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rich history and vibrant future

It was the 18th century when a traveling merchant and ship-builder by the name of Colonel William Chisholm was in pursuit of his idea of perfection. He hunted for prosperous land to establish a lake-front shipyard where he could perfect his craft. He required space to work and expand yards to establish his merchant trade, as well as to build and repair the tall ships that would carry his goods to ports across the world. He needed hardworking, determined individuals capable of keeping the industries running, and the room and opportunity to begin a family of his own. 200 years later, his ideals remain similar to ours today.

In the 960 acres of land he purchased from the crown in 1827, Chisholm saw the potential to not only establish his port, but also develop a massive shipyard. This would ensure that his new settlement on the mouth of Sixteen Mile Creek would one day become a centre for trade, commerce, and travel. The beliefs and goals of Chisholm encouraged the birth of Oakville, the town we know and love today. Generations of Chisholm's successors would carry on in the development of the community, never betraying what their forbearer wanted from the beginning.

Today, the life and exploits of Colonel William Chisholm stand immortalized in Oakville's Erchless Estate. This museum stands as a testament to our rich heritage and shared beginnings. With over 160,000 people now calling Oakville home, the community stands ready for a bright future to compliment its successful past. Former Mayor of Oakville, Ann Mulvale, has explained. "Communities like Oakville do not just happen. They are the truest reflection of their residents and for that I am very proud. Today, Oakville is the result of hard working people who care about the town in which they live."

As the population of Oakville is growing, so are the opportunities for



residents to excel in business, technology, and industry. And yet, the pier and waterfront still remain areas of emphasis within Oakville. The harbours of Oakville are home to boats and watercrafts alike that utilize the convenient location for personal enjoyment and nautical adventures – a reflection of early naval heritage. Colonel Chisholm would certainly be proud.

