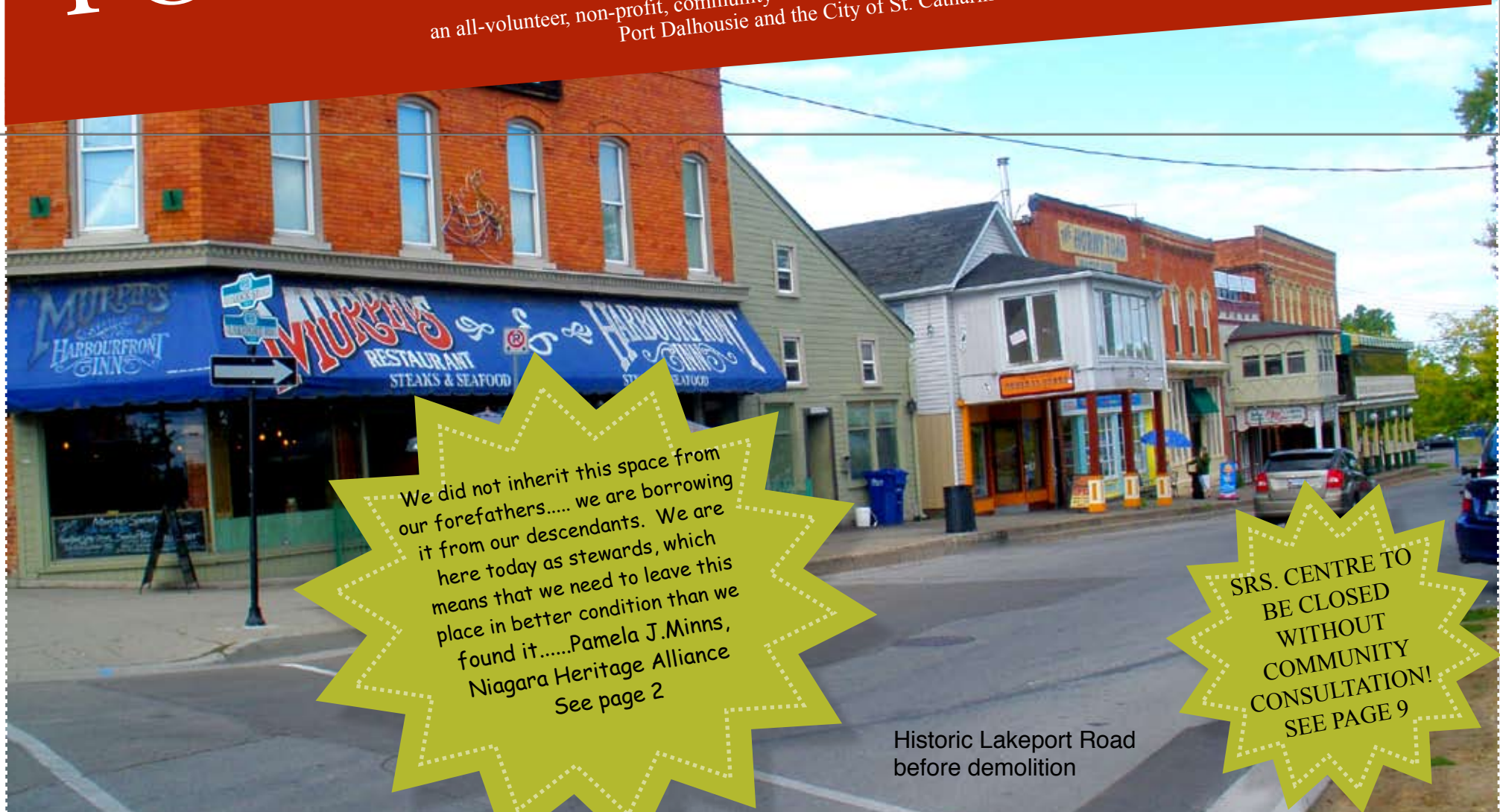


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We did not inherit this space from our forefathers..... we are borrowing it from our descendants. We are here today as stewards, which means that we need to leave this place in better condition than we found it.....Pamela J.Minns, Niagara Heritage Alliance
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Historic Lakeport Road before demolition

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Our annual Trivia Night was held Saturday February 2nd at the Black Sea Hall and it was a success yet again. It was very

well attended despite the fact a few players could not attend because of the day-long snow. Snow and all, quite a few had arrived by 6 pm as usual and started to mingle.
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Niagara Heritage Alliance Nov.2012 Annual Meeting.

Opening Address by Pamela J. Minns

The Weakening Position of Heritage in Ontario

Thanks to everyone for being with us this morning. I am not a morning person - only heritage can get me out of bed so early. Well, you got the good news, now here is the bad !

I am a great fan of quotes Yogi Berra had some wonderful and quirky sayings, but there was always an element of truth in all of them. He said "When you come to a fork in the road, take it" — and I think that is what a defining moment in your life is about - and that defining moment can and does change our lives. When I look back over many years, the fork in the road which I took many years ago, was on the road to heritage preservation. It changed my life and the way I think about everything !

I have to tell this story which I have told so many times for those of you who have heard it, please bear with me When I got involved in trying to save our heritage about 30 years ago, personal computers were just becoming popular, and I made up my mind that a computer was not going to control my life well guess what ! But aside from some of the jokes I receive there is some good "stuff" too. One day I got something called "how to succeed in life" - it was illustrated and had different headings - like "commitment" "hard work" "knowledge" and one called "persistence"- the illustration was a mouse trap which was baited with an inviting piece of old cheddar cheese, and beside the trap looking longingly at the cheese.....was a mousewearing a crash helmet. I like this story and tell it all the time because, to me, it is a perfect illustration of our attempts to save Canada's heritage.....sad but true !

Heritage hangs like a delicate thread and, at best is a fragile situation — everybody loves it – it is like mother and apple pie – except if it costs money and interferes with what we call "progress". What is heritage anyway – it is the sum total of our inheritance - built, cultural and natural, and that's just about everything.

Our natural heritage is constantly under threat...this is a whole story unto itself ... - our villages, towns and cities are ever-expanding and in that process we are destroying the habitat of the species we share this planet with and we have produced what we call endangered species. Endangered Species International reports that unlike previous mass extinctions, the current one is mainly due to human actions. Global warming and pollution have laid waste to much of the habitat needed to sustain these species. We have to find a way to live on this planet with our animal friends who share this space with us and, moreover, have a right to.

Communities need to seriously consider their everyday decision-making. As we are creating a vision for the future, we need to leave room for the preservation of the past. Smarter Niagara has named four pillars for a complete Niagara and they are - environment, economic, social and culture - and culture means arts, culture and heritage.

