



Public Meeting: Will City Council Finally Listen to the Community?

Port Dalhousie residents have said it and so have residents from across the City and Region. Many experts have said it. An overwhelming majority of the over 700 who attended the June 28th Public Meeting at Club Roma also said it. At the Public Council Meeting scheduled for the end of November, Councillors can also say it: **NO TOWER IN PORT DALHOUSIE!**

Following a very open and democratic process that included extensive input from the community, City Council unanimously passed By-Law No. 2002-80 in June 2002 designating most of Old Port Dalhousie's residential area, **and all of the Commercial Core area**, as a Heritage Conservation District. The City then successfully defended its By-Law before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) which found that: **"..the process followed by the City has been a full public process and all requirements of the Province have been complied with."** and **"... the designation of the subject area as a Heritage Conservation District represents good planning."** The By-Law became effective in December, 2003.

Regrettably, only months after the designation became effective, the Port Dalhousie Vitalization Corporation (PDVC) submitted their application to Amend the City's Official Plan and Zoning By-Law. This application proposes drastic changes to a large portion of the commercial core of the new Heritage District. **If approved by City Council, the application, which clearly violates Council-approved Heritage Guidelines (as well as the City's Official Plan and Zoning By-Law), would forever change the Commercial core's historic streetscape and replace much of it with new, unsympathetic construction –including a 328 ft (equivalent to a 33 storey height) glass-clad condo tower. One of the few remaining, largely intact, 19th century canal village streetscapes will be lost forever.**

Over the past year, our volunteer organization has conducted an extensive quantitative survey of Port and surrounding areas as well as canvassed door to door. Volunteers have also received input and letters from numerous individuals throughout the City and Region. The conclusion is quite clear: **a huge majority of residents are strongly opposed to the massive proposed development and the 33 storey tower which would not only destroy the streetscape but, aggravate already severe parking/traffic problems and restrict access to Lakeside Park. Most people support appropriate development but never with a tower, nor in the scale proposed.**

The Public Council Meeting to decide the fate of Port Dalhousie has now been scheduled for November 29th and 30th, 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the Quality Inn on Ontario Street. **Everyone knows that there is massive, widespread opposition to this proposal and that just about anyone you talk to is opposed, but are our Councillors listening???** The developer and its supporters can afford expensive public relations and lobbying campaigns to make Councillors think they have some support. We know differently and we believe our Councillors are smarter than that and that they will talk to their constituents and understand that the electorate is strongly opposed.

We should all continue to let our Councillors know how we feel and also plan to speak at the Public Meeting. Remember, voicing your opposition/concerns at the Public Meeting is the community's only avenue to exercise our democratic right to be heard. The developers will have their paid experts there to impress our Councillors. **The community will have People Power telling them NO TOWER IN PORT DALHOUSIE.**

You can register to speak at the Public Meeting by phoning the City Clerk's office at 905-688-5601 and speaking to Barb Findlay (ext. 1501) or Dianne Alexander (ext.1524).

See you at the Public Meeting. Let's Save Our Seaport
Carlos Garcia and David Bergen PROUD Port Dalhousie

EXTRA EXTRA

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Port Dalhousie's Lakeside Hotel May Be Saved

Our collective efforts over the past year to persuade the developer to preserve the integrity of the Heritage District have finally led to some movement on their part. On Friday, August 12th we received from the City a copy of some revised sketches submitted by PDVC's architects. In their cover letter, they state they have agreed to implement some of the recommendations in Spencer Higgins' Heritage Assessment Report. Those of you at the June 28th Meeting will recall Mr. Higgins is the architect hired by PDVC who concluded the tower would fit in and: **"...the tower will not be easily noticeable from the Commercial Core itself unless one is standing quite close to it....(tower) will appear as a truncated element unless one makes the effort to look straight up."**

The new sketches contain a Good News/Bad News story.



GOOD NEWS...BAD NEWS

THE GOOD NEWS:

- 1. They will retain all of the original Lakeside Hotel (as we have always asked).** Up to now they had insisted that only the facade would be kept. They now will keep the original building except for the additions. This is definitely good news but we need the independent Peer Review being conducted by the City to ascertain whether the existing additions have architectural or historical significance and should also be kept.
- 2. They will keep the Jail in its original location next to Lock 1 of the First Canal (as, again, we have always asked).** Up to now, they proposed to move it into the park to make way for their massive tower.

THE BAD NEWS:

- 1. The massive 4-storey development proposed along Lock street and the 328 foot Tower remain as they were.** The 4 storeys will replace the buildings between the Lakeside and Main St. and create a tunnel effect on Lock street -as opposed to the current low level streetscape typical of the 19th and early 20th Century. By the way, they have now finally submitted an architectural drawing of the Lock Street elevation showing the tower. This is the view they demanded we remove from our billboard and website and...*guess what, our proportions were exactly accurate!*
- 2. They intend to build the tower right over the 12 foot square Jail.** They are trying to do what Higgins did at BCE Place in Toronto where the old Bank of Montreal building was incorporated into the new. Of course, in this case, the tower is so large and the Jail so small that the Jail will be dwarfed by the massive tower.



