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MARCH 21, 2006 - QUALITY INN, 7PM

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PROUD TO OPPOSE NEW PORT TOWER– LAUNCHES SOS PART 2

Same Proposal Repackaged. No Negotiation. Residents Want Appropriate Development

PROUD, the volunteer community organization, announced today the launch of its second Save Our Seaport (SOS) Campaign in two years to vigorously oppose a proposal by developer PDVC and save historic Port Dalhousie from inappropriate development. "We are extremely disappointed. The components, density and square footage have not changed from the previous tower proposal and, even though we really tried to work with them, the developers will not make any changes," stated PROUD President David Bergen. "The tower is shorter only because it has more condos per floor and they have added a 7 or 8-storey wing along Main Street. Overall design is more attractive but, it is still much too massive. Port will no longer be a village." Bergen added.

"It is not only the same proposal repackaged but, PDVC is asking for three types of Community Improvement Plan (CIP) financial relief to pay for all the community amenities they propose. They will use our City's money to pay for enhancements that make their development more attractive and...this will significantly delay tax benefits the project might have generated." added Treasurer Bruce Cordner.

"The chart below compares the two proposals. How different are they?" How naive do they think St. Catharines' residents are?" continued Cordner "and the figures are taken right from the Executive Summaries and Parking/Traffic Reviews in their two applications to the City."

Component	Old Tower Proposal	New Tower Proposal
Modern Tower in Low-Rise Heritage District	Yes	Yes
Highest Building in City of St. Catharines	Yes (328 feet)	Yes (207 feet)
Number of Condos	80 Condos	80 Condos
Number of Hotel Rooms	70 Rooms	70 Rooms
Theatre Capacity	415 Seats	415 Seats
Retail/Bar/Restaurant/Office Space	36,132 sq. feet	39,235 sq. feet
New Parking For Theatre or Commercial	None Provided	None Provided

PROUD fully supports appropriate development of Port's Commercial Core and has recommended to PDVC that they re-design their proposal to be low-rise as called for by the Planning Regulations and Heritage Guidelines. There is enough space to allow PDVC to include most, if not all, of their proposed condos in a low-rise building while reducing the size of the other components. The condos are the most profitable component so the profit potential would still be quite high and the low-rise project would not overwhelm the unique heritage district and have a lesser impact on the limited (continued on page 2)



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# Rowley Murphy, Marine Artist

## Rowley Murphy, Marine Artist

Contributed by Nancy Cameron, Historian

All his life, Rowley Murphy loved boats and the water. One of Canada's most respected marine artists and a noted war artist, he drew much of his early inspiration from the harbour scenes at Port Dalhousie where he spent his summers as a youth.

Rowley Murphy was born in Toronto in 1891 and, from the time he was very young, was taken to the waterfront by his father to watch the comings and goings of schooners and steamers. He had cousins in Port Dalhousie and during his youth he spent many of his summers here with them. From an early age he showed great talent in sketching harbour and canal scenes, and he sketched and painted many Great Lakes vessels of the early 1900s as they passed through Lock One of the Welland Canal at Port Dalhousie.

He was also an avid photographer, taking many shots of the harbour and the town, and also of his relatives here. A number of his sketchbooks have been preserved along with many of his photographs, providing a valuable source of images of Port Dalhousie in the early 1900s.

Murphy attended the Central Ontario School of Art and Industrial Design, and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. Afterwards he studied art in Europe, and then back home in Toronto became an illustrator for several magazines. In 1931 he became an instructor at the Ontario College of Art.

During World War II, Murphy joined the war effort and was commissioned by the Royal Canadian Navy as an officer on special assignment as a war artist; he was the Royal Canadian Navy's first official war artist. Part of his work was designing camouflage for ships, at least three of which were painted with his designs: HMCS Hamilton, HMCS Annapolis, and HMCS Assiniboine. Throughout his war service Murphy also sketched and painted many scenes of the Navy and Merchant Navy at war.

His war art was very detailed and done with great care, demonstrating his deep regard for the Navy and his enduring fascination with scenes of ships on the water. Murphy described what it was like to paint on board HMCS Saguenay, a World War II destroyer:

"A destroyer's decks have none of those workable spots for painting which are to be found in every freighter, though depth charges, containing 450 pounds of high explosives, frequently make fairly useful seats from which to sketch. The speed of a destroyer is often so great that the blast of air which tears past makes control of a canvas or board very difficult....The air is usually full of spray, which spreads watercolour washes most unexpectedly, and the vibrations from her powerful engines and propellers are frequently so great that putting line or brush strokes on paper or canvas is often an exciting gamble....Painting at sea in wartime becomes simply a matter of what wind, weather, the enemy and the ship herself make possible."