Anthony M.Tung, an Urbanist and Author of "Preserving the World's Great Cities", researched his book by travelling to 20 of the most architecturally-beautiful cities in the world, and this is one of his conclusions "There has been widespread demolition of numerous irreplaceable structures and the fracturing of the traditional environment by out of scale, unsympathetic modern development. Much of the human-made cloak that covers the planet surface is abysmal in quality".

As well, this is a quote from Heritage Canada Foundation : "Over the last 30 years, 20% of our pre-1920 heritage buildings have been demolished - an attrition rate which would normally be associated with war or natural disaster and one that most other countries would consider unimaginable. This loss has occurred not simply because we have passively allowed it to happen, but because we have actively encouraged it to happen. The tax and regulatory frameworks of the various orders of government have



traditionally favoured demolition of older buildings and their replacement with new construction rather than retention, restoration and adaptive reuse of our heritage building stock. The demolition of our heritage buildings has a significant negative impact on the natural environment and is contrary to the fundamental elements of sustainable development and is, therefore, not in the interests of healthy, integrated and sustainable communities".

The preservation of the built heritage of Ontario is basically in the hands of volunteers and without these volunteers, particularly on Municipal Heritage Committees, much of our heritage would be lost. Volunteers who choose to do this work, have a very challenging and difficult job, and not too many tools with which to work.....aside from their passion for the job.

I have compiled a numbered list entitled "The Weakening Position of Heritage" and I have now have 42 items on that list. I won't go in to all of them, but will highlight some of them.

When the Ontario Heritage Act was first introduced in 1974 there were great hopes for saving our built heritage and at that time there were financial incentives offered to encourage heritage preservation and to assist designated heritage property owners with the very expensive job of restoration. It took until 2005 to get this Act up-dated and I don't think we have it right yet. Over the past 25 years the whole matter of heritage preservation has become extremely fragile; there is a lack of interest on the part of most levels of government and it is seen by some as elitist and a frill.

I have been doing this for about 30 years and nothing has changed.....the problems are still there, but there are more of them and they are bigger and better !

Designated heritage property owners are the keepers of our built heritage; they are subject to restrictions on their property, possible increases in municipal taxes, restoration work that is required to heritage standards, endless problems with property insurance.....that is a horror story of its own, and in return for which they get a plaque on their property. Not much of a trade !

Even the day we have traditionally called Heritage Day, which was enacted in 1974, was removed from the calendar and has been named Family Day. Appeals to the Provincial government fell on deaf ears !

As well, OMB decisions have traditionally favoured development over retention of heritage sites. Just look at the latest decision on the Ft.Erie Race Track. Are these the kind of communities we want ? The Board is lacking in members who have any knowledge of heritage matters.

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The use of the word "culture" to cover "arts, culture, heritage" is masking the importance of heritage and is not understood by the community at large.

Steve Paikin of the TVO program "Agenda" did a survey in Niagara about a year ago; heritage came up as second to the bottom of the list of important issues facing our residents..... with the downturn in the economy, lack of jobs, education and health care coming out on top.....

Municipal heritage committees have small budgets, with no training, while their extended mandates necessitate a very long learning curve; applicants to these committees are not screened to exclude those with personal agendas and/or a conflict of interest. Their functions are not well-attended, particularly by local politicians.

There is a lack of understanding about "designation" by realtors, lawyers, the press, some politicians and the public in general, and yet there is no effort to attend workshops and seminars to gain understanding. I had one realtor tell a buyer "oh just go ahead and make the changes you want and explain later" !

There is little, if any, interest shown by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport or the Minister, in what the Municipal Heritage Committees do, on a volunteer basis, to preserve our heritage. Notices of designation and invitations to attend are totally ignored, and although the Minister is legislated to do so, he fails to intervene in controversies on preservation. We need strength in our Culture Minister and courage to make the right decisions and defend them. You can see how watered down this Ministry is now, with the inclusion of Tourism & Sport — you hardly know that heritage is included or that it even exists !

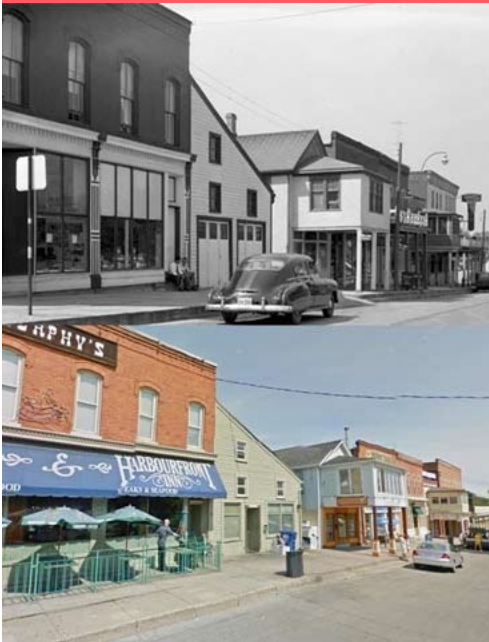
There is a burn-out among volunteers, as well as disappointment in the system; many feel that after the Act was legislated in 1974 and in the following years, volunteers were left to fend for themselves without government support or interest.

Some designated buildings are falling down with no funds to repair them..... hence HCF's yearly list of the "Ten Most Endangered Places" - and you have to compete to get on this list! Signage overkill in heritage areas is another nightmare !

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PORT DALHOUSIE TOWER(S) UPDATE

Tower Developers Announce Plan for Phase 2: Lakeport Rd.



Many of you wonder what is happening with the Port Dalhousie tower project. Well...the tower developers have finally announced what we always suspected was their intention all along: turn all of historic Port Dalhousie's Commercial Core into condos. There will definitely be no semblance of a heritage village if their plans are carried out. It will just be another suburban subdivision which could be anywhere in the country.

The heart of one of the best-preserved 19th century canal villages in the world will be gone forever.

While their plans for Phase 2 (along the Lakeport Rd. Harbourfront from Murphy's to where the Port Mansion stood) have not been officially submitted to the City, we understand from media reports they include at least one more high-rise –the fact that they told the OMB there would never be more than one tower notwithstanding! They also talk about “pending” sales of the project's commercial and boutique hotel elements, which tells us they may not understand that the OMB approved this as a

project –not individual components to be sold piecemeal. In fact the City's by-law approved by the OMB states **the condos canNOT be occupied until the Commercial and Theatre components are fully built.**

Fascinating that they can talk about a Phase 2, when 4 full years after they won the OMB decision on Phase 1 NOTHING has been built. Oh yes, they have managed to demolish the historic Port Mansion and a couple of other buildings -plus most businesses in what has been turned into a DEAD business district are closed- but, NO PHASE 1 and now they plan to have a condo fire sale. However, even after the announced reduction, the condo prices appear higher than comparable units in Toronto so, where will the buyers come from??