3. They still want to demolish the historic Port Mansion (1860) but want to "re-construct" it to look like the original two hotels. Unfortunately, tearing down and re-building is not the same as restoring. This is "fake" heritage. PDVC's application claims that, because it has been extensively renovated, it is okay to demolish this historic building (from page v of PDVC Application's Executive Summary and page 23 of the Planning Report). The current Fort George is a 1930's reconstruction of the original. Does that mean we can tear down Fort George and just re-build it? Are "pyramids" in Las Vegas the same as in Egypt?

4. The historic Lion Tavern and Bank Building could still be at risk. Although the Lion and the Bank Building are not specifically the subject of the application for zoning change and Official Plan amendment, the original submission still shows them as new construction and Retail in phase 2. The latest sketches don't mention these structures and the developer has stated in personal conversations that they are now not sure what they are going to do with these. Not mentioning them does not make the potential for demolition or drastic future change go away. If the PDVC intends to preserve these historic structures, everyone would welcome their commitment in writing to do so. Until that happens, they remain at risk.

As you can see, some movement but still a long way to go. The developer and the "citizens" group they sponsor, will now try to claim they have made some changes so, the community should be willing to accept the tower. Sorry, but the tower still does not fit and never will. We will continue our efforts to ensure the proposal is defeated by Council and PDVC is asked to submit a new one that does preserve the integrity of the Heritage District and respects the Heritage Guidelines, Official Plan and Zoning By-Law.

What part of NO TOWER do they not understand???

Carlos Garcia and David Bergen PROUD Port Dalhousie

For up-to-date information keep visiting our website www.saveport.ca

NEW BILLBOARD:

CARICATURE DRAMATIZES IMPACT OF PROPOSED TOWER ON PORT DALHOUSIE HERITAGE DISTRICT



August 18, 2005.

Today, people driving into historic Port Dalhousie along Ontario St. will see a VERY DIFFERENT billboard (see attached) sponsored by PROUD, the volunteer community group. The new billboard facing the Port Plaza shows an original, must-see caricature by Port Dalhousie artist Andy Cienik intended to dramatize the detrimental impact of the proposed condo tower on the Heritage District. "I am not a member of PROUD but, like most people in St. Catharines, I am strongly opposed to the tower so I wanted to help" said Cienik. The purpose of the billboard is to help all St. Catharines and area residents understand that the proposal is incompatible with Port Dalhousie's unique heritage.

The new PROUD billboard paid for by contributions from a large number of concerned residents from throughout the City, asserts in bold lettering – NO TOWER IN PORT DALHOUSIE. This phrase says it all. It is feared that this massive development, and particularly a tower that is the height of a 33-storey building and almost twice as high as Niagara Falls, will overwhelm the heritage character of Port Dalhousie. It would also

overwhelm the limited space of the harbour & beach area and the already-strained traffic and parking capacity.

This past winter PROUD volunteers canvassed door to door to generate dialogue with Port residents. Their effort confirmed the findings of last summer's quantitative survey: the vast majority of residents are alarmed by and opposed to the proposed development. Feedback from other areas of St. Catharines, and now from the vast majority of the over 700 who attended the June 28th Public Meeting, confirms the same is true for the greater community.

PROUD has maintained that a development proposal that upholds the integrity of the Official Plan, the Port Dalhousie Secondary Plan, the Zoning By-Law and the Heritage District guidelines should be the standard for measuring the appropriateness of any future development. PROUD volunteers encourage the community, in addition to expressing their desire for a 'better plan,' to let their Councillors know they should respect the wishes of the community.

PROUD (Port Realizing Our Unique Distinction) is a Port Dalhousie community-based, volunteer organization founded in 1999. PROUD spearheaded the extensive community consultation process that led to Port Dalhousie being designated as a Heritage Conservation District under the Ontario Heritage Act and now PROUD Port Dalhousie is leading the struggle to save the new heritage district from a developer's proposal that we believe would forever alter Port's historic character. PROUD Port Dalhousie continues to fully support appropriate development in the commercial core of Port Dalhousie, but not in the scale or height proposed by the PDVC application.



HERITAGE GRANTS: One of the many benefits of residing in a heritage district is the availability of heritage incentive grants. These grants—up to \$1000. on a matching basis—are to cover work proposed to restore the exterior of heritage-designated homes (primarily the façade). Application must be made to the St. Catharines Heritage Committee and approved prior to work being commenced. The Committee inspects the work, after completion, before recommending the grant to Council. The full details of this program are available from Kevin Blozowski (688-5601x1710). It should be stressed that there is some urgency in spreading the word to the residents of Port. The Committee has a limited amount of money to grant each year and several requests have already been received for this year. Recent walks about town, indicate that some people are already embarking on projects that might have qualified for assistance.