After the war, Murphy, now a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, returned to teaching at the Ontario College of Art and to his own paintings and sketches. He died on February 2, 1975 at the age of 83.

Today Rowley Murphy's art can be found in the Canadian War Museum. The Archives of Ontario holds a large collection (the Rowley Murphy Collection) of hundreds of his photographs and negatives, many of which are early scenes of Port Dalhousie (ca 1900-1920s). Also included in the collection are photos of ships and portraits of the Murphy family. How fortunate we are to have this invaluable historical record, created by an artist who spent his summer days by the water in Port Dalhousie almost a century ago.

To view some of the photos of Port Dalhousie in the Rowley Murphy Collection in the Archives of Ontario, go to [www.archives.gov.on.ca](http://www.archives.gov.on.ca), then to Search Collections, then to Visual Database and enter the keyword search term "Port Dalhousie."



Rowley Murphy as a young artist, ca 1910

### Questions from Kids

These have to be original and genuine – no adult is this creative.

JACK (age 3) was watching his Mom breast-feeding his new baby sister. After a while he asked: "Mom why have you got two? Is one for hot and one for cold milk?"

MELANIE (age 5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said, "If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six."

STEVEN (age 3) hugged and kissed his Mom goodnight. "I love you so much, that when you die I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window."

BRITTANY (age 4) had an earache and wanted a painkiller. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a childproof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: "How does it know it's me?"

DERIC (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: "How much do I cost?"

MARC (age 4) was engrossed in a young couple that were hugging and kissing in a restaurant. Without taking his eyes off them, he asked his dad: "Why is he whispering in her mouth?"

CLINTON (age 5) was in his bedroom looking worried. When his Mom asked what was troubling him, he replied, "I don't know what'll happen with this bed when I get married. How will my wife fit in?"

JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." Concerned, James asked: "What happened to the flea?"

TAMMY (age 4) was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather wrinkled woman her Mom knew. Tammy looked at her for awhile and then asked, "Why doesn't your skin fit your face?"

## PROUD TO OPPOSE NEW PORT TOWER (continued from page 1)

parking and traffic capacity. Unfortunately, despite claiming "everything is negotiable" PDVC has refused to make any changes to their new (old) tower proposal.

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 has been leading the struggle against proposals that we believe would forever alter Port Dalhousie's historic character. Our over 500 members continue to support appropriate development in the commercial core of Port Dalhousie, but they overwhelmingly oppose a tower and the massive scale of development proposed by the new PDVC application.

Please contact: Bruce Cordner, Treasurer or visit [www.saveport.ca](http://www.saveport.ca)

**MARCH 21st PUBLIC MEETING  
AT QUALITY INN, 327 ONTARIO STREET  
IF YOU CARE, BE THERE**

# WHAT'S UP?

**The Historical Society of St. Catharines**  
March 23-Alun Hughes: **Too Many Catha/erines-The Founding and Naming of the Garden City April 27 - "A Half Century of Bibliophile Pleasures"**  
Hannelore Headley, St.Catharines Antiquarian Book Seller  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
-Thurs., April 27th St. Catharines Museum  
Burgoyne Room 7:30 p.m.

Winter is an ideal time to support those shops who supported Proud Port Dalhousie through advertising in our paper. Eat at: The Spice of Life and don't forget to drop into the Scrap Shack and sip a cup of Maple Tea while shopping. Finish off your day with a brew at the Kilt & Clover.

## ST. CATHARINES

**Maple Syrup Days, Sundays from end of February through March, 2006**  
Daily during March Break from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. Guided tours, demonstration of first nations, pioneer and modern methods of tapping and producing maple syrup. Wagon rides, pancakes and maple products available. Contact the Conservation Authority at 905-788-3135 for information, e-mail npca@conservation-niagara.on.ca or visit www.conservation-niagara.on.ca.

