouraged by his parents to help him overcome shyness. It seems to have worked!



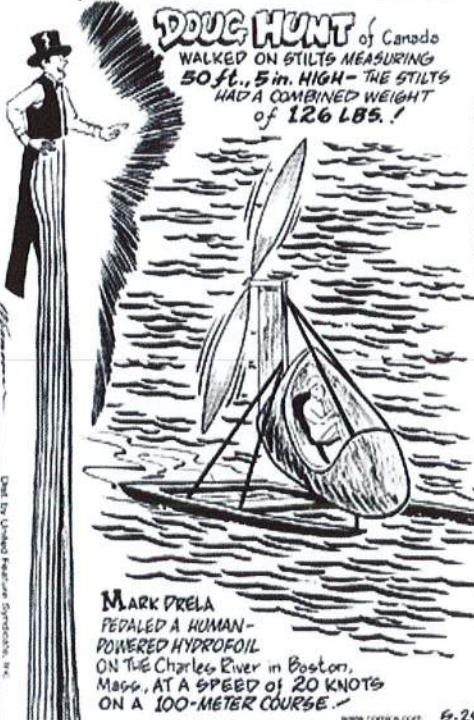
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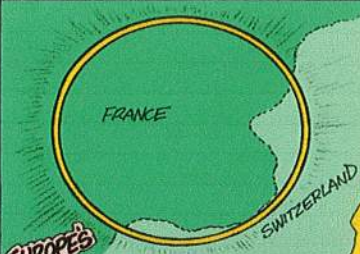


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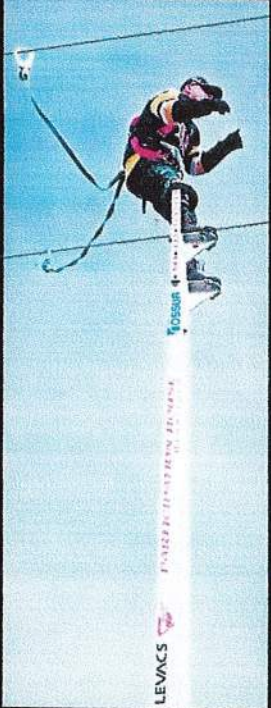
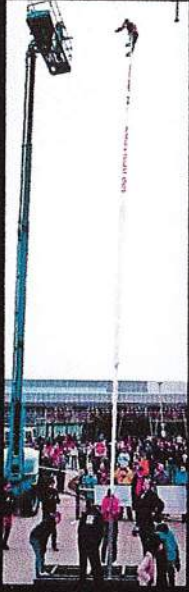
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Oct 21/23

World Record  
**STILT  
WALKING  
ATTEMPT  
2023**

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Doug Hunt stands inside a silo near Brantford where he is practising this week for his attempt to set a new Guinness World Record for stilt walking. The attempt takes place Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre in Brantford. **BRIAN THOMPSON**

## Stilt walker set to reach new heights

VINCENT BALL

Doug Hunt has changed his training regimen as he prepares to set

Great,' has moved from the Gretzky Centre to an 80-foot silo at a local farm.

"I'm 67 and my coach Tom Rol-

a break from training. "We didn't want me getting hurt so we have spent the last three months at the Gretzky Centre to make sure that I wouldn't be overwhelmed by the weight of the stilts.

"So we've been doing a lot of weight and endurance training." Part of the training includes adding extra weight to his training stilts to make sure Hunt won't be overwhelmed when he attempts

successful attempt to set a record more than 21 years ago – the right equipment is necessary and practice is essential.

The silo gives Hunt the opportunity to practise ahead of Saturday. It's the same place where Hunt practised before setting a Guinness Book of World Record for stilt walking on Sept. 14, 2002.

Hunt, on that day, walked on stilts measuring 50-feet-nine-inches.

The record stood until June 2022 when an American used stilts measuring 54-feet-one inch.

When Hunt attempts to set the new record on Oct. 21, he'll be on stilts measuring 55-feet. His attempt is taking place as part of the 10th anniversary of the major renovation of the Gretzky Centre.

Hunt will be wearing a Brantford Bulldogs jersey with the number 55 on it when he makes his attempt.

The celebration begins at 10 a.m. and continues to 6 p.m. It includes, among other things, a Ferris wheel, free public swimming and skating and a chance to meet Paw Patrol characters Skye and Chase.

"We're really looking forward to the weekend and I hope that the celebration will draw a big crowd," Hunt said. "It's important to remember that we're doing this for a cause – that is we're raising money that will be used to help Participation Support Services."

Hunt said he is being supported by an extensive team that handles a lot of the details including equipment, the logistics, fund-raising.

"We've got more than 20 people with different abilities and skills that we need to help pull this off," Hunt said. "There are a lot of people working behind the scenes on this taking care of all of the details.

"There's more going on than most people can possibly imagine."

Many of the contributions are in-kind donations of equipment that, in dollar terms, would be in the thousands of dollars.

"You can do amazing things, when you're inspired by amazing people and surrounded by amazing people," Hunt said.

For a complete list of Saturday's activities visit [waynegretzkysportscentre.ca/10thAnniver-](http://waynegretzkysportscentre.ca/10thAnniver-)



BRIAN THOMPSON

**GETTING A LEG UP** Sherry Kerr, executive director of Participation Support Services, team leader Dave Leave, and Doug Hunt (right) watch as Massilly North America president Garnet Lasby signs his name to one of Hunt's stilts on Wednesday in Brantford. Hunt will attempt to regain his Guinness World Record for stilt walking atop 50.5 foot tall stilts on October 21 at the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre in Brantford. Massilly made a cash donation to the effort and provided 500 markers for people to make a donation and add their names to the stilts.

Police respond to 216 calls for in 2022

# Hunt sets new record for stilt walking

**BRIAN THOMPSON**

History was made Saturday as Brantford's own Doug Hunt set a new Guinness World Record for stilt walking.

Also well known as Doug the Great for his juggling and magic shows, Hunt managed to take 14 continuous, forward steps atop stilts measuring 55 feet in height.

"It was windy," Hunt explained. "They didn't want me to go up at first, but I was tied onto the thing."

A pair of cables were strewn taut between two cranes from Crane-way Equipment in Burlington to enable Hunt to be secured with safety straps, and allow him to hold on while he waited for wind gusts to diminish.

"I just needed a few seconds of no wind to get my balance," said the stilt walker. "We got it on the last try before we almost called it."

Hunt originally set the stilt walking record in 2001 in Brantford when he took 29 steps atop stilts that were 50 feet, 9 inches in height.

That record was broken by an American in 2022 on stilts that were just over 54-feet tall.

Christine Taylor of Brantford was among those who came out Saturday to watch Hunt's attempt to regain the record.

"We were part of the original



Doug Hunt of Brantford set a new Guinness World Record for stilt walking on Saturday at the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre. The 67-year-old took 14 continuous forward steps atop 55-foot tall stilts, regaining a record he initially set in 2001. **BRIAN THOMPSON**

team," Taylor explained, wearing her father Ron's embroidered denim jacket that was given to team members in 2001. "I was there when he practised in the silo. I was probably about 13 at the time."

She said that with so many world records being made nowadays, it may not be a big deal for some.

"Whether it's big now to other people or not, it's still big to me. It was important that I was here today."

Hunt recalled how, prior to the pandemic he had thought about holding a wine and cheese party to mark the 20th anniversary of his world record.