- THE EASY WAY – Dr. Geoff Szmanski

I was in Tim Hortons enjoying a double double and at the next table sat the manager talking with a prospective employee. The staff were preparing for the lunchtime rush, by sweeping the floors and clearing the tables. After the sweeper went by, two small children played with napkins and left several strewn around on the floor. Next, the mop person did the rounds and left the floor nice and shiny, but was very careful to mop around the fallen napkins. I counted seven. I got to thinking what has happened to attention to detail, what has happened to thinking about what you are doing, what has happened to doing a good job? The manager's only comment to the mop expert was 'Jim, you will make a good wife for somebody'.

I think we are all too complacent today about what we expect of people - the average is the norm, and a job half done is okay. This malaise applies to all walks of life and it got me thinking about an article I read in the Standard recently. The headline was:

'Homeopathy no better than placebo: researchers'. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 4)



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COUNCIL MEETING ON TOWER PROPOSAL

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Dear Mayor Rigby and Members of Council,

For your information, we are forwarding the latest issue of Built Heritage News - an electronic publication with wide distribution(see below). Port Dalhousie's plight received great coverage. The Niagara Region is NOT alone in its concern about Port Dalhousie.

Carlos Garcia and David Bergen
PROUD Port Dalhousie

13. Port Dalhousie Residents fight on against tower in Heritage District

Deborah Kehler PROUD

On June 28th of this year, well over 700 people filled one of St. Catharines' largest halls to capacity in order to both better understand and declare their positions in regards to a massive

"a haunted house of heedless opportunism run wild"

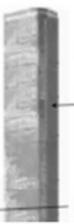
"We may be sure that this unfortunate scheme if carried out, will in another decade or so be a laughing-stock, a sample of the most idiotic excesses of the 2000s - literally a haunted house of heedless opportunism run wild."



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Historic Port Dalhousie
A Recognized Heritage District

Urban Studies authority and legend Jane Jacobs -
January 24, 2005

"Proposed 100 metre (33 storey height) tower will dwarf and be incongruous with historic structures."

As you surmised from reading my work, this approach to mixing uses is a travesty, it will do no good functionally because of the outrageous violations of Port Dalhousie's scale and the lack of fine-grained support among the uses. Apparently the proposal is so insensitive to what makes for business sense too, that it does not take into account that the very things that make Port Dalhousie attractive as a residential community - its intimate human scale and its unique legacies from the past - will be lost to the built environment. - JANE JACOBS

development that has been proposed for the downtown business core of Port Dalhousie's heritage district. Within a year of Port Dalhousie having been designated as a heritage district under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act, developers operating as Port Dalhousie Vitalization Corporation (PDVC), submitted an application for amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law. This application, if passed, would be in direct opposition to the Heritage Guidelines that were set in place by heritage designation (and to the Provincial Policy Statement, Planning Act, and Port Dalhousie Neighbourhood Plan). Port Dalhousie is a small "village" at the entrance of the first Welland Canal.

City planning staff outlined the parameters of the project, which includes a 328-foot condo tower, calling on a panel of experts working for the developer, to articulate some of the details. Questions from the floor were directed at both planning staff and the development panel. Of the forty-five individuals who raised questions or concerns, only six spoke in support of the development proposal. The rest of the speakers expressed a variety of deeply held concerns ranging from the far-reaching consequences of heritage desecration to overt parking inadequacies. It was evident from the responses of the audience that the vast majority of the crowd was vigorously opposed



to the proposed development.

Midway through the evening, Pamela Minns, the secretary of Thorold's Local Architecture Conservation Advisory Committee, made a sobering observation: "We need to be fully aware that all eyes are on Port Dalhousie and the result of the decision will ripple across this region, this province and this country." Ms. Minns brought home the point that the destruction of heritage is irreversible and not limited to its immediate environs.

Amidst arguments by proponents of the development that the commercial area of Port Dalhousie is in decline, and desperately in need of this development, a number of residents effectively challenged this myth with emphatic statements about the present and future viability of the existing commercial district.

PROUD Port Dalhousie, the volunteer group that has been spearheading the struggle to defeat the current development proposal, was initially formed to pursue heritage designation. During the past four months, it has been faced with threats of lawsuits by the developer. Despite these attempts at "chilling" opposition, PROUD has continued to provide a voice for those members of the community who are concerned about the inappropriateness of the size and scale of the proposed development.

Please visit www.saveport.ca for more information and do write a letter to our Council and newspapers if you can.

Port Dalhousie needs your help.

Built Heritage News Editor's note: *This case will be one of*

the first major tests of the new Provincial Policy Statements, and will be going to the local Council in November. Both Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and Heritage Canada have written in opposition to the proposed tower.

The Port Reporter to reach 12,000 homes with its September edition.

To respond to requests from all across the area, starting with this edition, The Port Reporter will now be available to residents throughout St. Catharines and the Niagara Peninsula. Port Dalhousie belongs to all of the residents of the city and the region, and they are requesting information to keep them informed of happenings at their waterfront. This paper will keep more area residents aware of the changes proposed and how they can have a say in the proposed changes.