## ST. CATHARINES ROWING CLUB EVENT

**CAPTAIN’S DINNER**  
**Saturday March 25 2006**  
**Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre**  
327 Ontario St., St. Catharines Ontario  
**Reception 5 pm – Dinner 6:30 pm**  
**Awards & Presentations to follow**  
The St. Catharines Rowing Club cordially invites all members and friends of rowing, athletes, coaches, volunteers, parents, supporters and past members to recognize our 2005 athletes, coaches and volunteers @ the 60th Annual Captain’s Dinner  
**Guest Speaker**  
**Jeff Bujas**, Canadian National Team  
Tickets are free to all 2005 Club athletes and coaches -- For all others, tickets may be purchased for \$40 each (tax included) Tickets available for pick up or purchase until March 20, 2006 from Regatta Sport - 50 Lakeport Rd. ( next to Tim Horton’s in Port Dalhousie) **No Telephone Orders Please!**

**St. Catharines Museum at Welland Canal Centre Lock 3 - February 11-April 9th, 2006**  
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## NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

March 5-31  
Annual Niagara-on-the-Lake Artists’ Show  
Niagara Pumphouse Visual Art Centre  
905-468-5455

## PELHAM

March Break Camps  
Pelham Arena Hall 9am-4pm  
905-892-2607 ext.32/12

## PORT COLBORNE

**PORT COLBORNE WAINFLEET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAYOR'S BREAKFAST**  
**Date(s):** March 23, 2006  
Doors Open at 7:30am  
Contact: Edith Wagner at (905) 834-9765 or email office@pcwchamber.com.

**The Roselawn Art Commitee Presents The 2006 Juried Amateur Photography Show**  
**Tickets: \$15**  
**Date(s):** March 27 - May 22, 2006  
Contest is open to amateur photographers from the Niagara Region 16 years and older.  
Questions-photoshow@sympatico.ca  
**Venue:** Roselawn Centre  
**Address:** 296 Fielden Avenue  
**City:** Port Colborne, Ontario, Canada

**PORT COLBORNE WAINFLEET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**BUSINESS AFTER 5:00**  
**Date:** March 29, 2006  
Venue: Precious Laplante Photography  
264 West St.  
Contact: Edith Wagner at (905) 834-9765 or email office@pcwchamber.com.

## THOROLD

March 9  
Ontario Genealogical Society-Niagara Branch  
Monthly Meeting - ‘Pioneer Land Surveying in Niagara’  
Thorold Public Library 27 Ormond St. N.  
905-934-1537

## WAINFLEET

March 9  
Philosopher’s Cafe-Wainfleet Public Library  
‘Suicide & Ethics’  
6:30 pm - meeting room  
Register at 905-899-1277

## WELLAND

March 13 - 15  
March Break Free Skates (sponsored by: Welland Projects Assoc.)  
Jack Ballantyne Memorial Arena (Youth)  
1-2:30pm 905-735-1700  
16 - 19  
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## NIAGARA FALLS

Babysitting and First Aid Course  
March 13-17  
St. John Ambulance Niagara Falls Branch  
Pre-Registration Required  
Suggested Ages: 10-16 Call 905-356-7340

**PORT DALHOUSIE/ST. CATHARINES**  
**INTERESTED IN PLAYING BASKETBALL?**  
**ALL AGES SEE PAGE 11**

## QUIZ to improve your knowledge of calcium.

Here is a simple quiz. Pick the correct answer.  
a). Calcium supplements help to build strong bones.  
b). Calcium supplements have no effect on bone strength.

You likely picked (a) as the correct answer. I know you have been told ad infinitum to drink milk every day, eat dairy products and even take calcium supplements. Many of you have been labeled with osteoporosis and you were probably told you could have prevented this from happening if you had consumed more calcium. Now you have been put on a drug. That’s the serious way to treat osteoporosis.

Guess what if you picked (a) as the correct answer you were WRONG. No way you say. Sorry, the correct answer is (b). How do I know the correct answer? Well it was reported on the entire major news networks the week of February 20, 2006 and in some newspapers. They reported that calcium supplementation and vitamin D do not improve bone strength. The news networks had been fed the latest research results on calcium and bone density. Did it register with any reporter that this was an extraordinary research finding which ran contrary to popular understanding about bones and calcium? That’s what the press release said, so that’s what we report. Who fed the networks that press release?

The actual research report detailed how a group of women were fed calcium pills and how a control group was given no calcium. The results of the study showed a 29% decrease in bone fractures in elderly women taking the calcium pills. Those who took the calcium also experienced significant increases in their bone density. Hey folks that sounds like calcium has a very positive effect on bone health.

So how did the news outlets come to put out their misleading version of the test results? You would not believe the slight of hand that takes place when some medical research results are released for public consumption. This is what happened to skew the results against the benefits of taking calcium. In essence they threw out the test control group. They lumped all those who did not take calcium pills during the study with those who did and averaged the combined results. So now you have a diluted result from which you can conclude that calcium has little or no effect on bone density.

I will leave it to your imagination as to why they would like you to believe such erroneous findings.