But stilt walking team manager Dave Levac had another idea.

"Hell no, you're getting back on the stilts," Hunt recalled Levac saying to him. "I'm behind you, and we'll get the steps in because I believe in you."

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## Editor's Pick



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By John Bradford

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**Doug Hunt** is recognized for his local fundraising on behalf of the clients with disabilities at **Participation Support Services** of Brantford in front of hundreds of thousands local families over the years. He attends just about every event, announcement, concert, airshow or Christmas Parade standing 8 feet above his fans, in a variety of costumes to reflect the event, and performing magic tricks.

They call him '**Doug The Great**', and the clients of Participation Support Services benefit from his entertainment.

# Now he's known as 'Doug The Greatest'!



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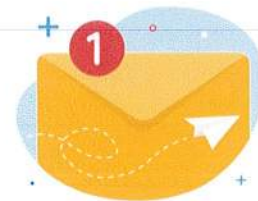
**Hockey History As Brantford Bulldogs Win Their 1st**

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**Explosive  
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Opener**

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At 67 years-of-age, and 5'5 in physical stature, Doug stands humbly as the tallest stilt walker in the entire world! And more enlightening, his quest to be the very best has been his aspiration since 1997. Doug began this journey in 1997 as a celebration of Brantford's Sesquicentennial, 150 years young. This 2023 recognition is officially **'14 forward steps in one move, unassisted by his team or any mechanical support, at an altitude of 55 feet'**, to be precise. Did I mention he has no ACL on one leg, requiring a brace for physical balance? His daughter Megan was in a dance competition as a child and Dad tried to copy her moves... apparently Doug can't dance... he exploded his ACL. Or that the gusting winds during the successful attempt were at least 30-50 mph? Or that each carbon fibre stilt made by Gary Ensmenger (who does similar work for Disney World) with an aluminum extension, (designed and installed by Catherwood Welding, Brantford)

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weighs more than 80 pounds? . Or, all the previous attempts leading to his first Guinness Record success was a younger Doug, in 2001 at the height of 50'9" (They measure the stilts, not the person, otherwise a taller individual could use his stilts and take the record)? To top it off, or under foot to be really correct, Doug has used this same favourite Doc Martens boots welded to the stilts, since he started this venture a quarter century ago.

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*"It's not just about balance.,"*  
*Hunt reminds, "It's about*  
*mastering the skills under real*  
*conditions and controlled stops*  
*(as I walk forward, not falling*  
*forward)). I practiced in an 80*  
*foot wide silo on the Pate family*  
*Brantwood Farm in Brant with a*  
*scaffold built inside to climb to*  
*the top of the stilts. It's seriously*  
*dangerous and I don't want to*  
*harm others. It's a challenge for*  
*us, for the team, but the*  
*challenge became an*  
*opportunity. I work as the*  
*Director of Fundraising for*  
*Participation Support Services, in*  
*Brantford. The folks we support,*  
*live with challenges every day,*  
*most of us can't imagine that as a*  
*permanent lifestyle. We do this*  
*event to bring their needs to*  
*broader public attention. That is*  
*the opportunity that drives us."*

*Appropriately, his **aspiration** has become his **inspiration** for folks of all ages:*

*“You can accomplish whatever you commit to... and when that is recognized... you can still do better with will, determination and the village to support you. If you have the right attitude and want to try anything, each attempt is not failure, it’s simply a ‘process’... you can never be successful if you don’t try.”*



*World Record*  
**STILT WALK**  
**55ft**  
10.21.23  
BRANTFORD ONTARIO CANADA



Photo: Jason Freeze, all other photos Mike Southam

On Saturday October 21st Brantford's own Doug The Great set a new Guinness World Record for Tallest Stilts ever Mastered, by taking 14 unassisted steps on stilts measuring 55 feet high!

Through hard work, perseverance, and determination Doug Hunt achieved the impossible. He walked high and proud, determined to conquer and take back his Guinness World Record and raise funds for Participation Support Services. He was not alone. This was made possible with the help of an amazing team of dedicated individuals who worked together to help Doug achieve this incredible Stilt Walking World Record!

*"To do amazing things – surround yourself with amazing people." Doug Hunt*

**STILTWALKING WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT TEAM**

Dave Levac  
*Team Manager/Leader*

Randy Papple  
*Team Logistics & Communication Manager*



**ON THE RECORD FUNDRAISING\ MARKETING COMMITTEE**

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Trevor Cherewka *Promotions*

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Erica Levac *Stilt Banners*



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Gary Foster *Team Drone Operator*

Jason Souliere *Team Videographer*

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Roberto Salas San Juan *International Live Stream & Video*



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Dave Levac  
*Ground Crew Captain*

Kevin Davis *City of Brantford Mayor (Official Step Counter)*

Scott Wilks *Professional Stilt Walker (Official Step Counter)*

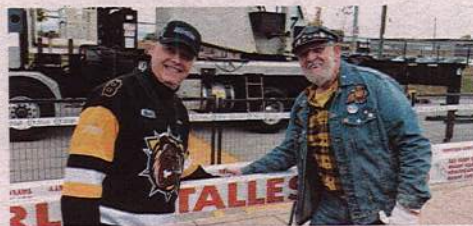
Marty Chapple *Professional Stilt Walker (Official Step Counter)*

Arlini Splendini *Professional Stilt Walker (Official Step Counter)*

Bob Phillips *Team Stilts Engineer*

Tom Hunt *Team Carpenter*

Brent Goodnough *Silo Prep*



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*Team Head Coach, Trainer & Fitness Instructor*

Al Dalton  
*Team Assistant Coach*

Todd Pipe  
*Stilt Set up Logistics Manager, Team Safety Supervisor and Equipment Operations*