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IMPORTANT PROUD PORT DALHOUSIE GENERAL MEETING

WED. SEPT. 21 7:00 P.M.

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Hello Volunteers,

As you probably know, the City has finally set a date for the public Council Meeting on the PDVC tower application (November 29th and 30th at Quality Inn on Ontario St.). This will be a crucial Council meeting and we need to ensure Councillors respect the fact that the overwhelming majority of City and area residents oppose this application. Councillors must listen to the community and all of those who elected them and not be confused by empty "pie-in-the-tower" promises of tax revenue and jobs.

Please plan to be at the basement of St. Andrew's Church (92 Main St., entrance on the side) at 7 pm on Wednesday September 21st. We have lots of information to share with you. The future of Port Dalhousie is in the hands of each and every City Councillor.






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The Stone Lock

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For more than a century and a half, the stone lock that was Lock One of the Second Welland Canal (1848-1882) has been in this spot. It's worth a long look at this handsome achievement of skilled stonemasons, a remarkable connection to a lively time when tall-masted schooners from all over the Great Lakes filled the harbour, and when sailors and travelers from all parts gathered in Port's canal-side taverns and hotels.

Not long after the First Welland Canal opened for business in 1829, the canal engineers and Welland Canal Company officials realized that the northern entry lock at the mouth of Twelve Mile Creek was poorly situated (it was located at what is now the northwest corner of Lakeside Park), but the company lacked the resources to remedy it.

When the government took control of the financially troubled Welland Canal in 1841 its first priority was canal improvements, including replacing the deteriorating timber locks with larger ones of stone to accommodate the increasingly larger vessels on the Great Lakes. At Port Dalhousie, the northern entry lock was moved south of the original site to what was known as Pawling's Point (now by Murphy's and the Lakeport/Lock intersection).

This new lock was enlarged to 200' long, 45' wide, and 9' deep, and was completed in 1848, along with extensive alterations and improvements to the harbour, piers, and floating towpath.

Port Dalhousie's new Lock One, like all the locks of the Second Canal, was made of limestone from the quarry at Queenston. The stone was quarried in blocks, then loaded onto barges which traveled down the Niagara River and along the lakeshore to the canal. At each locksite the blocks were off-loaded and hauled to the lockpits, dressed and shaped by skilled stonemasons, and levered into place using a device called Johansson's Bar. Many of the stonemasons were newly arrived from Scotland (one was Alexander Mackenzie who worked on the Canal after arriving from Perthshire as a young man in 1842; he would later become Canada's second Prime Minister).

Before the stone locks were assembled, however, a tremendous amount of clearing, hard digging, and excavation had to be done first at each site. This part of the canal work from 1842 to 1848 was plagued by violence, conflict, and turmoil; marked by recurring clashes between rival groups of canal workers, and between canal workers and authorities.

Many of the labourers who carried out and endured the backbreaking work of clearing and digging were recently arrived Irish immigrants; large numbers of Irish landed in the Niagara area in the 1840s. They laboured under brutal conditions, digging deep into the mud with picks and shovels, for long hours and low wages, in all kinds of weather, housed in rough shanties, at risk for illness, disease, and terrible accidents. A surplus of labour in the 1840s made conditions more difficult for the workers, and even those who found work on the canal faced desperate times because of work stoppages and payment delays.

Unrest and violence erupted throughout the canal construction period from 1842 to 1848; in August 1842, for example, over 2000 hungry and desperate canal workers marched into St. Catharines, plundering stores and destroying property.

In some locations along the canal route, frequent outbreaks of faction fights among the Irish contributed to the environment of violence and turbulence. Rivalry between different regional groups of Catholic Irish (especially those from Cork and Connaught) erupted into fierce pitched battles, as one group sought to drive off the other from work sites; on several occasions men were beaten to death. Long standing Protestant and Catholic animosities added to the troubles. The military were called in to maintain order along the canal, but violence and rioting remained a part of life for the canal workers through the 1840s.

Adding to the misery was a typhus epidemic in 1847. The disease arrived with the Irish "coffin ships" bringing infected immigrants to Quebec, and spread through Montreal and Toronto to Niagara. The crowded and poor living conditions of the canal workers helped spread the dreaded disease.

Despite its troubled, turbulent, and violent beginnings, however, the Second Welland Canal was completed in 1848, marking the start of a new era for Niagara and the entire Great Lakes region. Improvements had been completed at the same time to the St. Lawrence canals south of Montreal, so that large lake vessels, once through the enlarged Welland Canal, could sail directly between Port Dalhousie and Montreal.

These improvements to the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals ushered in a period of furious activity, expansion, and growth all along the Great Lakes, with increased canal traffic, a shipbuilding boom, and prosperity for canal communities. In Port Dalhousie these developments were reflected in the growth of the commercial area facing the new canal and the establishment of many businesses to service canal boats and crews; the increase in the village population and the building of many new residences; and the establishment of the very successful Muir Brothers Shipyard and Drydock. Much evidence of this activity and this period remains in our village today.