By the way there are other supplements that can really help calcium to build up bone density. To find that information, visit your local naturopath, and, if you did pick answer (a), your answer was the correct one.  
Geoff Szymanski, ND

People who do lots of work...make lots of mistakes

People who do less work... make less mistakes

People who do no work... make no mistakes

People who make no mistakes... get promoted

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To actively support the development and implementation of community-backed initiatives that help preserve and/or enhance Port Dalhousie's architectural, landscape and cultural heritage; and to support other community-backed initiatives that are consistent with heritage preservation.

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**Deadline for posting of community events and advertising for the next issue is March..27. Call Ian (646-9305) .**

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Our revamped Port Dalhousie Community Policing is looking for volunteers to help plan and initiate new, fresh and educational programmes for our community – ie. a bicycle rodeo for the youngsters, a summer kick-off pancake breakfast, safety programmes for seniors, and graffiti prevention is another concern. We need your ideas and your support in planning innovative programmes. We meet the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Lions Club on Main Street (please use rear door and proceed downstairs). **The next meeting is Tuesday, March 28th at 7 pm.**

Let's have a safe neighbourhood – we need everyone to help – so volunteer NOW.

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Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?



PROUD PORT DALHOUSIE ACTIVITIES & CORRESPONDENCE

NEXT PROUD PORT DALHOUSIE GENERAL MEETING  
Wednesday , March 15th, 2006  
St, Andrews United Church  
92 Main Street - Lower Hall

An important general meeting will be held for PPD members on Wednesday March 15th at 7:00 pm at St. Andrews United Church. This is the last meeting we will have before the City's Public Meeting on March 21st. We need our members to attend to plan for this event and to inform you regarding the City's process. Please make every effort to attend both the member's meeting and the City's Public Hearing on March 21st.

THE FACTS ABOUT PDVC's REQUEST FOR CIP FINANCIAL RELIEF

There have been a number of articles in the local media about the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and how it helps developers. In a letter included with their new tower application to the City, PDVC resubmits their request that their properties in the commercial core of Port Dalhousie be "placed within a Community Improvement Project area." Currently, only Downtown, the Queenston Neighbourhood and the Hartzel Road-Merritton areas are CIP areas. Here is what placing Port in a CIP area would mean and we quote from the same letter:

"The Grant Program would provide within a CIP area a grant available to equal 15% of the redevelopment costs to a maximum of \$15,000.00 per unit where there is the conversion of non-residential space to residential units, and the rehabilitation of poor quality of residential units, or for the construction of new residential units. The Grant Program will also provide grants available to equal 50% of the eligible costs to a maximum of \$15,000.00 to promote the improved or restoration of commercial façades.

The Financial Relief Programs provide a tax incentive finance program (Grant) to offset the disincentive of increased property taxes associated with property redevelopment. This program is based on the belief that it is better to receive a portion of an increased assessment rather than having no increased assessment. This program would allow a period of not more than 10 years of decreasing grants by the municipality.

The third aspect of the CIP program is the Municipal Development Cost Relief Program which offers relief from development costs that collectively can have a substantial impact on the financial viability of a redevelopment project. That would include the refunding of application fee for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, Part Lot Control applications, Plans of Condominium, Development Agreements and Site Plan Agreements, Demolition Permits and Building Permits. The objective of this program is to promote redevelopment projects. Regional Niagara has also initiated financial incentives related to community improvement programs.

PDVC would like to utilize the grant and incentive programs (TIF) offered to others throughout the City in the redevelopment of their property. However PDVC is not requesting the grants or tax incentive programs for their own means but rather, they are prepared to place those incentive grants in a trust fund, administered by the City, to be utilized for public works off-site. This would include improvements to the parking in Port Dalhousie, the upgrades to the Carousel building in Lakeside Park, the construction of a skating park within Lakeside Park, landscaping and other improvements in the general area in Port Dalhousie".

**BOTTOM LINE: They will use the tax money generated by the project for "community improvements" that will make their property more attractive. Why isn't the developer funding these improvements? The funds that are redirected toward CIP community improvements will not be available to the City to address their pressing needs.**

PROUD SUBMITS OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW ISSUE PAPER ON PRESERVING OUR CITY'S HERITAGE

February 9, 2006  
Mr. Paul Chapman  
Director, Planning Services  
City of St.Catharines

Dear Paul:  
This is further to our discussion regarding the upcoming OP Review late last year when we stated our intention to submit an Issue Paper.

As you know, our volunteer community organization was formed in 1999 to canvass Port residents regarding Heritage Designation. A large number of volunteers worked closely with Planning Services staff and Council to make that designation a reality in late 2003. Now that the OP will be reviewed, we want to ensure that any changes further strengthen provisions to protect, preserve and enhance our City's rich heritage --not only in Port but throughout the City.