It should be noted that the developers do not yet have a permit to demolish the Lakeside (Austin House) Hotel but claim they will submit required engineering drawings by the end of March. According to the City's Chief Building Official, they claim they have had vandalism and "someone" tore down the railing that was hanging from the top storey and used it as a ladder to get inside. There has been damage inside and now they are removing the staircase and other valuables to protect them (this is the heritage staircase their own OMB witness Spencer Higgins insisted must be kept in place but they now intend to alter and relocate). They will now be boarding up the windows to keep people out.

A full public meeting process will be required before any Phase 2 is approved. From media reports, it would appear Phase 2, like Phase 1, will contravene the heritage district guidelines and other planning policies. We certainly hope our City, which rejected the heritage permit for Phase 1 and opposed it at the OMB, will demand that they complete the OMB-approved Phase 1 and deliver on the promise of revitalization, before even considering another Phase that will negatively impact the remaining heritage buildings.

PORT LOSES A GOOD FRIEND-RICK REDEKOP

Rick and Jeannie Redekop's best friends, Dalton (and Jacqueline) Clark were calling on all the neighbours/friends of Rick's to tell us of his sad passing last night (March 16). They were one of the happiest couples we knew, and I still remember when I first moved to Port in 2005, and they got married that summer on Graham Ave, at the end of the street on the grassy hill, overlooking Lake Ontario and Toronto skyline. They had a Justice of the Peace, and a couple of close family members, and they all wore golf shorts and casual/Hawaiian shirts! That was them- always fun and laughing... We had lots of good times, having dinner and playing cards till after midnight. He was just 70, and will be missed. Well known in Port by everyone, so friendly to all. Jeannie Redekop's address is 13 Graham Ave. St. Cath. L2N 5L1

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'All the food was slow.' (An Internet posting)

Someone asked the other day, 'What was your favourite 'fast food' when you were growing up?'

'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,' I informed him.

'All the food was slow.'

'C'mon, seriously.. Where did you eat?'

'It was a place called 'home,' I explained. 'Mum cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate, I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'

By this time, the lad was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I'd figured his system could have handled it:

- Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore jeans, set foot on a golf course, travelled out of the country or had a credit card.

- My parents never drove me to school... I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed (slow)..

- * We didn't have a television in our house until I was 10. It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at 10 PM, after playing the national anthem and epilogue; it came back on the air at about 6 am. And there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people....

- *Pizzas were not delivered to our home... But milk was. Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?



6th ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT an OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

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At approximately 7:15, MC Marty Mako gave us a 2-minute warning and the evening started. Marty introduced himself, welcomed everyone to the Port Dalhousie Conservancy's 6th Annual Trivia night and asked them to take their seats. He recognized special guests including PD Councillor Bruce Williamson, Niagara Heritage Alliance President Val O'Donnell, former Regional Councillor and Golden Jubilee Medal recipient Eleanor Lancaster, former City Councillor Carol Disher ,former MPP and Regional Councillor Christel Haeck and former Regional Councillor and Conservancy Executive Vice-President Carlos Garcia. Conservancy President Hank Beekhuis also welcomed the crowd and thanked them for their support as Port's heritage continues to face severe challenges.



Marty gave a detailed description of the evening and the game and thanked sponsors who donated prizes including the Niagara Ice Dogs, Rozie's Breakfast Café, Buggy's Restaurant, Gail Benjafield, The Street Tap and Eatery and Celebrate Wellness. Trivia Master Ron Newton then started the Trivia Game. Ron does an amazing job thoroughly researching his questions which were interesting, varied and TOUGH (some of us did not answer as many as we had hoped). A special thank you to Ron and Irene Newton who so generously donated their time.

Marty did a great job as MC. He held prize draws at every break and also a 50-50 and a Lucky Draw for a special gift basket. He also thanked the many volunteers who donated their time to make the event a success. These included: Lorraine Cordner, Helen Szaskacs, Ed Szaszi and Marianne Kond, Ruth and Colin Johnston, Barb McLeod, Sheila Fronk, Bruce Irwin, Nancy Beckon, Cameron, Amanda, Morgan and Shelby Mitchell, Robbie and Jimmie Williamson, Pat Waters, Bonnie Pursar, Jackie Szymansky, Todd Hildebrand and Barb Thomas. Thank you all and anyone we might have missed.

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Port's Legion tops the \$93000 donor mark.

Branch 350, Royal Canadian Legion, has been prominent in our Port community for more than 90 years, and is marching along as crisply as ever. There's plenty of proof.

This organization has now been congratulated for being the leading donor of medical and related equipment to the Linhaven Home, on Ontario Street. At a recent reception hosted at Linhaven, Administrator Andrew Adamyk told a delegation headed by Branch President Donna Henderson, Zone B 5 Commander Hank Nikitzuk, Chuck Johnston, poppy chair, and several others: "Your members have been outstanding supporters for residents of Linhaven Home for 20 continuous years." He remarked he was amazed by the list of equipment for the Home donated by Port Dalhousie Legion.

"Your latest donation of \$10,800 for six electrically powered beds brings your total of giving to well over the \$93,000 mark," Andrew said. "This is a clear indication of the hard work and commitment of members of Branch 350, RCL. As a result of your efforts medical equipment and supplies have been available to improve the comfort and quality of the lives of so many people of our community. These are seniors, many of them veterans, no longer able to live independently."

Joe Reid, a WW11 veteran and a former popular Mayor of St. Catharines is now a Linhaven resident. He stretched out on one of the beds and demonstrated the operating controls.

Poppy Chair Chuck Johnston said that at Branch 350: "... we never forget our comrades. They served us and we shall never forget." Chuck confirmed the prime fund raiser for the Legion is Remembrance Day Poppies. "We have to work at these things. Canadians respect those who served for our country. We find today that people want to help those who did so much and who now need a helping hand. We're all volunteers in what we do, and every nickel we raise goes directly to the cause.

"We've a great service club and social club and the Legion's been operating in Port Dalhousie since 1922. But our prime purpose hasn't changed over the years. We care for our comrades."

Andrew Adamyk explained that Linhaven provides "home style" care in a family setting for seniors unable to care for themselves. The Home also operates a day care program for seniors and the addition of the T. Roy Adams Centre for Dementia Care increased the number of beds to 248.

A heritage gem from the Canals era

Port Dalhousie's Legion Hall was built in the 1870s by the Welland Canal Company during the time of

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the Second Welland Canal (1845 – 1887). Today it retains most of its original T shaped exterior and is well worth visiting, whether socially, taking out a membership or to trace the early days of the community. Its construction served two prime functions: as a maintenance shop and as a store house for the cumbersome and heavy replacement Lock Gates. The Second Canal included 27 locks in the navigable link it provided into the Upper Lakes, bypassing the Falls at Niagara.