Regrettably only part of Lock One of the Second Canal is visible these days; much of it was buried some decades ago with the lack of regard for our canal heritage and history that has, depressingly, been such a feature of our city in the past. Still, it's well worth a visit to the lock, to ponder all the toil and skill that were required to put it into place, to appreciate the beauty of its smooth hand-cut walls, and to consider all that its old stones have been witness to in its century and a half. Nancy Cameron



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Said the little boy, "Sometimes I drop my spoon."
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The little boy whispered, "I wet my pants."
"I do that too," laughed the old man.
Said the little boy, "I often cry."
The old man nodded, "So do I."
"But worst of all," said the boy, "it seems grown-ups don't pay attention to me."
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THE EASY WAY (continued from page 2)

This reporting was again a typical case of a job half done. First of all the Standard took an article from the Canadian Press. The article had been published in the Globe and Mail. Ms. Ubelacker, the journalist in question was reporting on a recently published research paper in the Lancet. It was a Meta-analysis of 110 placebo-controlled trials, which compared the effectiveness of homeopathic remedies to placebos. However in reporting their findings, the authors of the study were very selective in choosing only 8 of the trials, which supported the final conclusion. In essence, it appears that they had set out to try and discredit homeopathy. The reporter failed to point out any selective bias in the results. The same medical journal, the Lancet, in 1997 published another study on homeopathy, which contradicts the above findings. The results of a review of 186 studies showed that patients taking homeopathic medicines were 2.45 times more likely to experience a positive therapeutic effect than placebos.

In 1991 The British medical Journal reviewed 107 homeopathic studies and 77% showed positive effects. The researchers concluded, "The evidence presented in this review would probably be sufficient for establishing Homeopathy as a regular treatment for certain indications.

The positive results in these studies were quantifiable, equal to the standards required to show efficacy in medical trials. Whereas in the medical studies the results are regarded as excellent, the homeopathic studies are labeled as mediocre or unsatisfactory by the conventional arbitrators of health care.

In the United Kingdom there are five homeopathic hospitals run by the National Health System. Positive outcome studies show 70% of their patients report positive health changes to homeopathic treatments. Most of these patients had usually exhausted conventional treatments before choosing homeopathy.

The public needs reasoned debate on many topics which affect our ever more complex daily lives. Journalists have a key role in these debates. Unfortunately it's often the case that sensationalism sells papers, not time spent in analysis of the facts and reporting them in an unbiased manner.

TECH SUPPORT HUMOUR

Customer: Hi, good afternoon. I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'Can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it.
Tech support: Are you running it under windows?

Customer: "No, my desk is next to the door, but that is a good point. The guy sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window, and his printer is working fine."

REMEMBER WHEN- WOULD YOU BELIEVE 40 YEARS AGO?



Port Dalhousie 'Legionaires'- 1965 Ontario Midget "C" Lacrosse Champions

LEFT TO RIGHT:

Top Row- Brian Greer (coach), Paul Michaud, Chuck Daniels, Duncan Hutchinson, Ken Simpson, Jim McQuay, Bob Makins (Manager)

Bottom Row- John DeMoel, Brian Bowman, Willard Roy, Bill Stevens, Gerhardt Warkentin, Derry Robinson, Ken Holder ABSENT: Steve Lines

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Photo taken Sept. 28, 1965 (St. Catharines Standard)

Although the season is winding down maybe you would like to consider lawn bowling as an activity for next year. It is a wonderful recreational outdoor sport played from the first of May to the end of September. The ladies and men bowl separately on Tuesday nights and then combine together to bowl on Wednesday & Friday nights (6:45 p.m.). No leagues to tie yourself down to, just come and go as you like all summer. Great relaxation and great social fun. To find out more about this great sport, contact Marg Alton (935-8857) or Carolyn Thompson (935-2819).

(Several articles will be included in the winter series series of the Port Reporter explaining the game and offering tips and techniques)

PORT DALHOUSIE LAWN BOWLING CLUB CELEBRATES 80TH ANNIVERSARY

The Port Dalhousie Lawn Bowling Club celebrated its 80th Anniversary on August 23/05. The club received a plaque from the Ontario Lawn Bowling Association to commemorate the event. The following members bowling exclusively at the Port Dalhousie Club received 25 and 50 year pins as well as certificates:

50 Year Award

Gwen Sandham (club life member)

25 Year Awards

Liz Simpson (30+ years)

Carolyn Thompson (33 years)

Barb Mutton (27 years)

Kay Winterbottom (25 years)

Also receiving 25 year certificates for Combination Club Bowling (Lancaster-Glenridge and now Port Dalhousie):

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EDITORIAL: Lessons from New Orleans