Below is the Issue Paper developed by our volunteers.

Sincerely,  
PROUD Port Dalhousie  
A PROUD History as a Volunteer Community Organization

City of St. Catharines Official Plan Review –Work Program

Issue : The Protection and Enhancement of Our Built Heritage and Heritage Districts

In its official plan review, the city will consider how best to manage and accommodate future growth and development in order to plan in a comprehensive, constructive, and vital manner.

A number of significant issues to be addressed in the city's Official Plan Review are outlined briefly in the Official Plan Review Work Program. The document notes that most of the issues are interconnected and relate to the primary issue of growth management and the city's ability to accommodate future growth within a contained urban space.

Green Committee Update Report

March 8, 2006

We have had a positive response from the Niagara Region regarding our Tree Planting Program.

"In response to your letter of February 3, 2006, I am pleased to report that Regional Council has provided an allocation for a Tree Planting Program in 2006. Currently, staff are preparing the necessary contract documents and list of tree planting locations throughout the Region. We anticipate that we will be conducting both a spring and fall Tree Planting Program this year. We will certainly include Port Dalhousie in those plans.

As discussed with you, I forwarded your letter of February 20, 2006, in which you suggested several specific tree planting locations on Main Street in Port Dalhousie, to the Region's Forestry Supervisor for comment. We have not yet determined if there are additional conflicts with underground utilities that may still have an impact on the decision as to suitability for planting.

In summary, I am confident that we can work with your group to maximize the donation that you wish to make towards the Tree Planting Program and that we can mutually agree upon suitable planting locations. In addition, we will certainly include Main Street, in particular, in St. Catharines in general in our Tree Planting Program for 2006.

Ron Davidson, C.E.T.,C.R.S., Associate Director  
Transportation Operations."

Further details will be discussed to accomplish this task.

Lorraine Cordner, Chair  
Green Committee





**Royal Canadian Legion**  
The Port Dalhousie Legion Branch 350 needs your HELP!

**SOB**  
SAVE OUR BUILDING  
Our 164 year old building is in need of major structural repairs  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Donations may be made at the legion branch on Lakeport Road or by calling 905-934-1261 from 3 -11pm  
ALL DONATIONS WELCOME  
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**REMEMBER OUR VETERANS**

**BUY A BRICK**  
help the cause!  
\$10.00  
\$100.00  
\$250.00

## Royal Canadian Legion Branch 350 Launches Building Fund Campaign

The Port Dalhousie Branch 350 building has major structural faults in urgent need of repair.

J. Herbert Bentley, President, has initiated the campaign to "repair the structure, which needs professional attention now". The 164 year old building's back wall is slipping into the 12 Mile Creek, and will need steel piles pounded about sixty feet down to bedrock to support the structure. The foundation of the building itself is only about 4 feet deep. The original building was used as a repair shop and to build lock gates.

The Legion has received competitive quotations from three different construction companies, each recommending that the piles be installed to anchor the building to bedrock, and prevent catastrophic results. 12 Mile Creek actually runs under the building and is eroding the earth below it.

To pay for the major undertaking will require \$60,000.00, so the campaign will be selling symbolic bricks to those who wish to contribute. Bricks can be dedicated to family and friends. At the end of the campaign, a plaque listing all those who contributed will be erected inside the Legion Building.

Donations can be made at The Legion daily between 3 PM – 11 PM. For information call 905 934 1261.

### Hope you'll enjoy this.

Something absolutely positive for a change. I have repeatedly seen the breakdown of the cost of raising a child, but this is the first time I have seen the rewards listed this way. It's nice.

The government recently calculated the cost of raising a child from birth to 18 and came up with \$160,140 for a middle income family. Talk about sticker shock! That doesn't even touch college tuition.

But \$160,140 isn't so bad if you break it down. It translates into:

- \* \$8,896.66 a year,
- \* \$741.38 a month, or
- \* \$171.08 a week.
- \* That's a mere \$24.24 a day!
- \* Just over a dollar an hour.

Still, you might think the best financial advice is don't have children if you want to be "rich." Actually, it is just the opposite.

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- \* Endless wonder over rocks, ants, clouds, and warm cookies.
- \* A hand to hold, usually covered with jelly or chocolate.
- \* A partner for blowing bubbles, flying kites
- \* Someone to laugh yourself silly with, no matter what the boss said or how your stocks performed that day.

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- \* finger-paint,
- \* carve pumpkins,
- \* play hide-and-seek,
- \* catch lightning bugs, and
- \* never stop believing in Santa Claus.