Randy Papple  
*Team Assistant Fitness Instruct*



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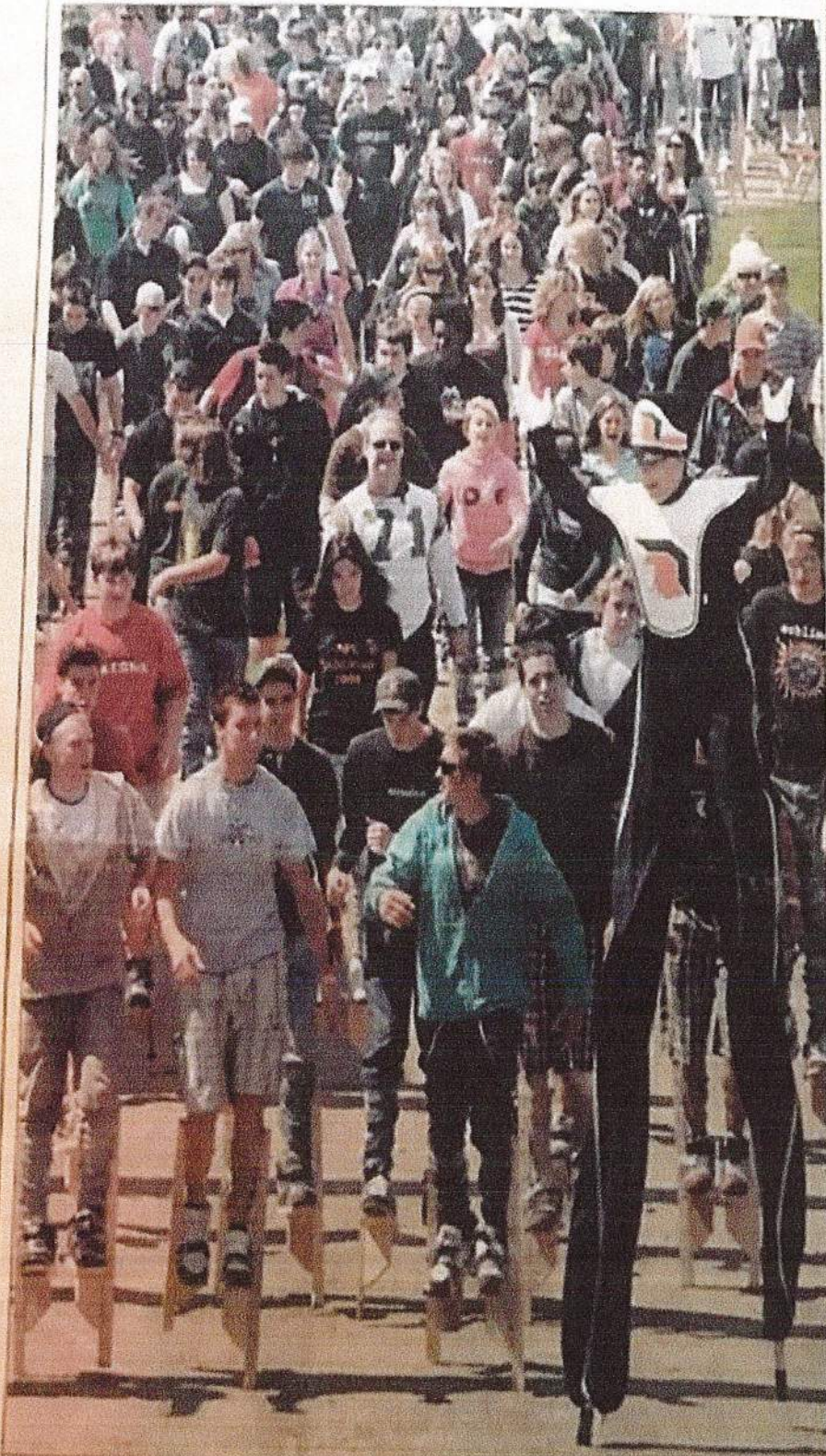
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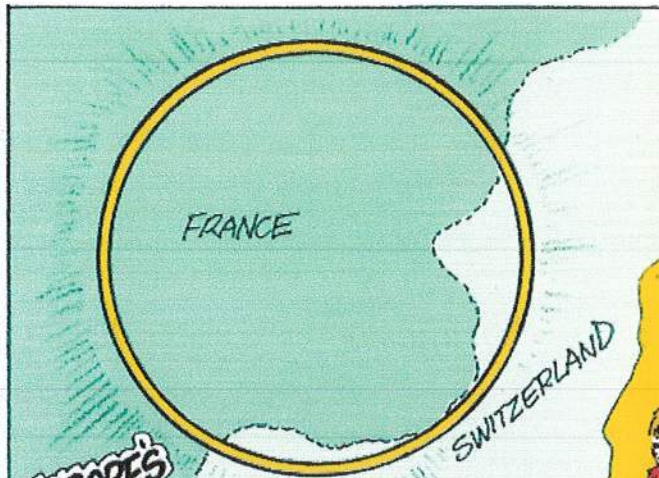
## One for the record books



World-record stilt-walker Doug Hunt of Brantford leads the masses of North Park Collegiate students and staff as they stilt-walk down the school's track on Thursday morning to establish a new world record for the number of people stilt-walking at one time. Students have been busy over the last four months organizing the event, including building 500 pairs of wooden stilts to complement the 378 pair left over from Hunt's previous attempt to set a world record. Turn to Page A6 for more photos.

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## Stepping up



**Ken Ronson watches Walter Gretzky sign Doug Hunt's stilts at the Dunn Building on Monday afternoon. Ronson will be helping build 600 pairs of stilts that will be used in an attempt to set a record for the most people walking 100 metres on stilts at this year's Canada Day festivities. Registration by mail or in person at Tourism Brantford gets you a pair of the 12-inch stilts signed by Walter Gretzky. Participants must be at least 12 years old and there is a \$25 registration fee. Proceeds from the event will go to Participation House.**

*Christopher Smith, Expositor Staff*



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Doug Hunt leads stilt walkers as they walk 100 metres en masse on Ballantyne Drive during Brantford's Canada Day celebrations at Cockshutt Park on Saturday. The attempt to set a new record failed but participants still had fun.

Christopher Smith, Expositor Staff

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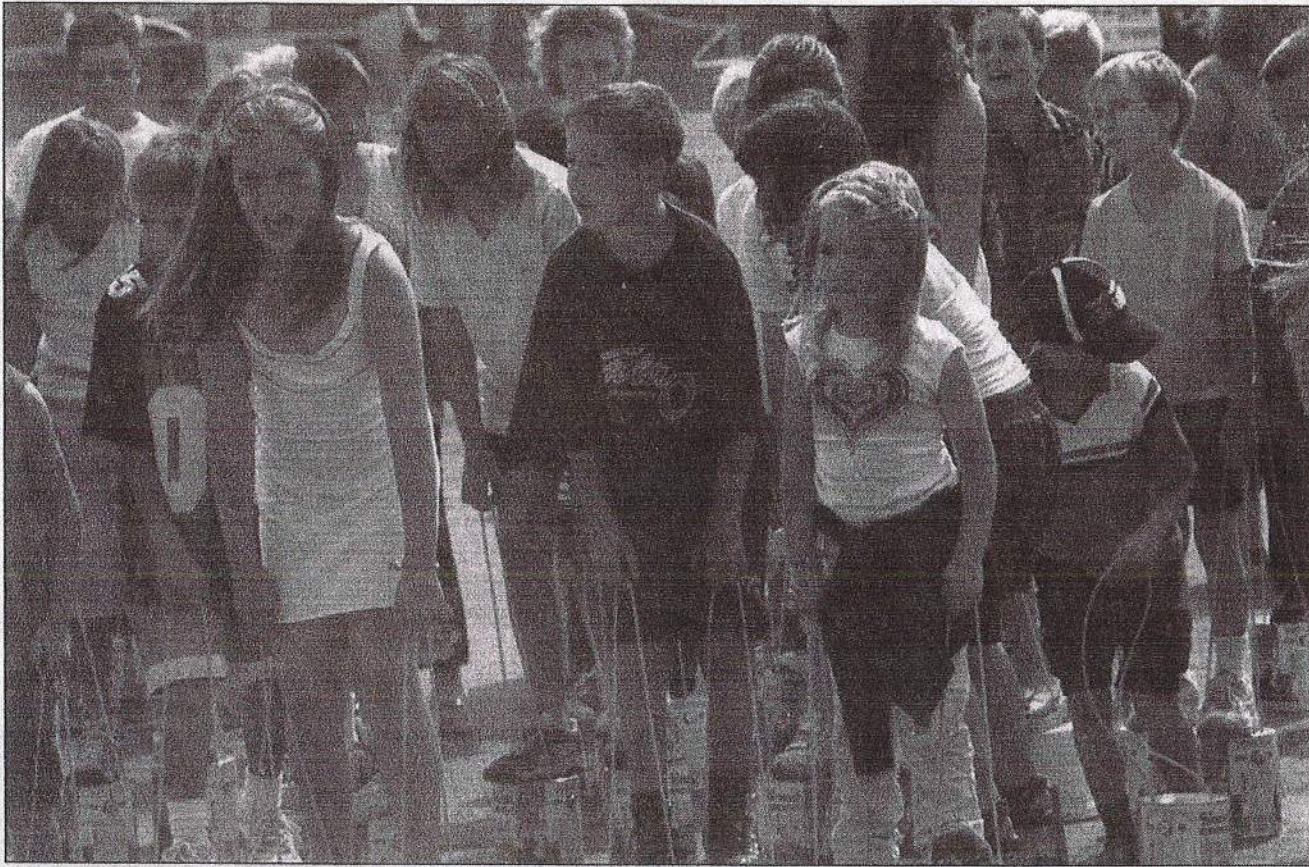
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About 50 children took part in a mass stilt walk — atop paint cans — held in conjunction with the opening of the new tourism centre Saturday. The group established a new world record for the most kids on stilts. Organizer Syd Bolton, a member of the Jaycees, said he would like to hold the event, a fundraiser for Participation House, annually with more participants each year.