This explains the building's position on the banks of the waterway. The excavated Lock One, on display between the Legion and the Murphy's building at the corner of Lock Street, shows that canal followed a route along the edge of the current parking lot to connect with the Martindale Pond. A floating tow path was built so that horses from the stabling on the present day Lakeside Park could pull ships through the Pond and into the Twelve Mile Creek section and then onwards. Ships traversed the length of the Canal with sails furled so towing was needed all the way to Port Colborne on Lake Erie.

Branch 350, RCL, today.

President Donna Henderson confirms that memberships in Branch 350 are available to everyone, veterans and non-veterans, and that the modest annual fee of \$50 is the same for Regular and Social members.

"It's a wonderful community club with a lot to offer. In

fact we're known as the Friendly Legion. You'll find Royal Canadian Legion Halls in every Province across Canada, and in just about every village and every metropolitan center. As part of a National organization we have strict standards we must respect in our operations and our programs, so there's comfort in knowing we are well managed."

Donna confirmed Chuck Johnston's recognition of the annual Poppy Day. "Everything we raise through Poppy Sales must be invested in veterans. It's as simple as that. When you pick up your Poppy every November you are saying a sincere "Thank You" to our veterans in the most practical way possible. It's a great opportunity for all Canadians.

"Anyone who's not a Legion member should pay us a visit. We have an excellent center." Canon Gordon Kinkley, of St. John's on Main Street, as the long time Padre of Branch 350, leads the annual Remembrance Day services at the Cenotaph on Ann Street. "The purpose for our Remembrance is just as urgent today as ever. We should never forget.

I'm delighted to see the involvement of the Air Cadets working with the Legion in all these activities. They represent the youth of our community," Canon Kinkley remarked.

The Legion Hall is surprisingly spacious. Inside is a large and comfortably appointed main floor hall with a wall of huge picture windows over-looking the Marina and into Lake Ontario. It is quietly elegant and pleasantly (cont'd on page 15)

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Seniors 65 years and older and their live-in family members are eligible for a tax credit of up to \$1,500 on home modifications that improve safety and accessibility – regardless of income. Eligible improvements include things like support bars, ramps or walk-in bathtubs. To claim your credit, keep your receipts for when you file your taxes.

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The Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit can help with the costs of improving safety and accessibility in your

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Homes Renovation Tax Credit (cont'd)

How do I get the credit?

You have to claim your total expenses on your personal income tax return. To do this, you will have to complete Schedule ON(S12) of your tax return and put the amount you spent on **eligible renovations next to box 6311** on form ON479.home.

To qualify for the credit, you need to be:

- 65 years old or older by the end of the year for which you are claiming the credit; or
 - living with a family member who is a senior
- Your income doesn't matter — seniors and their family members at all income levels are eligible.

Family Members

If you are living with a senior relative in your home, you could qualify for a total tax credit of up to \$1,500 every year, regardless of income. If you do the work yourself or have a friend or family member do it for you free of charge, you can still claim the amount you spent on materials for the modification, but not the cost of labour. For example, if you spend \$150 to buy materials for a grab bar that your family member installs, you can claim \$150 on your tax return. Remember to save your receipts. You will not have to submit them with your tax return. But you will have to keep them in case the Canada Revenue Agency asks you to verify your expenses.

Eligible expenses

Before you start any modifications, check to see that the work qualifies so you can claim the expense.

Some examples of work that qualifies:

- Walk-in bathtubs • Wheel-in showers • Widening passage doors • Lowering existing counters/cupboards
- Certain renovations to permit a first-floor occupancy or secondary suite for a senior
- Grab bars around the toilet, tub and shower • Handrails in corridors
- Wheelchair ramps, stair/wheelchair lifts and elevators
- Non-slip flooring in the bathroom
- Swing-clear hinges on doors to widen doorways
- Motion-activated lighting
- Touch-and-release doors and cupboards
- Door locks that are easy to operate

For more information about the Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit, call:

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Bruce's Briefs on City Happenings



Happy Spring to all! As we begin to enjoy the season of renewal, this section will, no doubt, be devoted to things green: Earth Day at Malcolmson Eco-Park; the Horticultural Society's Plant sale; the Port Dalhousie B. I. A. clean up; the Clean City Committee's Clean Sweep/Pitch In Week. I do hope many people get involved in these worthwhile events.

Unfortunately, as the planet contends with the consequences of global warming and other ecological issues Canada has relinquished its role as a leader in environmental sustainability.

Even at the local level, many efforts to take responsibility for moving away from the burning of non-renewable fossil fuels and forward on renewable energy with, (the notable exception of the tunnel project at Sir Adam Beck) are most often greeted with opposition.

Finding innovative ways to develop sustainable energy has got to become a major focus if we are to create hope for the future of our community. My top priority major capital expenditure over the last number of years has been the proposed Shickluna hydro generating station. It offers clean, green, local electricity production for decades to come. While it has been a long, arduous road to make it a reality, I hope final approval of this facility will happen soon. Wind, solar, hydro and other renewable sources of energy offer powerful opportunities. Instead of finding reasons and excuses for fighting these green alternatives, we need to summon the will and determination to make them happen.

The recent good news story about the conversion of the former Hayes Dana truck frame plant in Thorold South to the manufacture of wind power parts is an example of the benefits that can come from embracing sustainable energy. For the Niagara Region to boldly declare us the "Green Energy Capital" is one thing, to live up to this moniker is another.

For our kids' sake, we must.

Bruce Williamson
Councillor, Port Dalhousie Ward

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ELEANOR LANCASTER RECEIVES QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE MEDAL



Eleanor Receiving Golden Jubilee Medal from Attorney General Rob Nicholson

Award Recognizes Extensive Volunteer Work in Niagara

Most of you may know about some of the many accomplishments of Port Dalhousie resident and community volunteer Eleanor Lancaster, and have likely heard about her ongoing battle to ensure integrity in our municipal political system (see page 12). In addition to having represented St. Catharines on Regional Council from 1982 to 1991 she has a number of very important "firsts" to her credit:

First woman appointed to the Environmental Assessment board by the Ontario government;

First woman chair Niagara College's Board

of Governors and;

First woman chair of the Board of Goodwill Industries Niagara.

She sits on the boards of Trustees of Brock University and of Hotel Dieu Hospital. She is a recipient of the YWCA's Women of Distinction Award and a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club St. Catharines. Eleanor is also a former member of the Niagara North Legal Aid Committee and a founding member and chair of Adolescent Family Services Niagara – a Teen Moms Program. She is an advocate for heritage preservation and lives in a designated heritage home.