You have an excuse to:

- \* keep reading the Adventures of Piglet and Pooh,
- \* watching Saturday morning cartoons,
- \* going to Disney movies, and
- \* wishing on stars.

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WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may lead you to think people are laughing WITH you.

WARNING: the crumsumpten of alcohol may Mack you tink you kan tpye reel gode

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Parking for New Port Development Far Short of What is Required

Several years ago I was a long time member on the former St Catharines Parking Advisory Committee. From my recollections our committee passed a ruling that the core business block for Port Dalhousie be exempt from the site-plan parking requirements to assist with the economic development of the **existing** specialized businesses on the block. A new and improved enlarged parking lot was created. It is currently servicing the existing businesses and the recreation facilities of this unique historical harbour location.

All new and existing commercial and residential developments in St.Catharines need to follow the parking site-plan guidelines including the rest of the properties in the Port Dalhousie Ward. The down town core of St.Catharines is exempt from the site-plan parking requirements.

I understand that the previous architect wanted to supply only 190 underground parking places for the previous controversial Port Dalhousie development. I checked with City Hall for the site-plan parking requirements. They are as follows:

One parking place for each hotel room; every 4 seats in a restaurant; every 4 seats in a theatre; for each 19 square meters (204 square feet) of commercial or retail area; and 1 3/4 parking places for each condominium unit. A more realistic number should be 2 1/4 for a luxurious condominium unit to allow for proper visitors parking.

According to my calculations from the information submitted to the public on the previous proposed development in the confined commercial block in Port Dalhousie with plans for a '400+ seat theatre', '700 licensed seats' of restaurants, 28 retail stores, the hotel and condominium complex and underground servicing, the developer needed to supply approximately 500 to 600 underground parking spaces in order to meet the required site-plan parking requirements.

Unfortunately, according to the new application it appears that the new architect has come up with the same volume of building structures. If this is the case this new proposal still requires 500 to 600 underground parking spaces to meet the proper requirements because there is not enough land at ground level. That requires quite a large hole to be dug in Good Old Port!

Why are these architects designing a complex with major residential units in the only small commercial area of Port when there are plenty of residences already nearby? Residential units require permanent parking spaces while commercial parking is considered to be transient!

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JAMES BOND QUIZ

These questions should start easy, and get harder.

- 1) In Dr. No, Ursula Andress was chosen to play Honey Rider because the producer had seen her wearing:  
a. Nothing!  
b. A wet T-Shirt  
c. A gold thong  
d. A pair of trousers and a bra.
- 2) The gunbarrel sequence of Dr. No, and the next two films, had who acting as 007?  
a. Sean Connery  
b. Albert R. Broccoli  
c. Bobby Simmons  
d. Bernard Lee
- 3) In Live and let die, part of Moore's contract was:  
a. Unlimited Cigars  
b. Unlimited Tea and coffee  
c. 50% of the money the movie makes.  
d. Unlimited money until production was over.
- 4) In OHMSS, Lazenby, Diana Rigg, and Telly Savalas play 007, Tracy and Blofeld. Who was originally meant to play the characters??  
a. Sean Connery, Maud Adams, Donald Pleasance.  
b. Sean Connery, Brigitte Bardot, David Niven  
c. Peter Sellers, Britt Ekland, Yul Brynner.
- 5) Richard Kiel could only wear the metal teeth for how long, due to the pain of the metal.  
a. 2 mins 35 secs  
b. 5 mins 01 secs  
c. 1hr 2mins 09 secs

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StatsCan Releases Study Indicating More Women Living Alone

More women living alone these days than ever before in Canada. Women are marrying less, divorcing more and are outliving their male partners, according to a Statistics Canada study released yesterday.

StatsCan released its findings as the world celebrates International Women's Day this month.

In 2001, more than 1.5 million women — 14 per cent of the total female population aged 15 and over — were living alone, more than double the total in 1971.

Seniors are by far the most likely women to live alone.

Approximately half of the women living alone were aged 65 and over.

Women can expect to live on average five years longer than their male counterparts.

Other findings released in the report:

**Divorce:** In 2003, the rate of divorce was 224 per 100,000 people. In 1968, there were 55 divorces per 100,000.

**Marriages:** In 2001, 48 per cent of women aged 15 and over were legally married. In 1981 56% were legally married.

**Partnerships:** While common-law unions have increased, the number of women living with partners decreased 2 per cent between 1981 and 2001.

**Workplace:** A majority of women continue to work in traditionally female occupations

**Health:** Heart disease and cancer accounted for over half of all female deaths in 2002. Lung cancer death rates are up.

