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Storyland Will Open For Summer 2008

Classic kids park to return with past favourites and all new attractions

RENFREW, ON – 2008 May 9 – Great North Parks Corporation is excited to announce that it has an agreement to purchase Storyland, the Ottawa Region's original children's theme park, and will be opening the park for its 43rd annual summer season on Saturday, June 21, 2008, at 10:00 am.

"We've been working on developing a theme park for the Ottawa Region for a number of years, so when the opportunity to purchase this historic park became available it only made sense for us to combine our plans with this great family tradition," said Todd Mattila-Hartman, Director of Development and Operations for Great North Parks. "We have a lot of work to complete between now and opening day, but families should look forward to seeing all their favourite storybook characters, plus many new attractions this year."

New additions planned for the park include:

- New additions to the park's daily entertainment, plus special appearances by top children's entertainers from around the Ottawa Valley and across Ontario including musicians, magicians, and more.
- Two new rides for kids including a driving ride called "Tractor Track" and a boat ride called "Whale Watching".
- A new games room, offering a mix of interactive, activity based games such as Skee Ball, Air Hockey, and Mini Basketball.
- A new restaurant called "Middle-of-the-Hill Grill" which will offer a selection of BBQ favourites, as well as a completely new menu at the "Storybook Café" featuring more traditional favourites, new healthy alternatives, and the addition of new unique treats such as mini-doughnuts.

"We will need support from all of Storyland's regular guests to make this a success. We hope everyone who visited last year will be back this year to see the new attractions, and to see what we have planned for the future," said Mr. Mattila-Hartman.

Present Storyland owner John Berkhout has agreed to stay on through the 2008 season to oversee the transition. Mr. Berkhout announced during the 2007 season his intention to retire and at the time stated that should a new owner not be found the park would close.

About Storyland:

For more than four decades Storyland has been the original children's amusement park in the Ottawa Valley, and one of the oldest in Canada! Located in Renfrew, Ontario, northwest of Canada's Capital city, Ottawa, Storyland is a great place for families to spend a relaxing day outside.

About Great North Parks:

Ottawa based Great North Parks Corporation is a Canadian owned and controlled company committed to developing and operating quality leisure and recreation attractions for families in the Ontario East region.

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