*Expositor Photo by Colin Everett*

## High-stepping stilt walker breaks his own world record

BY MICHAEL-ALLAN MARION  
EXPOSITOR STAFF  
Brantford

**T**hat's 29 really tall steps for a man, another little leap in the record book.

A pesky gusting wind couldn't stop Doug Hunt, Brantford's stilt-walker, from going a greater distance on Saturday, and breaking his own accomplishment of walking the most steps with the highest pair of stilts in the Guinness Book of World Records on Saturday.

The daddy-long-legs, dubbed Doug the Great, walked a breath-taking 25 steps on stilts 50-feet, three inches tall in 1998. On Saturday, he was determined to go beyond that at the official

positioned between two cranes.

The famous legs were 50-feet, eight inches tall this time, but Hunt had to walk further in them to increase his record.

Hundreds gathered around as he began taking the tortuous steps. In slow motion, he managed 24 before the wind forced him off balance.

He went back to the starting position for a sec-

success. But the crowd was already roaring its approval.

"Man, the stilts were heavy today for some reason," Hunt said when he finally made it to ground.

*"Man, the stilts were heavy today for some reason. That wind was pretty strong. It's not like practising in a silo."*

DOUG HUNT



"That wind was pretty strong. It's not like practising in a silo."

Hunt paid tribute to the Brantford Jaycees who helped organize the event, and

his team who worked on the equip-

# THE EXPOSITOR

BRANTFORD, ONTARIO

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1998

OUR 146TH YEAR

## He's on top of the world

By MICHELLE RUBY  
EXPOSITOR STAFF  
Brantford

It seems Doug Hunt is having trouble coming back down to earth after his record-breaking stiltwalk Wednesday.

With a pungent farm aroma bracing his audience, the 41-year-old Participation House director and part-time entertainer known as Doug the Great, strapped on his enormous stilts for an encore performance Thursday night.

With the pressure of setting the

world's record now lifted, a more relaxed Hunt recreated his historic stilt walk for the media in a silo at Pate's Farm on Powerline Road. He even tossed a few balls to become the unofficial world's tallest stilt juggler.

Audience members craned their necks for a glimpse as Hunt teetered on his high tech carbon stilts, measuring more than five storeys high. Easier to see was the enormous shadow cast by the diminutive stilt-walker on the silo wall.

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## Hunt will claim two world records

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Hunt actually managed a few more steps than his record-setting walk Wednesday but the event was not being officially recorded.

The Guinness Book of World Records will soon receive notification that Hunt has broken two records — for stilt height and weight. He managed 54 steps Wednesday in stilts measuring 50 feet five inches high with a combined weight of 126 pounds.

The previous record was held by Steady Eddy Wolf whose stilts measured 40 feet 9 1/2 inches and weighed 114 pounds. That record was broken by Steady Eddy's son Travis in March but it was not verified for Guinness.

"We've been working on this for two-and-a-half years," said Doug's wife Katie, a key player in his 36-member coaching team. "He's been here practising three nights a week since June and riding the treadmill and exercise bike.

It's definitely work."

Disappointed by two failed attempts to break the record last year, Hunt said he was determined not to let the community down.

"I felt a tremendous weight off my back (when I broke the record). We'd promised Brantford we'd break this record. I felt really, really bad in February when I had on those aluminum stilts and I could only get a few steps out of them."

A second attempt in July was scuttled by equipment failure. Despite the disappointment at missing the world's record, these events raised more than \$20,000 for Participation House.

Hunt plans to re-create the stilt walk yet again at a public exhibition planned for next spring or summer.

"We couldn't get Brantford here to see this. But the people have given me so much support and encouragement. I want to do this for them."



Doug Hunt sets the record for stiltwalking, in a silo on Powerline Road. This photograph and other details will be sent to the Guinness Book of World Records for verification.  
Brian Thompson, Expositor Staff

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BRANTFORD, ONTARIO

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1998

OUR 146TH YEAR

## Doug is great!

### World stiltwalking record tumbles

EXPOSITOR STAFF  
Brantford

**D**oug the Great has finally walked into the Guinness Book of World Records.

After two failed attempts, Doug Hunt successfully broke the world record for stiltwalking in a farm silo on Powerline Road on Wednesday night.

Watched by a small crowd of family and team members, Hunt actually broke two world records — for stilt height and weight. His carbon stilts measured 50 feet five inches high and weighed 126 pounds. The previous record was held by Steady Eddy Wolf whose stilts measured 40 feet 9½ inches and weighed 114 pounds. Steady Eddy set his record in 1988.

Hunt's first record-breaking attempt was aborted by high winds in February last year and a second try in July, 1997, was scuttled by equipment failure.

Hunt credits a switch to carbon stilts from aluminum for his success. The stilts were designed and manufactured by Tek-composites, which makes

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Hunt

## Hunt takes 54 steps for record

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carbon masts for boats from its plant Stoney Creek.

"We learned a lot from the past attempts. With the carbon stilts we know we had the right tools," Hunt said.

Able to take only five steps during his ill-fated July stiltwalk, Hunt managed 54 last night, more than doubling the minimum 25 steps required to set the record.

Hunt and his crew had been successful during practice runs in the silo which was equipped with scaffolding and a concrete floor, and decided to make an official try at the record to maintain the momentum.

Serving as official counters, as required by Guinness Book officials, were Mayor Chris Friel and Arlene Thomas of Ayr. An official photograph also will be sent to Guinness for verification.

Hunt will attempt the stiltwalk again tonight for out-of-town media. A public exhibition is planned for next spring or summer.

# THE EXPOSITOR

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## Ready for the record



Doug Hunt and crew show off one of the stilts he will use on Saturday morning to try to break a stilt-walking world record. The aluminum stilts, which measure more than 40 feet long, were constructed by Oakes Welding. The record attempt will take place at the civic centre during the Participation House Winter Carnival.

Wayne Roper, Expositor Staff

# A LOOK BACK



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## Brantford in the 1990's

Part 6

By the end of 1980s the City was optimistic. The 1990s was predicted to be Brantford's decade. New civic projects were progressing, over 100 new companies had set up shop in Brantford since 1985, and real estate brokers reported that there was an increasing number of people looking to move to and settle in Brantford. Brantford had turned a corner and was confidently expecting an improving economy.

