

Gordon Lightfoot a Highlight of

THE GREENBELT HARVEST PICNIC on Aug. 29 at Christie Lake Conservation Area in Dundas was a celebration of the 10th anniversary of Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation. Also intended to increase awareness of local farmers and the eat-local movement, the event offered workshops, art vendors, informative exhibits as well as about 20 musical acts performing on a large open-air stage.

Singer-songwriter Gordon Lightfoot was a strong favourite. Without fanfare, after sound checks and technical adjustments were made, he suddenly appeared at the microphone, saying “Hello, I’m Gordon Lightfoot and reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated.” He proceeded to play and sing several numbers, including “Beautiful,” “If You Could Read My Mind,” “Carefree Highway,” “Did She Mention My Name,” “Ribbon of Darkness,” “Sundown,” “The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald,” “Early Morning Rain” and as an encore, “Baby Step Back.”

His wife Kim was at the foot of the stage, taking photos and meeting people.

Photos by Mike Davis except where noted.



▲ Staffing the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation information tent were Susan Murray and Shelley Petrie with her son Colin Anderson.



▲ At left, Mike Davis, with other journalists, had a few precious minutes to photograph Gordon Lightfoot from the pit. PHOTO BY KIM LIGHTFOOT.



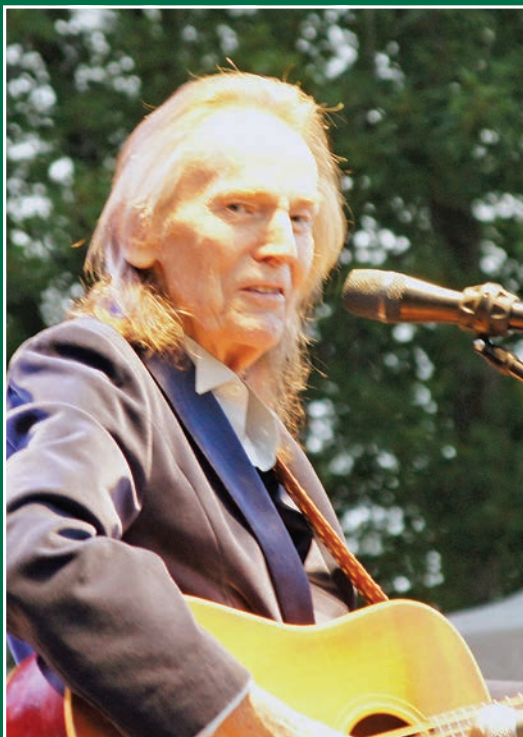
Greenbelt Harvest Picnic



▲ At the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy exhibit, Bob Barnett makes a point to Morgan Roblin with Travis Ramsay.



▲ The Flying Chestnut Kitchen of Eugenia Falls served up Indian tacos.



▲ Aware of his surroundings, the consummate professional Gordon Lightfoot gives a smile for photographers without missing a note in his performance.

◀ Canadian legend Gordon Lightfoot enthralled the audience with his range of popular songs.

▶ In the journalists' pit at the edge of the stage, Mike Davis met Lightfoot's wife Kim.

