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Mathew King is ready to Ride for Dad, a Canada-wide event being held Saturday, June 18 to raise money for prostate cancer research. The Niagara run begins at the NOTL Royal Canadian Legion hall at 9 a.m.

# Revving up for Dad

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The roar of motorcycle engines will be heard in Niagara-on-the-Lake next Saturday, as about 200 riders rev up to raise money for prostate cancer research.

The Telus Motorcycle Ride for Dad begins at 9 a.m. June 18 from the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on King Street.

The ride is a Canada-wide event started by police officers 15 years ago, but funds raised from the local ride stay in the area to support prostate cancer research and awareness. Since 2000, the Telus Ride For Dad has donated more than \$15 million for the Prostate Cancer Fight Foundation across the country.

In Niagara, where the ride began just

six years ago, \$32,500 has been raised, and this year will help fund a new Niagara Health System research project.

Mathew King, a detective constable with the Niagara Regional Police and one of the event organizers, explained the money will fund a SABR technology trial, an advanced radiation treatment for prostate cancer that reduces the number of treatments from 39 to just five.

Ride day registration begins at 7 a.m. at the NOTL legion hall. The ride ends with closing ceremonies at Club Italia pavilion, 2525 Montrose Rd., with a spaghetti dinner at the end of the ride for participants. There are poker run and top pledge prizes.

Register or donate online at RideForDad.ca.

## FIRE FIRE PREVENTION SMARTS

At least 80 percent of all fire deaths occur in home fires. Here are some smart Fire Prevention tips for protecting yourself and your family:

- ✓ Never leave candles burning unattended, and keep matches out of reach from children.
- ✓ Keep space heaters away from curtains and other flammable materials.
- ✓ Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home and outside each bedroom, and test batteries monthly.

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## OneFoundation for Niagara Health System pays tribute to John G. Walker



Our Niagara Health System hospitals and our Niagara community lost a true ally on Thursday, May 26th with the passing of John Walker. In the name of the Walker Family, Walker Industries, as well as he and his wife Carol personally, his generosity directed to local healthcare was in a class all its own.

By stepping up as the *It's Our Time* Campaign's Honorary Co-Chair and lead donor to the new regional cancer centre, John's leadership and philanthropy galvanized support behind the largest healthcare fundraising campaign ever undertaken in Niagara at the time. Beyond the funding support that he was quick to extend, John threw his heart, soul and influence into bringing world-class cancer care to Niagara, and in doing so left his mark on Niagara in a way that won't soon be forgotten.

The Walker Family Cancer Centre represents only one of many healthcare initiatives John helped to spearhead. Throughout his life, John looked for opportunities to use his means and talents to benefit others – a philanthropist in the truest sense of the word.

Following in the footsteps of generations of community-minded family members, John exemplified what it means to be a builder – not only as it relates to infrastructure, but also to the vital community services that enrich our health and quality of life. For this, all Niagarans owe him a debt of gratitude.

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