### ARTS, CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS

Interior renovations of the Sanderson Centre to restore the building to its 1919 design, which began in October 1989, continued. When the theatre reopened on 8-September-1990 the Expositor noted that it was the "most thorough restoration job in the history of Brantford." The cost



Jimmy "the Iceman" MacNeil, of the Brantford and District Civic Centre, was voted the most popular Zamboni driver in a contest run by the company to celebrate its 50th anniversary in November-1999. MacNeil beat out "Octopus Al Sobolka, the Zamboni driver at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena. (supplied photo)

of the restoration, budgeted at \$5.8 million, came in at \$6.4 million. Anne Murray was the headline performer on opening night. The restoration work earned the theatre the 1991 Historic Theatre Preservation Award from the League of Historic American Theatres. The Theatre's diverse entertainment offerings and less than ideal size has contributed to its yearly operating deficit. As a City owned facility, it has a mandate to provide a range of entertainment options even if the market for those offerings is small. Mid-size theatres in North America struggle to cover their operating costs. The City attempted to sell the theatre to private interests in 1993 but no taker could be found.

In 1994, the City received a provincial grant to study the feasibility of a clean up of Mohawk Lake. It was the seventh study conducted of the lake since 1950. The report concluded the lake wasn't as polluted as once thought. Clean up was estimated at \$3.8 million. The City was to receive \$6 million from the provincial government to clean up the lake and Mohawk Park. This was part of the compensation package when the Ministry of Government Services office was cancelled. The new Harris government cancelled this funding in 1995. Mohawk Park was made fully accessible in 1994. This improvement was funded by donations from 15 local companies totalling \$130,000.

Waterfront Park was built in 1989 by private investors to replace Earl Haig Pool. The water park never did well due to sporadic attendance and rising property taxes. In 1995, the owners of the park agreed to turn over the assets of the park to the City in exchange for a contract to manage the park for ten years. Park profits would be split with the City. In 1996, the management company decided they would no longer manage the park. The City assumed operation of the park and re-named the facility the Earl Haig Family Fun Park.

Plans to construct an authentic 17th century Iroquois village as a tourist



Brantford Smoke logos from top: 1991, 1992, and 1996. (supplied graphics)

attraction began in 1996. Kanata Village, built across from the Mohawk Chapel, opened in May of 2000. The site was successfully operated and drew visitors interested in First Nations culture and heritage. The Mohawk Workers group began an occupation of the site in 2007 and attendance declined.

The development of the trail system throughout Brantford began. The Brant Waterways Foundation, the City, the Grand River Conservation Authority, and S.C. Johnson and Son partnered to develop

over 40 kilometres of trails. These trails connected to the Brantford to Hamilton trail built on the old Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway roadbed, and the Brantford to Cambridge trail, built on the Lake Erie & Northern Railway roadbed. Brantford became a trail hub because of these connections to adjacent communities.

In 1995, Brantford placed first in the Communities in Bloom national horticultural competition for cities with a population between 30,000 and 100,000. The City also placed first for the best planned and maintained floral arrangements. In 1996, Brantford placed first in the Nations in Bloom competition for cities with a population between 25,000 and 125,000. Brantford was the only non-British winner in the competition. In 1997, Brantford took top honours in the Class of Excellence category in the



Doug Hunt set the world stilt-walking record on 23-September-1995 when he walked 54 steps on stilts measuring 50 feet, 7 inches long, without touching his safety lines. He broke his record on 14-September-2002 when he walked 29 steps on stilts 50 ft, 9 inches long. Although two men have since walked on higher stilts they were not able to walk a minimum of 25 steps which qualifies for the record. (photo courtesy Doug Hunt)

Communities in Bloom national awards competition. This category was for past winners.

Brantford hosted the 1991 Canadian Games for the Physically Disabled. The event attracted over 350 athletes and involved over 350 volunteers.

On 23-September-1998, Doug Hunt set a world's record for tall stilt walking and heavy stilt walking. Hunt walked 54 steps on stilts that were 50 feet, 5 inches high, weighing a combined 126 lbs. His



Sanderson Centre concert hall. (photo by the author)

# For the record



Hunt's two Guinness World Record certificates have been framed and on display, along with his 50-foot, nine-inch stilts, in the entrance at the Brantford Visitor and Tourism Centre. Hunt took 29 independent steps on five-storey tall stilts at the grand opening of the centre last September to break his own previous two records for the world's tallest and heaviest stilts.

Brian Thompson, Expositor Staff

"This plan will only drive away more good teachers and create more instability in our schools. The teachers, students and parents of Brant will not stand for this recycled Liberal idea."

However, Sokoloski said the ban is a response to the complaints of parents who are tired of the unrest in schools and of seeing their children's education being interrupted by labour disputes.

"It's critical that we put the needs of students first," Sokoloski said.

She noted that no provincial government in the past 20 years — including the Tories, Liberals and NDP — have been able to satisfy the teachers.

The Conservative platform also includes a plan to allow homeowners to deduct up to \$500 a year of their mortgage interest. It's a promise endorsed by Dan Marchuk of the Brantford Regional Real Estate Association.

"I like the concept," Marchuk said. "Home ownership is a dream in Canada and this might give some first-time homeowners the break they need to realize that dream."

"My only question is what is being given up to make this happen."

## HELP YOUNG FAMILIES

The proposal will help young families starting out as well as homebuilders, Sokoloski said.

The election platform — called The Road Ahead — also includes help for children with special needs, a tax credit for those who care for disabled children in their home, and increased funding for Early Years programs.

Sokoloski was also pleased to see the government is committed to introducing a tax credit for people taking care of aged, infirm or disabled relatives.

The Tories are also planning to take over responsibility for municipal bridges in Ontario which would benefit Brant, especially Paris.

Noting that Eves released the platform at an indoor go-kart track, Levac said it showed that the Tories are going around in circles while the Liberals, under Dalton McGuinty, are offering some real direction.

Levac said he is very concerned about the Tory approach.

He called the platform a "hard turn to the right" that tries to cause a lot of ill-feeling by pitting people against each other.

The PCs, he added, are isolating some familiar targets — Ontario's teachers — and identifying some new ones.

Between 1970 and 1995, there were only two teacher strikes and almost all contracts — about 98 per cent — were settled through teacher-school board negotiations, Levac said.

Most of the disputes involving teachers have occurred since the Tories took power. Instead of looking at their own actions, the Tories have put the blame on teacher's federations and school boards, said Levac.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1997

Attempt  
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# Winds stifle stilt stunt

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Doug Hunt didn't make his mark as the world's tallest stilt walker on the weekend, but he also didn't lose his sense of humor either. "Don't drop me, it's too high," he quipped as members of his team carried him on their shoulders for a short victory parade after calling off the record attempt.