Ted Gould, Volunteer Editor

Waterfront brings many gifts and also heartaches when such areas are not carefully nurtured. The lessons from the Gulf Coast this month are pain-ridden examples of what happens when governments make economic development the driving force for change. Not putting 'people first' eventually comes back to haunt the decision makers. Waterfront development, such as being proposed in Port Dalhousie, will dramatically impact the lives of all who enjoy the proximity and those who come for needed moments of sanity. The proposed development will create havoc for both residents and users throughout the lengthy construction period, create year-round traffic congestion and limit enjoyment of Lakeside Park for decades to come. Such development heralds the beginnings of further development expansion and the erosion of public enjoyment of the waterfront. One only has to look at Toronto to see a prime example of the erosion of promised public space and the walling off of the waterfront from the rest of the city. The following message about the tragedy of New Orleans needs to be heard throughout North America by all politicians and bureaucrats about governmental impact: ***"It is not too soon, however, to make a point that needs to be hammered home again and again, and that is that government policies have real consequences in people's lives. This is not 'just politics' or blaming for political advantage. This is about the real consequences of what governments do and do not do about their responsibilities. And about who winds up paying the price for those policies."***

Molly Ivins, Creators Syndicate

HEDGEAPPLES ANYONE?

Article from the The Historical Society of St. Catharines Newsletter, May 6, 2000

This is a fruit from the Osage Orange Tree. The Osage Orange tree is quite rare in the Carolinian forest area of Southern Ontario. I only know of two locations in Niagara and both stands exist in the vicinity of Brock University. There is a very visible row that lines the south side of the road into Brock, which is the extension of St. David's Road. The tree is not native to Canada; a few early pioneer settlers brought it into Canada. The tree only grows to 30 feet here, although slightly higher in the Southern USA. It is thought that the tree was first found in Oklahoma and Texas and named after the Osage Indians of that area. The Indians used the branches for bows, as the wood is very elastic and does not easily rot.



The trunk of the tree has lots of low branches, which have sharp inch long thorns at the base of the leaves. It is this feature that prompted the pioneers to grow these trees in rows in order to keep their animals confined to their fields. The branches being low and the thick bark prevented cows from destroying the trees by rubbing their backs on the trunk as with several other tree varieties. Planting a hedgerow of Osage Orange trees was very easy for settlers, as they grew quickly and shoots grow from the fallen fruit on their own.

There are male and female trees and this is needed to produce the fruit. (Not all of the trees will have fruit because Osage Orange are either male or female, and only the females will bear fruit).

Hot September Indian Summer Dinner

As the hottest most humid summer in recent memory draws to a close, what better time is there to experience the light foods of the French and Italian Riviera, accompanied by the Niagara region's finest wine? A cool iced gazpacho soup, followed by a light Moules Marinier is both flavorful and fitting for an Indian Summer evening.

Wines: Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay Gamay, Beaujolais, Muscat Reserve, Valpolicella, all light on Tannins

Recipes: Iced Gazpacho:

Ingredients:

2 Red Bell Peppers 1 cucumber
4 tbs olive oil 2 tbs sherry vinegar
salt & pepper
14 oz/400 grams large, juicy tomatoes, skinned, de-seeded and coarsely chopped

GARLIC Croutons

2 tbs olive oil 1 garlic clove, halved
2 slices bread, crust removed, cut into
1 1/2" x 5mm cubes sea salt

To Garnish

Diced green bell pepper Diced red bell pepper
Finely diced de-seeded cucumber
Chopped scallions Ice cubes

- 1) Cut the bell peppers in half, and remove the cores and seeds. Peel the cucumber and cut in half length wise, then cut into quarters. Remove the seeds with a tea spoon, then coarsely chop the flesh.
- 2) Put the bell pepper cucumber tomatoes, olive oil and vinegar into a food processor and process until smooth. Season with salt & pepper to taste. Transfer to a bowl, cover and chill for at least four hours.
- 3) Meanwhile, make the garlic croutons. Heat the oil in a skillet over medium high heat. Add the garlic and cook, for two minutes, to flavor the oil.
- 4) Remove & discard the garlic. Add the diced bread and cook until golden brown on all sides. Drain well on crumpled towels and sprinkle with sea salt. Store in an airtight container, if not using at once.
- 5) To serve, place each of the vegetable garnishes in a bowl for guests to add to their soup. Taste the soup and adjust the seasoning if necessary. Put ice cubes into soup bowls.

