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**Port Hope Rotary and Municipality of Port Hope Plan to Celebrate Farley Mowat**

The Rotary Club of Port Hope plans to celebrate author Farley Mowat during the week of May 10 – 16. It would have been Farley’s 100th birthday on May 12. Farley passed away on May 6, 2014. The Municipality of Port Hope is supporting the initiative.

A writing contest will be held to honour Farley. It is open to residents of Port Hope and also to those living in Arviat, Nunavut, on the west side of Hudson’s Bay. Farley travelled there and worked with Inuit people in Arviat on a movie project. Lou Pamenter from Furby Books will collect the writing contest entries based on the topic of Canada’s North. There are three divisions – students in K – 8, students in 9 – 12 and adults. There will be $100 prizes for the winning entry in each division in each community. The deadline for entries is May 1. Posters about the writing contest will be delivered to local schools, the Port Hope Public Library and on display in store windows.

Stay tuned for more exciting plans for Farley 100 Week, May 10 - 16. Farley Mowat was a Canadian icon and a proud resident of Port Hope. Please join us during the week of May 10 – 16 to honour his legacy.

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