Congratulations Eleanor. You are certainly a most worthy recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

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Spring brings to us a renewed love of life, bursting with optimism and renewed energies to continue to work together to strengthen our community.

Bruce Williamson
Councillor
Port Dalhousie Ward



Port Dalhousie older Adults are shocked at the City's closing of their centre. For many it will mean that they will not be able to enjoy the company of others and have to remain more housebound. (see story on

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CITY TO CLOSE PORT DALHOUSIE SENIORS CENTRE? Our Seniors Need YOUR Help

The City's Parks and Recreation Department has advised us that our seniors will no longer be able to use their present facilities at the Old Fire Hall -19 Brock Street next to the Library.

We are in shock! Port has always been there for all the residents in our community and the outpouring of caring and sharing for all has made it a place that people have always been proud to call home. This is particularly true for so many of us seniors who use the current facilities extensively. It is a place to socialize and get together for events such as bingo, card games, quilting and woodcarving. There is also a foot clinic which is much appreciated and used.

Each Monday and Thursday local seniors walk, drive or take Para Transit to the hall for a few games of Bingo. A time to share a few laughs and smiles with their friends while in a separate area quilting enthusiasts are busy at the quilting frame stitching away. Wednesday is time for a game of Euchre. One of our members is unable to drive and so a friend picks him up faithfully every week. A time for him to enjoy an outing and a time for his wife to have a bit of My Time.

We also have woodcarving , potlucks and teas as we share laughs and friendship with each other.

We've been told that other Seniors' Clubs elsewhere in the City are available to us. But... seniors shouldn't have to travel outside their community (something that is very difficult for some) and adjust to something that is foreign to them. Nothing upsets seniors like being told they must change their routines. Everyone should be able to have some semblance of daily routines that are not disturbed. When do we stand up and say Enough is Enough. We should, as long-time taxpayers in the City be able to access familiar places where we feel secure and welcome.

If we allow the City once again to take from this vibrant community instead of giving back, we will lose another piece of the fabric that makes Port a place to cherish. We're bound together by a wonderful Community Spirit.

Let's not have it taken away. There are currently 65 members of the Port Dalhousie Seniors Centre (maybe your own relatives or friends). Get behind our Seniors and support them.

Enough is Enough! If you care, please call your City Councillors, the Mayor, the Parks and Recreation Department and Jim Bradley. Tell them we care about our seniors. Make Some Noise!!!!

Wouldn't it be great if for once the Small Guy won instead of the people in the glass towers?

We thank the Port Reporter for giving us the opportunity to spread the sad news about another critical part of Port's community, which will quietly become extinct if we don't stand up and be counted.

Port Dalhousie Seniors President
Bonnie Purser.

ED. NOTE: (See photo opposite page)

What a sorry comment on the history of amalgamation. Many of Port's residents opposed the amalgamation with St. Catharines in 1961. Since that time, the village of Port Dalhousie has not fared well under the amalgamated City government. Most recently, our commercial core has become derelict leaving us with a 5 year old wasteland of closed businesses and the City seems powerless to make the developers live up to their

This could easily spread to a decade of neglect. Seniors, who looked forward to their remaining years in a charming and vibrant village atmosphere, are leaving this world with sadness instead. The less mobile

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seniors cannot walk to get the basics of life; those who can walk face depressing views on any foray into the commercial core. They find themselves being taxed out of their homes and paying staggering utility costs while services to keep seniors active keep being reduced. The Seniors' Centre was initially forced out of the Muir Dry Dock building location (Dalhousie House) and moved to the old firehall on Brock Street. Seniors' activities were free but then cost recovery fees were imposed (yes, seniors pay to belong to the Seniors' Centre). The huge taxes paid by retired seniors make seniors query what they get for their tax dollars. The final blow is the recent plan by the City to close the Seniors' Centre without appropriate community consultation, forcing seniors to go miles outside the community, many by public transit, to get some form of recreational activity.

What a sad history for the group that led the Port revitalization initiative of the 1970s (the Neighbourhood Improvement Program) and a history that must place St. Catharines near the bottom of any Healthy Cities list. Perhaps it is time for seniors and their supporters to use their voting power at the next Municipal Election to ensure elected representatives care about their needs.

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WHY DOES ONTARIO HAVE A MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT?

Integrity crusader Eleanor Lancaster awaits decision on her appeal of costs awarded against her

Media reports on high-profile cases in Toronto have pointed out that the Municipal Elections Act (MEA) does not provide for an enforcement authority and it is left to concerned ordinary citizens to enforce it by requesting audits. In St. Catharines we are lucky to have one such concerned citizen -although she is not so ordinary (see Golden Jubilee Medal on page 8). In June 2011 we reported that long-time Port resident, community volunteer and former Regional Councillor Eleanor Lancaster had filed a request for audit of expenses of St. Catharines candidates Rigby, Petrowski, Dorsey, Harris, Siscoe and Stack alleging they violated the MEA by accepting overcontributions from related companies owned or controlled by Port Tower developers Messrs. Dan Raseta and Ralph Terrio. Mr. Raseta immediately reversed his previously stated public position on multiple contributions and his lawyer wrote the candidates asking them to pay money back. The candidates listed promptly admitted they violated the Act and stated they had paid or would pay money back.

The Niagara Compliance Audit Committee held a hearing on Ms. Lancaster's requests in July, 2011. Despite the fact that the 4 City candidates identified by Ms. Lancaster (Regional candidates Rigby and Petrowski were spared a hearing on a technicality) admitted accepting overcontributions from Mr. Raseta, the hearing Chair rejected all four audit applications because the candidates paid the money back and to save the taxpayers money. Ms. Lancaster was praised in media reports for identifying the violations. However, it was left up to her as an individual concerned citizen if she wanted to pursue this further. She argued at the hearing that campaign spending makes a difference in the quality of a campaign, and the extra money the candidates accepted and spent might have had an impact on the election outcome, especially for a candidate like Len Stack, who won his seat by only 26 votes. To no avail.

Ms. Lancaster decided these violations were too serious to just let them drop and took the Committee's decision to the Ontario Court of Justice and subsequently to Ontario Superior Court. In February 2012 Judge Harris of the Court of Justice "ruled an audit into the campaign finances of several St. Catharines candidates in the 2010 municipal election isn't necessary" and supported the Compliance Committee's position that an audit would serve no purpose, because the candidates acknowledged receiving overcontributions and immediately returned the money. Then on October 9, 2012 Judge Quinn of the Superior Court handed down his decision. According to media reports: "...court has supported the decision not to order an audit into the 2010 campaign expenses of four St. Catharines municipal candidates. While it is 'undisputed' that Matt Harris, Mat Siscoe, Len Stack and Brian Dorsey accepted illegal campaign contributions, Superior Court Judge Joseph Quinn said it is also undisputed that they returned the money as soon as they learned of the illegality, as required by the Ontario Municipal Elections Act".