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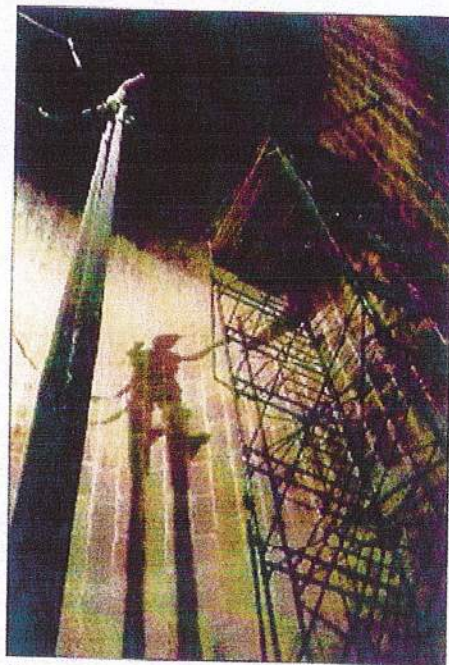
# JUGGLE



## WHAT'S up...

### WHILE YOU'RE UP...

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*Guinness Record-setter, Doug the Great: Entertainer*

*Doug practices stilt-walking inside 80 foot high silo.*

After Doug Hunt set the record of becoming the world's highest stilt walker — taking 54 independent steps on 50-foot, 5-inch tall stilts — he decided to take juggling to new heights. Wearing especially engineered aluminum stilts having a combined weight of 126 pounds, the 42-year-old Canadian stood high inside an 80-foot silo and demonstrated how easy it was to juggle clubs and balls.

Hunt, a longtime IJA member, known local-

ly as "Doug the Great: Entertainer," is the director of fund-raising, marketing, and volunteer services for Participation House in Brantford, Ontario. He staged the event as part of the Bradford Winter Carnival and Telethon, September 23, 1998. Doug and his safety support team had been practicing the stunt for two and a half years, and recognition for the achievement will be published the 2000 *Guinness Book of World Records*.



**Doug Hunt demonstrates his world record stilt-walking skills on the grounds of Brantford General Hospital on Saturday. A story is on Page A4.**

*Expositor Photo by Colin Everett*

# Community service magic

the third of five profiles of the  
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Although he certainly didn't  
know it then, Doug Hunt's  
destiny was likely determined  
he was just six years old.

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## JUGGLES

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's father, a gregarious golf pro,  
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## PROFILE

- ▶ **NAME:** Doug Hunt
- ▶ **AGE:** 39
- ▶ **ADDRESS:** 9 Uplands Dr.
- ▶ **OCCUPATION:** Director of Marketing and Volunteer Services, Participation House
- ▶ **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Brantford Jaycees' Outstanding Young Citizen in 1991; Hall of Fame member of the Ontario Cerebral Palsy Sports Association; Heart and Stroke Foundation Volunteer of the Year award; helped found Brantford Bobcats wheelchair basketball team; performs at fund-raisers and community events as Doug the Great magician and juggler.

sleight of hand.

"At day camp you can only play so many games of Duck, Duck, Goose so I started entertaining the kids with magic shows."

Hunt's volunteer credits as an entertainer now include virtually every service club, school, hospital, nursing home and non-profit group in the

Brantford area. Billed as Doug The Great, in 1989 alone, Hunt performed 121 magic shows, more than half of which were donated.

In 1976, Hunt was a member of the steering committee which organized Brantford's first wheelchair basketball team, The Brantford Bobcats. In 1982, he was the assistant head coach of the Canadian Cerebral Palsy team at the fifth International CP games in Denmark. In 1990, he was inducted into the builders' Hall of Fame by the Ontario Cerebral Palsy Sports Association.

This outstanding community service, performed when many others his age were following more selfish pursuits, earned him the Brantford Jaycees' Outstanding Young Citizen Award in 1991. That accolade was soon followed by the Heart and Stroke Foundation Volunteer of the Year Award.

## 'GIVING GUY'

Tom Rollins worked with Hunt at the Heart and Stroke Foundation and among several people who nominated him for citizen of the year.

"He's the type of person you see at the mall selling flowers for charity," Rollins said. "He is such a giving guy. I admire him for his dedication. If I had to pick someone to model myself after, he would be it. He's a gifted individual."

Director of Marketing and Volunteer Services for Brantford's Participation House since its inception in 1978, Hunt is in his element. Participation House provides physically handicapped adults the opportunity to live in the community. Many of its residents previously lived in large institutions or chronic-care wards of hospitals.

While family commitments to wife Katie and 12-year-old daughter Megan come first in Hunt's life, he remains highly visible in the community, particularly when he's on seven-foot stilts working the crowd along a parade route as Doug The Great.



**Doug Hunt**  
Performs for children

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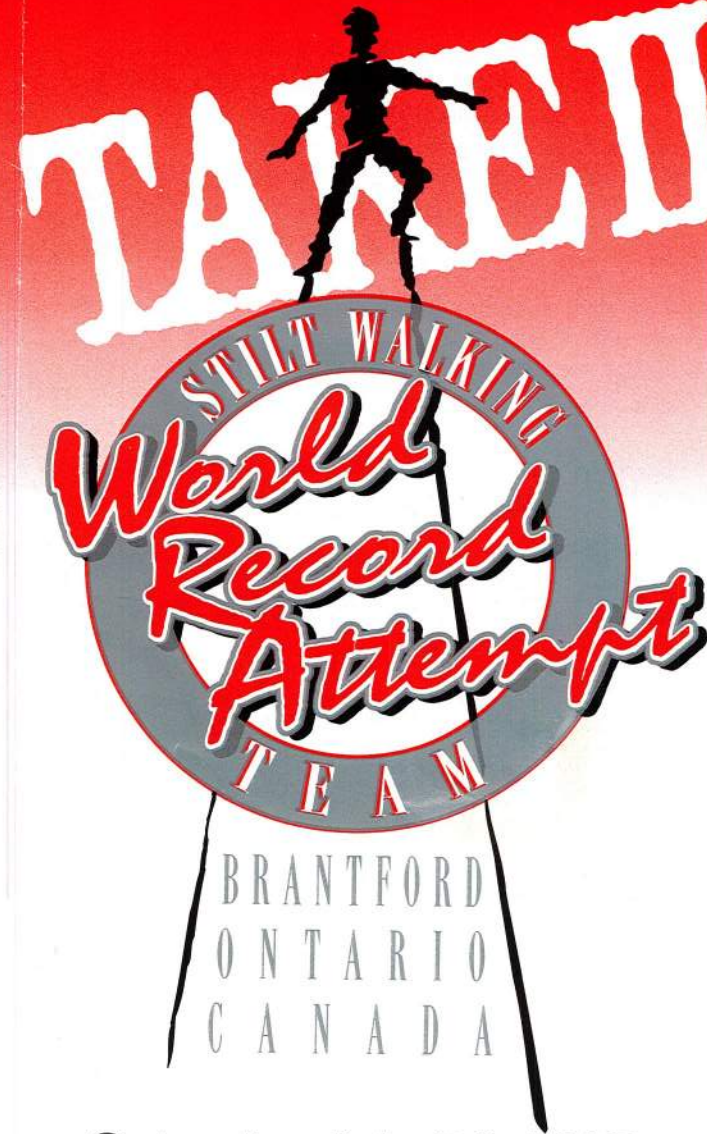
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# IN PURSUIT



**Saturday, July 26, 1997**

**10:00 a.m.**

**at Brantford & District Civic Centre**





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House directs its energies toward providing opportunities for clients to realize their potential, whether spiritually, emotionally or physically. Participation House Brantford staff recognize the abilities of those they serve. Clients are supported through programs such as: life skills, academic upgrading, communication (including Blissymbolics), sports, recreation, leisure activities, general hygiene, self care, computer training, occupational therapy, volunteer and employment services.