**Education:** The number of women holding a university degree rose to 15 per cent in 2001, up from 3 per cent in 1971.

FAMILY

Three sisters ages 92, 94 and 96 live in a house together. One night the 96 year old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?" The 94 year old yells back, "I don't know. I'll come up and see." She starts up the stairs and pauses "Was I going up the stairs or down?" The 92 year old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood." She then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

MOVIE TRIVIA-OSCAR WINNERS

1. "Gone With The Wind" took Best Picture in 1939 against heavy competition that included...  
Stagecoach Wizard of Oz  
Both of the above
2. He was in his mid-seventies before he won his first Best Actor Oscar.  
Henry Fonda Charlton Heston  
Jimmy Stewart
3. She was the first Black woman to win an Oscar.  
Halle Berry Hattie McDaniel Della Reese
4. Although best known now as Obi Wan Kenobi, he won his Best Actor Oscar in 1957 for Bridge on the River Kwai.  
Sir John Gielgud Sir Alec Guinness  
Peter O'Toole
5. Amazingly, he never won a Best Director Oscar.  
John Ford Alfred Hitchcock  
David Lean
6. Which of these movies did NOT produce an Oscar for Katharine Hepburn.  
African Queen On Golden Pond  
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
7. Which of these movies did NOT produce an Oscar for Jack Nicholson.  
As Good As It Gets Prizzi's Honor  
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

8. These movies were all 1970 Best Picture nominees. Which was the winner?  
Love Story M.A.S.H. Patton

9. Which of these movies did NOT win Steven Spielberg a Best Director Oscar?  
E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial  
Schindler's List Saving Private Ryan

10. Which of these rock names has never won an Oscar.  
Beatles Elton John Rolling Stones

11. Oscar winning song "Take My Breath Away" is from what movie.  
An Officer and a Gentleman Top Gun  
Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves

12. Frank Capra was nominated 6 times for Best Director. Which of these did NOT star Jimmy Stewart.  
It's a Wonderful Life  
Mr. Deeds Goes to Town  
Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

13. Paul Newman has won two Honorary Oscars, but only one Best Actor. For which movie.  
Hud The Color of Money  
The Verdict

14. We really really liked Sally Field twice. Which of these is NOT a winner for her.  
Absence of Malice Norma Rae  
Places in the Heart

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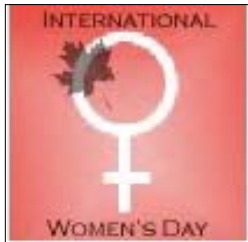
Life is:  
drawing –  
without an  
eraser



Rescuing Hug

This is a picture from an article called "The Rescuing Hug". The article details the first week of life of a set of twins. Apparently, each were in their respective incubators, and one was not expected to live. A hospital nurse fought against the hospital rules and placed the babies in one incubator. When they were placed together, the healthier of the two threw an arm over her sister in an endearing embrace. The smaller baby's heart rate stabilized and her temperature rose to normal.

Let us not forget to embrace those whom we love.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY  
March 8, 2006

Beyond Laws: The Right to Be Me

Did you know that March 8 is International Women's Day? Established in 1977 by the United Nations, this special day provides an opportunity to celebrate the progress made to advance equality for women and to assess the challenges that remain. This special day also provides an opportunity to consider steps to bring about equality for women in all their diversity.

Canadians will celebrate International Women's Week from Sunday, March 5, to Saturday, March 11, 2006, with the highlight being International Women's Day on March 8.

2006 marks the 25th anniversary of Canada's ratification of the most comprehensive international treaty on women's rights, the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Google I.W.D. 2006 for activities in this area.



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April 4 - Star of the Sea R.C. Church		12:00 Noon
April 11 - St. Andrews United Church		12:00 Noon

March 12: WomEnchant Chorus 10:30 Service Details on page 11  
Sunday April 2- 8:00 am Breakfast Corner/ Main St. - Mens' Breakfast



INFORMATION MEETING – PDVC PROPOSAL

The information meeting is the first of two meetings that will be held on the official plan, zoning by-law amendments and related applications filed by Port Dalhousie Vitalization Corporation for their properties in Port Dalhousie’s commercial core.The information meeting will be held on **Tuesday March 21, at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Quality Inn Convention Centre at 327 Ontario Street.** The meeting is organized and run by City staff. As the name suggests, the purpose is to exchange information. No decisions are made at this meeting.

The second meeting, the required public meeting held under the authority of the Planning Act, is before City Council. At that meeting all members of the public who wish to speak either in support of or in opposition to the applications. This meeting must be held before Council makes a decision on the applications. Based upon provincial regulation, the required public meeting must be advertised at least 30 days prior to the actual meeting.