The judges' interpretation of the Act continued to baffle Eleanor. **"This just says to any candidates, load up your coffers with whatever corporations or companies want to make sure you get elected, and if nobody catches you, well, fine". "And if you do get caught, you can pay it back after the fact and you're off scot-free."**

Lawyers for three of the candidates that were elected, who just happen to be the same lawyers who act for the developers that overcontributed filed for court costs to be awarded against Eleanor for filing the appeals. Together with costs claimed by candidate Dorsey (who was not elected) a total of approximately \$20,000 was claimed in court costs against her. Lawyer Patrick Maloney attacked Eleanor's character and claimed she was merely being a "busybody" in seeking a more detailed probe into the illegal campaign financing. On July 20, 2012 Judge Harris ordered Eleanor to pay a total of \$13,600 in costs to the candidates for asking for audits as any citizen has the right to under the MEA. This is in addition to her own legal expenses.

What is wrong with this picture and this Act? In addition to putting the enforcement burden on concerned citizens, let's look at how candidates have defended themselves. Both here and elsewhere, they have variously claimed: they did not know they were violating the Act; they did not intend to violate the Act



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or; blamed someone else like a City Clerk or campaign volunteer. It seems like ignorance of the law is an excuse after all since the Courts appear to have bought these arguments. In his decision, Judge Quinn stated: *"Receiving a contribution that contravenes the Act is not illegal. The illegality arises when a candidate fails to return the contribution 'as soon as possible after the candidate becomes aware of the contravention'. I would add...that the duty to return the contribution also crystallizes when the candidate should have become aware of the contravention"*.

Since in their expense forms candidates reported multiple contributions from corporations listing the same Address, President and Cheque Signatory isn't it reasonable to assume they should have become aware when they received these overcontributions rather than waiting until Eleanor pointed out the obvious AFTER the election??? However, Judge Quinn would not order an audit feeling *"There is not a flicker of further information to be obtained from an audit. To have directed an audit would have amounted to a speculative expedition and ended up revealing what was already known"*. If this were so why would any audits ever be required???

Eleanor is pondering her further options as she awaits the ruling on her appeal of Judge Harris' cost award against her. She strongly believes that letting the mistakes go gives candidates across Ontario carte blanche to take over-donations, use them and then pay them back months later. She said the law should bar candidates from taking the cash at all. *"It still leaves the whole issue of what is a fair, honest election process sitting in limbo"*.

If the costs award is upheld this would amount to a successful SLAPP suit (Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation) of the type frequently used in the US to keep concerned citizens from becoming involved. It will be an overpowering deterrent that will keep citizens from getting involved in the future and the Act will have no enforcement process at all.

It became the Lions Hotel in 1957. The Wellington was built in 1877.



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Opening Address NHA (continued from page 2))

on preservation. We need strength in our Culture Minister and courage to make the right decisions and defend them. You can see how watered down this Ministry is now, with the inclusion of Tourism & Sport — you hardly know that heritage is included or that it even exists !

There is a burn-out among volunteers, as well as disappointment in the system; many feel that after the Act was legislated in 1974 and in the following years, volunteers were left to fend for themselves without government support or interest.

Some designated buildings are falling down with no funds to repair them..... hence HCF's yearly list of the "Ten Most Endangered Places" - and you have to compete to get on this list! Signage overkill in heritage areas is another nightmare !

Forty-one heritage buildings came down in downtown Brantford, and the decisions being made in Port Dalhousie's heritage district threaten every Heritage Conservation District in Ontario.

The recent ACO newsletter states:

"We are surrounded by challenges to our survival and relevance, as shocking threats to heritage are multiplying across Canada. The Harper government has cut funding to Parks Canada so that many heritage sites and artifacts across the country are left shuttered and unprotected. The B.C. government has severely cut funding to heritage groups across the province. In Toronto, David Mirvish feels free to demolish several designated heritage properties to build his super condos. Demands for more density in many downtowns threaten their heritage fabric".

It is interesting to note that in the U.S. when space is required for government offices, heritage buildings are required to be considered first before building new. Did we really need that awful, ugly MTO building in downtown St.Catharines.

Everything today is about Moneythe bottom lineeconomics not everything can be measured in dollars and cents. Heritage preservation has to start from the top - that is our various levels of government.

HCF hosted a National Heritage Summit in October entitled "Heritage Conservation in Canada: What's Working & What Needs to Change"; they are seeking a new vision for the heritage movement; this is a good sign; the present one is not working.

I have been impressed with a man called Richard Moe, who has written books, he is head of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the U.S., former Chief of Staff for VP Walter Mondale, member of the Carter Sr. Staff - a pretty important guy, and his philosophy on livable cities is the best I have ever read, and I quote :It has been asked - what makes a city livable;

Well, it has to be safe of course, and attractive. It must provide the services we need, and it should be planned and built in a way that makes it easy to use and move around in. But there is something else - something very important and that is..... a truly livable city is one that makes us feel personally connected to it in a meaningful way. It is hard to feel that kind of connection to a place that has no distinctive character.



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Our built environment is becoming "homogenized"...it has been called "Generica" - a place where you can't even tell what city you are in. Everyplace looks more and more like Anyplace and eventually they all wind up looking like Noplace. It is hard to feel connected to Noplace, and that is one reason preservation is so important. It is a means of saving and celebrating the history and traditions — the character, in other words, that makes every community unique, appealing and livable, and it is becoming increasingly apparent that community livability is the key to community survival...it is an economic imperative !" I love this guy ! I am sure you have all experienced in your travels, cities called Noplace.... and do we really want to go back to them again. All of that is one reason why heritage preservation is so important.

These are some of the things we need :

First and foremost, we need the support of all of our levels of government - we need provincial and federal governments that care and after that.....

1) consider the use of heritage buildings first when space is needed for government use, before building new.....or for new businesses - have you seen the email which is circulating the internet called the Most Beautiful McDonald's in America ! This is it a Georgian mansion in N.Y. state called the Denton House dating back to 1795; by 1986 it was abandoned and on the verge of falling down. McDonalds purchased the property with the intention of tearing it down and replacing it with the cookie-cutter McDonalds. The citizens of the New Hyde Park had it given landmark status in 1987 and McDonald's had no choice but to restore the property and work within the parameters of the landmark commission. Now it is their most beautiful restaurant in America. It was restored to its 1926 appearance, opened in the early 1990's and remains in fantastic shape to this day. So, that means customers are doing more than eating one of their hamburgers !

2) a new class at a reduced rate be created in the municipal taxation system for buildings designated under the OHA.

3) Historic tax credits for development and restoration of heritage buildings for a new use, thereby avoiding these buildings sitting empty, deteriorating and facing a possible future of demolition by neglect.