**Support the stilt walk with a financial contribution to Participation House Brantford**

\$10  \$25  \$50  \$100  other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

**With your donation of...**

**\$25.00...** you receive a signed World Record Attempt certificate naming you as a member of the support team

**\$50.00...** the above certificate and a autographed picture of the attempt

**\$100.00...** all of the above plus your name placed on the record breaking stilts.

You will receive your package after the attempt

A charitable receipt will be issued for contributions of \$10.00 or more. Cheques to be made payable to:

**Participation House Brantford**

detach and mail to: 10 Bell Lane  
Brantford, Ontario N3T 5W5  
Registration No. 0464826-01-14

# amazing attempt!

**With your support, Record Challenger Doug Hunt will attempt to achieve a new Guinness World Record!**

## Doug's Challenge

**To walk, unassisted, twenty-five steps on stilts measuring greater than the current world record of 40' 9.5".**

## Your Challenge

**Help Doug achieve this world record attempt by making a donation to Participation House Brantford, in support of persons with physical disabilities.**

**"Our Team is Ready, Willing and Able - We Will Do it!"**



Photo courtesy Wayne Roper  
The Expositor

**February 15, 1997**

Last attempt "Big Success" Although unable to meet Guinness requirements for an official recognition, Doug did stand and make steps on the tallest stilts in the world, during the Participation House Winter Carnival event.

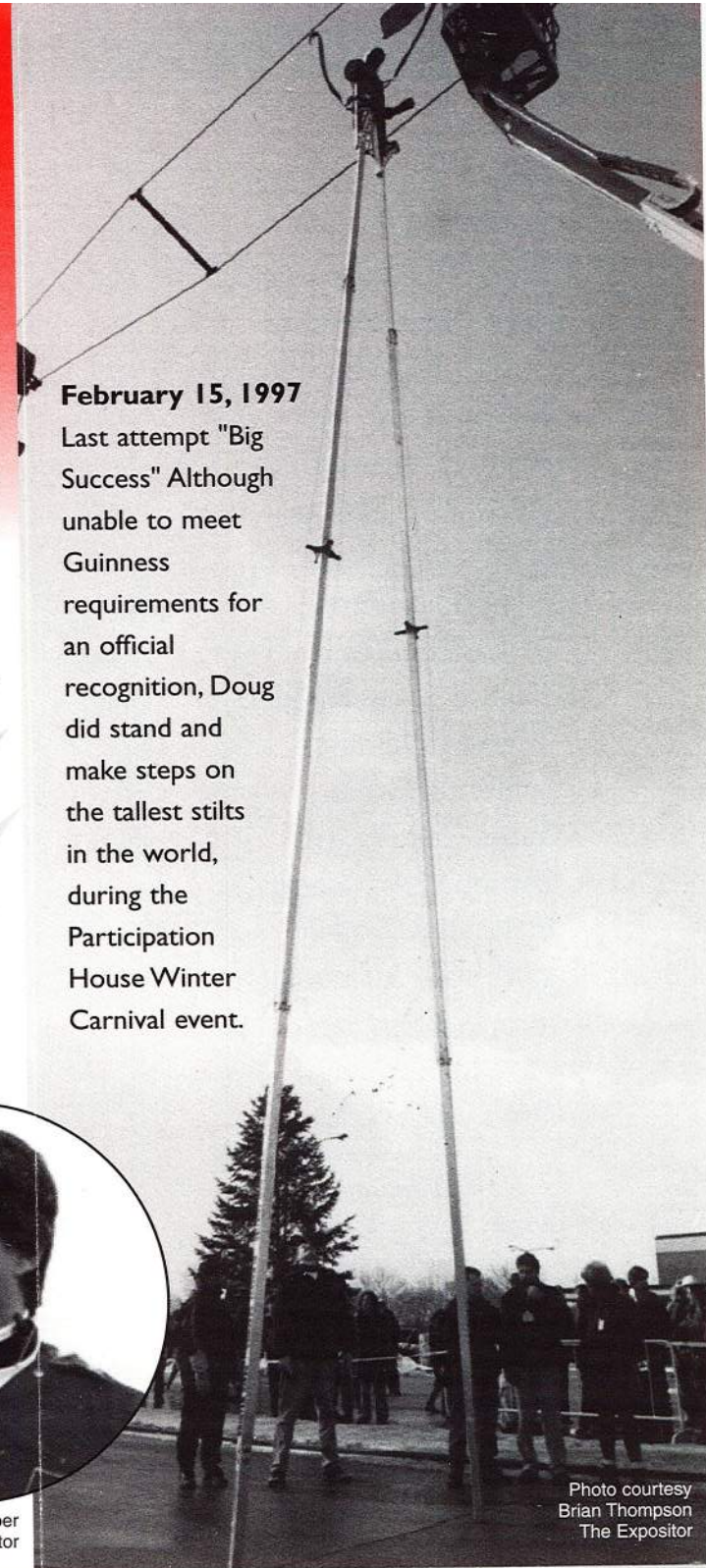


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Brian Thompson  
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### Pre-Register by mail

(Cheque/Money Order Only)  
to Tourism Brantford,  
399 Wayne Gretzky Pkwy.,  
Brantford, Ontario N3R 8B4  
Att: Susan Sager

### Pre-Register in Person

On Saturday May 14, 2005 & Saturday  
May 28, 2005 at Tourism Brantford, 399 Wayne  
Gretzky Pkwy. 10:00am - 3:00PM

### Same Day Registration

10:00am - 1:00pm  
Friday July 1, 2005 at the Brantford Civic Centre  
69 Market Street South.

### Who can Register?

Participants must be at least 12 years old and  
those under 17 years of age must have a  
Parent/Guardian sign the registration form and  
must have adult accompaniment throughout the  
event.

### Training

Stilts and stilt walking lessons for all registrants  
will be provided by the challenge team with  
lessons starting at 10:00am. on July 1, 2005 at  
the Brantford Civic Centre.



Flyer design courtesy of Newhouse Graphics.  
Printing courtesy of Taylor Made Printing. **TMP**

Proceeds from the \$25.00 Registration Fee will be  
used to support Resident Programs at Participation  
House Brantford. This event qualifies for four (4)  
hours of Community Involvement. Signed forms will  
be available at the completion of the event.



Friday July 1, Cockshutt Park



Come out and Celebrate!

Foods of Canada Pavilion, Arts of Canada Pavilion,  
Citizenship Celebration, Patriots Walking Parade,  
Young Canadians Play Area, World Record Attempt,  
Spectacular Fireworks, The Jeff Healy Band  
and more...

[www.brantfordscanadaday.com](http://www.brantfordscanadaday.com)

For more information contact:  
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[UGaDaWaNa@aol.com](mailto:UGaDaWaNa@aol.com)

REGISTRATION FORM

Come and join Doug  
Hunt with 600 of his  
closest friends as you  
attempt to set a New  
World Record  
(for most people on stilts)



Doug Hunt is the  
current Guinness  
World Record  
holder for tallest  
stilt walker  
(50' 9")

Friday July 1st, 2005

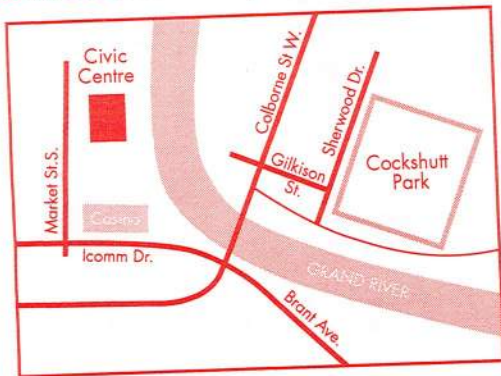
This is an Official Brantford Canada Day Event

Doug's latest world record attempt requires your help. The current world record for most people on stilts is held by Cirque du Soleil and friends. It was set on June 16, 2004 and stands at 544 stilt walkers each walking 100 meters simultaneously. In order to beat this impressive feat we are aiming to have 600 stilt walkers each walk on 12" high stilts a distance of 100 meters at Cockshutt Park, Brantford this July 1st.