Moules Marinier e (Serves 4)

4 lbs 8 oz/2 kg live mussels 4 tbs olive
4-6 large garlic cloves, halved
1 1/4 cups dry white wine
1 lb 12 oz/800g canned chopped tomatoes

2 tbs finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, plus extra for garnishing
1 tbs finely chopped oregano
salt and pepper
French bread, to serve

- 1) Soak the mussels in a bowl of lightly salted water for 30 minutes. Rinse them under cold running water and lightly scrub to remove any salt from the shells. Using a small sharp knife remove the "beards" from the shells.
- 2) Discard any broken mussels or open mussels that do not close tightly when tapped with the handle of a knife. This indicates that they are dead, and could cause food poisoning if eaten. Rinse the mussels again, then set aside in a colander.
- 3) Heat the olive oil in a large pan or pot over medium high heat. Add the garlic and cook, stirring for about 3 minutes to flavor the oil. Using a slotted spoon, remove the garlic from the pan.
- 4) Add the tomatoes and their juice, the wine, parsley and oregano and bring to a boil, stirring. Lower the heat, cover, and simmer for 5 minutes to allow the flavors to blend.
- 5) Add the mussels, cover the pan, and simmer for 5-8 minutes, shaking the pan regularly, until the mussels open. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the mussels to serving bowls, discarding any that are not open.
- 6) Season the sauce with salt & pepper to taste. Ladle the sauce over the mussels, sprinkle with extra chopped parsley, and serve at once with plenty of French bread to mop up the delicious juices.

Recipes from Paulina Caramea

Deadline for posting of community events and advertising for the next issue is Sept. 23rd. Call Bruce (646-1264) or Ian (646-9305).

The Port Reporter will occasionally distribute brochures to help offset our costs. To submit requests for rates please call Bruce (646-1264)/Ian (646-9305).

The fruit looks like deformed orange or scrambled brains is a greenish orange in colour. The fruit is not edible. The fruit is quite hard until rotten, and smells like orange peel. It contains citronella, a natural insect repellent and settlers used them for that purpose. They were tucked into bedding areas to repel insects and they were used as moth repellent as well. They were gathered and dried to a hard 2 inch ball and used until the next crop in late fall.

As I mentioned, only a handful of these trees remain in Southern Ontario and the few that remain are a forgotten reminder of early nineteenth century farm life.

Bill Stevens

President

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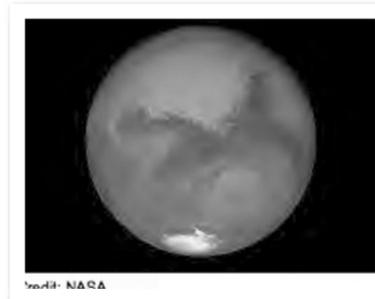
Will We See a Record

Approach - Mars Closest to Earth? Internet News

It is possible you've received an email which says that Mars will be closest to Earth in August in 50,000 years. Sorry, that was 2 years ago, you're reading a recycled email. This year's closest approach will be October 29, and although it will be spectacular, it is not a record breaker.

Those of us who simply enjoy looking up at the night sky are not the only ones interested in Mars' close approach. NASA is planning to launch the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) on August 10th, 2005. (Ed. Note - sent on its journey) It will take over 6 months for the orbiter to reach the Red Planet.

On Halloween night, 2005, will be the best view. It will rise at sunset and hang overhead through most of the night. So, grab a sky map and start watching the approach of Mars, then enjoy the big show on October 31.



Copy of an article in the Toronto Star, written by the Governor General of Canada

Posted: 2004.03.16

Source: The Toronto Star

Author: Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson

..... First and foremost, cities are communities comprised of citizens who live in the city in order to be with others. And they are looking to exercise their citizenship in deep and meaningful ways. This provides a useful litmus test for mayors, city councils, urban planners, artists, entrepreneurs and the like. Are we building liveable cities? Will the design of a particular development enhance or hinder the ability of people to engage in their city, and with each other? Is the delivery of a program combating a social problem, or compounding it? Are we building neighbourhoods that facilitate neighbourliness? Are the ways we plan for housing, schools, green space and transportation attracting citizens to stay, or encouraging them to flee?

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WHAT'S UP?

The Historical Society of St. Catharines

"St. Catharines Transit: People Moving People Since 1961"-Mark Dobell

Thursday, Sept. 22 - 7:30 p.m.

Burgoyne Room, St. Catharines Museum
(Welland Canal Centre - Lock 3)

Saturday, Oct. 15 & Sunday Oct. 16

Doors Open Niagara

www.doorsopenniagara.com

September 20, 21

Tastes of Port Dalhousie Restaurant Walking Tour

Tour seven of fine restaurants, each paired with a local winery, and enjoy a taste of their menu and a sample of wine. Tickets \$45 pp

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Have an event you would like published?

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Share a memory-drop us a line!

Henley Island Event - Community Spirit at its Best

The Henley Island Event on Friday, Aug. 19th was everything that was expected and...much more!

There was great food. Everyone was raving about just how good the food was. We even had a volunteer chef help cook the steaks. The salads and desserts were also out of this world and the volunteer bartenders were kept very busy.

The Silent Auction was an outstanding success and there were great values to be had. There was also a very special live auction for artist Andy Cienik's original caricature that was used in our latest SOS billboard and will be a collector's item. To top it all off, we had the DJ playing some special tunes and many enjoyed the dancing until quite late.