4) Our communities in Niagara all need to take advantage of some of the incentives offered by Regional Niagara for heritage properties. Incentives DO work I am witnessing a complete change in our downtown business area due to incentives under the Facade Improvement Grant....the whole street is changing before our eyes. We have wonderful heritage buildings there where a facade facelift was needed. It is surprising what can be accomplished with some new windows, doors and suitable paint colours. We need to understand the impact incentives can make.

5) Produce a list of suppliers who would offer discounts to designated heritage property owners who are doing approved restoration work on their buildings.

6) In ACO's latest newsletter it is noted that in Toronto, owners of empty buildings get a significant property tax break; actually under the Ontario Municipal Act, province-wide, rebates for vacancy are 30% for commercial properties and 35% for industrial properties... property must be unused for at least 90 consecutive days.

ACO has suggested that before a tax break is given, the City should insist that the owner must :

- prepare a fire safety and protection plan approved by the City;
- show that they have sufficient insurance to restore the building to its former state
- install a full fire alarm and security system and provide proof of a monitoring and supervision contract.

This is a sound and sensible suggestion and should be followed through.

Referring again to the ACO Newsletter and to the issue of "the culture of consumption and disposability", there is also a suggestion that the tax system be reformed to recognize the contribution heritage property owners make to the environment.

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Our New Hospital

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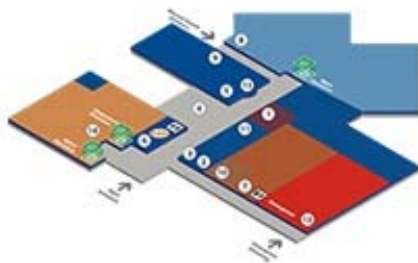
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Memo to Myself

An internet inspired article

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- Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy
- Make time to pray.
- Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day
- Sleep for 7 hours.
- Take a 10-30 minutes walk daily. And while you walk, smile.

Society:

- Contact your family often.
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Chuck Johnston,

the port reporter

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The Centre is fortunate to have Harvey Rainbow on staff, who is a former Headmaster of a private high school in Toronto and who comes to us with a wonderful reputation and a wealth of experience in motivating and inspiring students.

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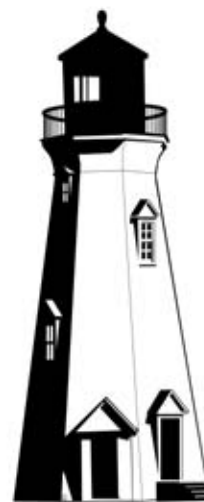
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DALHOUSIE CITY

the port reporter

Like the Niagara Navigation Company Ltd. which ran to the Niagara River, the N. S. & T. Navigation Co. experienced a rapid growth in patronage during the early years of the century. Many denizens of Toronto were taking to the lake waters as an escape from the summer heat of the city and were finding a trip to Niagara to be the ideal diversion for themselves and for their families. The Port Dalhousie route had the added attraction of bringing Toronto residents closer to St. Catharines, as well as to within a short overland trip to the Falls, and in addition provided a handy route for St. Catharines residents and businessmen who wished to visit the "big City".

The trade soon outgrew LAKESIDE and GARDEN CITY and the N. S. & T. began to consider how it might modernize its fleet in order to keep pace with the increasing demand for its services. It was not difficult for the company to come to the decision that a new boat must be built and it then set about designing a vessel that would be suitable for her intended route. The services of George Owen, the designer of many famous yachts, were retained for the preparation of the plans for the new steamer. While the result was a sturdy and dependable ship, it is likely that the N. S. & T. looked with a great deal of envy at the boats designed for the Niagara Navigation Company by Frank E. Kirby and Arendt Angstrom, for the products of their drawing boards proved to be far more successful and less worrisome than did Owen's design.

The plans having been completed, the company in late 1910 let a contract for the construction of its new steamer to the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company Limited which then set about assembling its Hull 30. The steel hull measured 199.8 feet in length, 37.0 feet in the beam and 20.7 feet in depth. Her tonnage was registered as 1256 Gross and 752 Net, and she was enrolled at Toronto as C.130312. It was originally planned that she be named DALHOUSIE, but when she slid into the waters of Collingwood harbour, she did so with the name DALHOUSIE CITY painted on her bows, this name being formally given to her in christening ceremonies on June 24, 1911. Her sponsor for the event was Miss Mary Hanna, daughter of Toronto financier D. B. Hanna of the Canadian Northern Railway, another Mackenzie and Mann enterprise. Prior to the launch of DALHOUSIE CITY, the N. S. & T. formed a special company to own her. Incorporated early in 1911 was the Dalhousie Navigation Company Limited, Toronto, which boasted a capital of \$50,000 and which indicated to the Dominion government that it intended "to purchase, lease, charter or otherwise acquire and operate steamships or other vessels propelled by any other motive power or device, to own piers, wharves, docks, piers, wharves, docks, dry docks, terminals, warehouses, etc.". The incorporators of the new concern were G. F. Macdonnell, R. H. M. Temple, A. J. Mitchell and J. B. Robertson, all of whom were somehow connected with the Canadian Northern Railway.

It was for the Dalhousie Navigation Co., Ltd. that DALHOUSIE CITY was built and commissioned, and it was to this company that the ship was registered for almost her entire career on Lake Ontario, although for a short time during World War I, the Dominion List of Shipping indicated that her owner was Mackenzie, Mann and Company Limited, Toronto. DALHOUSIE CITY was never registered to the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Navigation Co. or to any other successors or affiliates as was NORTHUMBERLAND which came on the scene almost a decade later.

DALHOUSIE CITY was powered by a triple-expansion engine built by Collingwood Shipbuilding Co. Ltd. With cylinders of 18, 29 and 48 inches and a stroke of 30 inches, it produced 115 h.p. Steam was provided by two Scotch boilers measuring 13 feet 7 5/16 inches by 11 feet, the working pressure being 180 p.s.i. Each coal-fired boiler was fitted with three corrugated furnaces with grates six feet in length. The engine turned a 9 3/4-inch tailshaft and a cast iron propellor measuring nine feet in diameter. While it was variously reported in advance of her commissioning that she would be able to achieve speeds of 15 or even 19 miles per hour, her boilers proved to be inadequate for their task and she was hard-pressed to make even 12 m.p.h. once she was in regular service. She was always known as a bit of a plodder but the fitting of a new propellor in the early 1920s did achieve a modest increase in the speed that she could manage, although she was never in a class with her later running-mate, the graceful NORTHUMBERLAND.