**Pre-registration** is encouraged and completed registrations received prior to June 17, 2005 will receive a personalized certificate of participation, 12" souvenir stilts signed by Walter Gretzky and be entered into a special draw for prize packages that could include an overnight stay at the Brant Park Inn and special entertainment packages from one of Brantford's finest entertainment and family venues.



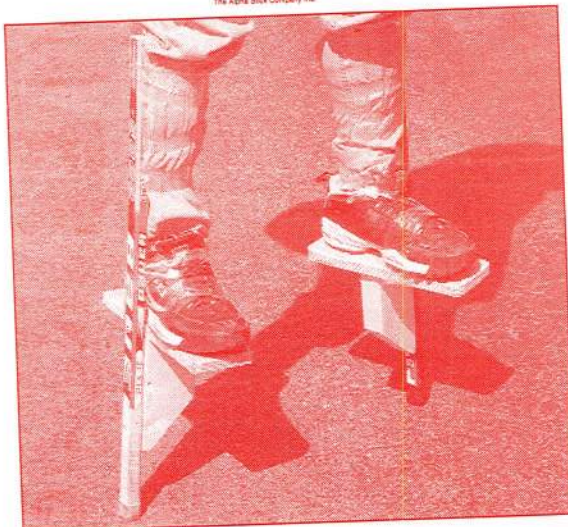
**Training and registration** will take place from 10:00am-1:30pm, Friday July 1, 2005 at the Brantford Civic Centre, 69 Market Street South. Participants will use transportation provided by Sharp Bus Lines to Cockshutt Park and join the Parade of Athletes. Attempt will commence once all trained participants have assembled at Cockshutt park after 1:30pm.



All paid participants will receive a certificate of participation, one pair of specially constructed 12" stilts, an event t-shirt and an opportunity to be part of a World Record Event.

The stilts were designed and manufactured by members of Doug Hunt's world record team and incorporate sections of actual hockey or lacrosse sticks in their construction. Each set includes hockey tape to secure them to the walkers legs and feet (long pants recommended). Proper installation is shown here.

Hockey and lacrosse sticks used in the construction of the stilts are provided courtesy of The Alpha Stick Company Inc. in conjunction with Heritage Wood Products.



**Disclaimer** This stilt walking challenge is presented as a voluntary event and Participants are encouraged to bring their own elbow/knee pads. The committee accepts no liability for injuries or damages caused to/by the above named challenger and attendant (where applicable). Registrations will be accepted at the discretion of the Registration Table, The Canada Day and Stilt Challenge organizing committees accept no responsibility for use of the equipment supplied other than during this event.

REGISTRATION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Form must be completed with signature and returned with \$25.00 registration fee prior to participating in the Challenge. This event qualifies for four (4) hours of Community Involvement. Signed forms will be available upon completion of event.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to participate in the 2005 Canada Day Stilt Walk Challenge. Enclosed is a cheque/money order for \$25.00, Payable to Participation House.

**I am at least 17 years of age**

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Participant is under 17 years of age**

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt requested (please check)

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## DOUG HUNT - Record Challenger

Achievements: 1996 The Expositor Citizen of the Year nominee; Brantford Jaycee's Outstanding Young Citizen in 1991; Hall of Fame member of Ontario Cerebral Palsy Sports Association; Heart and Stroke Foundation Volunteer of the Year Award; helped found Brantford Bobcats wheelchair basketball team; performs at fund raisers and community events as Doug the Great magician and juggler.

Doug's stilt walking entertainment has taken him to perform for major corporations and events including AT&T, Bayer, Ontario Place, London Western Fair, Kitchener Oktoberfest Parade and Toronto Skydome.

### Stilt Walking World Record Attempt Team

|                                  |                         |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Coordinator:                     | Bruce Jacobson          |             |
| Record Challenger:               | Doug Hunt               |             |
| Administration/Secretarial:      | Katie Hunt/Sheila Penny |             |
| Site Supervisor:                 | Sheila Penny            |             |
| Trainer/Physiotherapist:         | Tom Rollins             |             |
| Reg. Ortho. Technologist:        | Allan Dalton            |             |
| Safety:                          | Todd Pipe               |             |
| Technical/Stilt Liaison:         | Gary Ensmenger          |             |
| Fundraising Committee:           |                         |             |
| Tony Jones                       | John Denton             | Larry Neil  |
| Photographer:                    | Wayne Roper             |             |
| Video:                           | Don Rose                |             |
| Brantford Town Crier:            | Dave McKee              |             |
| Conestoga College:               |                         |             |
| Recreational Leadership Program: |                         |             |
| Debora Thoms                     | Heather Roesch          |             |
| Security:                        | Ron Taylor              | Gary Foster |
| Graphic Design:                  | Alan Newhouse           |             |
| Winter Carnival Chairperson:     |                         |             |
|                                  | Steve Brown             |             |

## Thanks to our World Record Sponsors

Cooper's Crane Rental  
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The Brantford Expositor  
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Gates Canada Inc.  
Campbell Amusements

Levi Stauss & Co. Inc. (Community Involvement Team)

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Als Shoe Factory  
Rogers Community 20  
CKPC Radio  
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Sure Print & Copy Centre  
Royal Bank  
Cantel Communications  
Downtown Business Association (B.I.A.)

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Saturday, February 15,  
1997 - 10:00 a.m.



NATIONAL FLAG DAY



Proceeds to: Participation House Brantford



## PARTICIPATION HOUSE BRANTFORD

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### PHILOSOPHY

"Believing that all people have the right to participate equally in society, it shall be the purpose of Participation House Brantford to facilitate the attainment of this right for people with physical disabilities."

### GOALS

To take direction from the clients in the planning, delivery and evaluation of Participation House services. To become a stronger partner within the community, as an organization, in order to better satisfy the needs and wishes of Participation House clients.

For more information contact Participation House Marketing and Volunteer Services:  
(519) 759-7907

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# World Record Attempt Official Sponsor Form

Sponsor Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Representing \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print clearly)

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Official Tax Receipt issued only for \$10 or more  
 Make cheques payable to "Participation House Brantford (Stilts)"

*Come out and witness this daring attempt,*

and join the fun during our Participation House



**WINTER CARNIVAL CELEBRATION**  
 Fun for the entire family  
 February 15 - 16, 1997 at  
 Brantford & District Civic Centre

Also..  
 Rogers Community 20  
 Presents...

**OPPORTUNITIES TELETHON**

**February 16, 1997**  
 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
 Six hours of live entertainment.

Winter Carnival Headquarters  
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 Brantford, ON N3T 6C9  
 Tel.: 519-759-7907 Fax: 752-0746

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TARGET II



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