Despite all these great features, the most important component of this great evening was the friendship and community spirit. People kept remarking on how united our community was and how they enjoyed having so many new friends. We truly have the community spirit that has been alive in Port for so many years.

The Fundraising Committee did an amazing job. Thank you to everyone on the committee and everyone that helped make it such a great event. Thank you to all those individuals and businesses that donated goods and services for the auction. And...of course, thank you to the over 150 people from all over the City and the Region that joined us to have such a fun evening.

Many are already asking when the next fun event will happen. We will keep you informed.

Carlos Garcia and David Bergen

PROUD Port Dalhousie

INTERNET TRIVIA

- Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.
- A pack-a-day smoker will lose approximately 2 teeth every 10 yrs.
- People Do Not get sick from cold weather; it's from being indoors a lot more.
- When you sneeze, all bodily functions stop ... even your heart!
- Babies are born without knee caps They don't appear until they are 2-6 years old.
- The average person over fifty will have spent 5 years waiting in lines.
- Alfred Hitchcock didn't have a bellybutton.
- Only 7% of the population are lefties.
- The average housefly lives for one month.
- A coat hanger is 44 inches long (straightened).
- A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.
- The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

MORE CARICATURE BILLBOARDS - THEY ARE EVERYWHERE

In case you have not seen them, there are have been more billboards in the city with the Tower Caricature (in addition to the one at the entrance to Port). Locations have included:

1. **Scott Street, East of Lake Street (by the Esso Station).**
2. **100 Fourth Avenue and Louth Street.**
3. **Glendale Avenue, West of Merritt Street.**

The billboards show the original, must-see caricature by Port Dalhousie artist Andy Cienik intended to dramatize the detrimental impact of the proposed condo tower on the Heritage District. We will let you know about other locations as they go up.

Please let all your friends throughout the city know about these Billboards and let them know about the crucial Council Meeting scheduled for November 29th and 30th. The fate of Port Dalhousie is in each of our Councillors' hands.

This past winter many of you canvassed door to door to generate dialogue with Port residents. Your efforts confirmed the findings of last summer's quantitative survey: the vast majority of residents are alarmed by and opposed to the proposed development. Feedback from other areas of St. Catharines, and now from the vast majority of the over 700 (largely non-PROUD members) who attended the June 28th Public Meeting, confirms the same is true for the greater community.

PROUD Port Dalhousie has maintained that a development proposal that upholds the integrity of the Official Plan, the Port Dalhousie Secondary Plan, the Zoning By-Law and the Heritage District guidelines should be the standard for measuring the appropriateness of any future development.

PROUD Port Dalhousie volunteers encourage the community, in addition to expressing their desire for a 'better plan,' to let their Councillors know they should respect the wishes of the community.

54th Niagara Wine Festival Highlights

Friday, September 16th - Sunday, September 25th

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THINGS TO PONDER

- A day without sunshine is like, well, night
- Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

ICE - In Case of Emergency

A campaign encouraging people to enter an emergency contact number in their mobile phone's memory under the heading "ICE" (i.e. In Case of Emergency), has rapidly spread throughout the world as a particular consequence of the terrorist attacks in London.

Originally established as a nation-wide campaign in the UK, ICE allows paramedics or police to be able to contact a designated relative / next-of-kin in an emergency situation.

The idea is the brainchild of East Anglian Ambulance Service paramedic Bob Brotchie and was launched in May this year. Bob, 41, who has been a paramedic for 13 years, said: "I was reflecting on some of the calls I've attended at the roadside where I had to look through the mobile phone contacts struggling for information on a shocked or injured person.

Almost everyone carries a mobile phone now, and with ICE we'd know immediately who to contact and what number to ring. The person may even know of their medical history."

By adopting the ICE advice, your mobile will help the rescue services quickly contact a friend or relative - which could be vital in a life or death situation. It only takes a few seconds to do and it could easily help save your life. Simply select a new contact in your phone book, enter the word 'ICE' and the number of the person you wish to be contacted. For more than one contact or for different phone numbers, name ICE1, ICE2, ICE3 etc.

Please, will you share this with everybody in your address book? If you email, it won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this and it really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest.

NEWS: NON-PROUD MEMBERS**BY FAR THE MAJORITY AT****JUNE 28 PUBLIC MEETING**

As you know, the President of PDVC and the local pro-tower publication where PDVC advertises regularly, have claimed that PROUD members dominated the June 28th meeting and that most people there were from our community organization.

One of our volunteers obtained a copy of the sign-in sheets which are available to the public and checked the names. **HERE ARE THE FACTS:**

- 1 A total of 615 signed in of which only 115 or 25% were PROUD members. In other words 75% were NOT members.
2. Although our members did sign in, many people were seen entering without signing in and we estimate as many as 750-800 attended. The Standard estimated 700 were there. If we use the Standard's estimate that means 585 (700 minus 115) or 84% were non-members.

The developer and their small number of supporters want people to think only PROUD opposes them. The reality is the overwhelming majority of St. Catharines residents oppose their proposal.

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