DALHOUSIE CITY's speed was not her only failing. She was only 37 feet wide and, not being a sidewheeler, she tended to roll heavily in rough seas and made herself somewhat unpopular amongst members of the travelling public who were possessed of queasy stomachs. Her owners did their best to rectify this nasty problem and shortly after she was commissioned, she was taken to the shipyard for the fitting of bilge keels. These succeeded in reducing her propensity to roll.

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The
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1911

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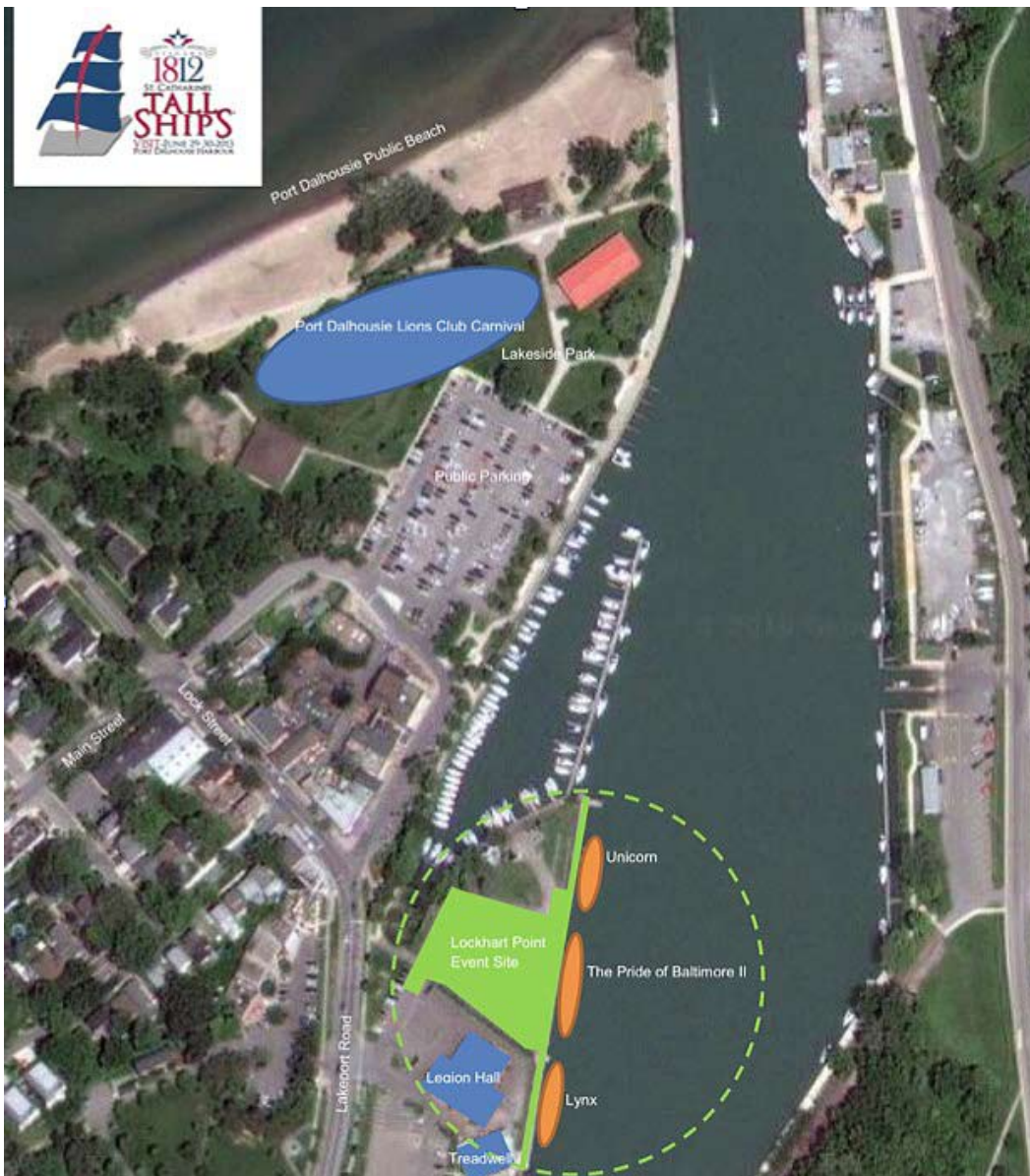
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7) Something needs to be done about the OMB so that it operates fairly with all applicants on a level playing field; either that or do away with it entirely. It has been "in power" since 1897.....too long, it seems to me.

8) And, more consideration and screening be applied when interviewing applicants to serve on Municipal Heritage Committees.

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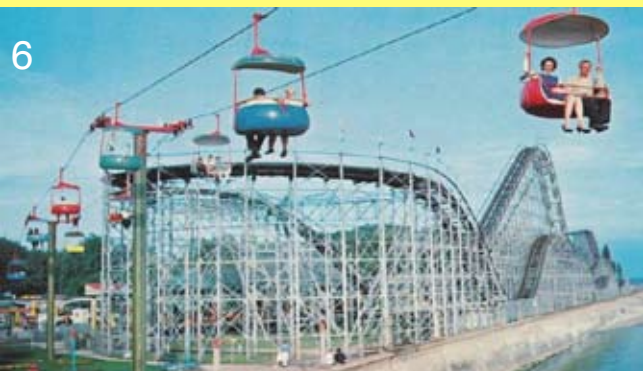
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Write down short phrases to identify the pictures on a blank paper. Do this for all 10 before looking on the next page for the answers.
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4-7 correct: Memories fading or short time resident
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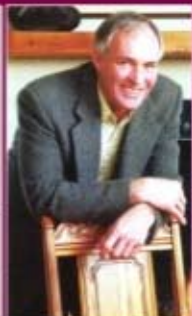
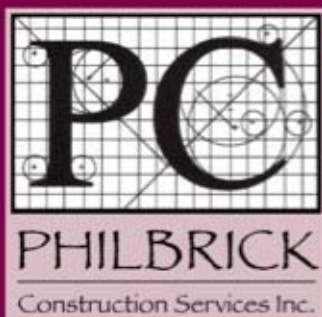
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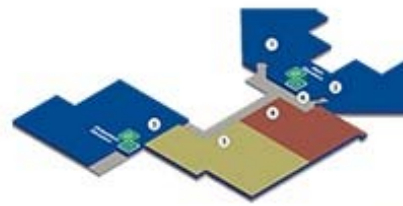
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2. Armory - Lake and Welland, St. Catharines
3. Maple Leaf Rubber Co. c.1905, now Lincoln Fabrics. The four story warehouse building on the west side was demolished about 1966.
4. Muir Bros. drydock area, Port Dalhousie
5. Diana Sweets
6. The Comet - Crystal Beach
7. N.S.& T. Car awaiting at the Lock 1 bridge
8. This road became the QEW (Jordan Harbour)
9. Merriton
10. Snack bar beside Welland Canal



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