The information meeting provides Planning staff with public input on the issues of concern, matters on which additional information may be required and areas that require further research. Planning staff have not yet determined a position on the applications. This meeting provides useful input to be considered as part of the report preparation process.

The information meeting will be chaired by the Director of Planning Services, Paul Chapman. After some brief comments on the purpose and how the meeting will be conducted, Mr. Chapman will ask Ms Judy Pihach, the Manager of Planning Services, to review the applications submitted. Her presentation will be about 10 minutes. Mr. Michael Kirkland, the project architect will then be asked to do a 10 minute presentation on the project. The meeting will then be open to questions. Questions will be directed by the Chair to either city staff or a member of the applicant’s consulting team. For the meeting to be effective, there must be respect for people presenting even when you don’t agree with their position. There will be two microphones on the floor from which to speak and I will alternate between microphones.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification of information presented rather than to make speeches either opposing or supporting the applications. A successful information meeting provides the public with information required to make informed comments on the proposed amendments, provides the applicant with information to consider any revisions to the application and provides staff with more input to be considered in preparing a recommendation for the required Council public meeting.

Paul Chapman  
Director of Planning Services  
City of St. Catharines

MARCH 21st PUBLIC MEETING  
AT QUALITY INN  
IF YOU CARE, BE THERE

**Hello Friends of Port Dalhousie Everywhere,**  
The challenge to ensure appropriate development in Port Dalhousie's commercial core has never been greater. We have a new high-rise tower proposal before the City which is virtually the same as the previous one in terms of components, density and square footage. It also includes a redesigned tower for the Heritage District that will still be the highest building in St. Catharines. **Yet, tower supporters are trying to convince the residents that they have made major compromises. They are even suggesting that they will now have public support at the Public Meeting: (PDVC Spokesperson) "...said he thinks the real test of public support will come at a public meeting March 21."** (St. Catharines Standard, March 7, 2006).

It is very interesting that public support all of a sudden matters to tower supporters. They rejected the views of the majority of the 750 people or so that showed up at the last such meeting at Club Roma and claimed PROUD dominated that meeting. When confronted with a professional survey that showed over three quarters of the City's voters opposed the previous tower proposal, one of our Port Dalhousie Ward Councillors, who supported that proposal (in spite of widespread opposition by her constituents), stated she would base her decision on: "...the (Planning) reports and (reading) all the information from all the experts....people haven't read the reports." (Standard, October 25, 2005). Those reports are, of course, being kept secret by Council and this particular Councillor voted in support of keeping them secret.

Despite all the posturing, we believe the residents of St. Catharines will take up the developers' challenge. These are the same residents who opposed the previous tower proposal and they need to understand that the new proposal is virtually the same as the one the vast majority rejected. The tower is not quite as high but it will still be the highest building in St. Catharines and will tend to overwhelm the commercial core of the village. The potential drawbacks of the withdrawn proposal are still there. **We, therefore, urge all concerned residents to attend the public meeting and ask the same unanswered questions they asked about the old proposal such as: How does a tower fit in with a heritage district? What about traffic and parking? How will emergency vehicles get in?**

We also urge all residents to behave in the same courteous manner as they did at the Club Roma meeting and respect the rights of those who may be there to support the new tower proposal. Civil expression of concern and opposition promotes civil dialogue from which we all benefit.

As agreed at our last meeting, we will hold one more General Meeting before the Public Meeting. We will have all the information on the Public Meeting and what is expected. **Also, there will be critical information on how everyone can help and participate. Please attend.**

By the way, if anyone needs a ride to the Quality Inn on March 21st, please call Mary at 905-934-2072. A volunteer will be glad to help.

See you on the 15th & 21st. Let's all support APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT for Port.

MARCH 21ST - IF YOU CARE, BE THERE

St. Catharines Public Library -Children’s Events  
Central Library and Port Dalhousie Branch  
March BreakWeek (www.stcatharines.library.on.ca)

TUESDAY, MARCH 14 (Tuesday)

11:00am - 12:00pm

**Cartooning with Bev Sneath (Ages 10-14 years)**

Learn how to develop characters with personality. Please register in advance.

Fee: \$6.00

Location: Central Library

11:00am - 12:00pm

**The World of Kevin Henkes (Ages 4-7 years)**

Explore the creative world of author Kevin Henkes through his books and be inspired to create your own "crafty" work of art. Please register in advance.

FREE.

Location: Central Library

2:00pm - 3:00pm

**The World of Kevin Henkes (Ages 4-7 years)**

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FREE.

Location: **Port Dalhousie Branch**

March 15, 2006 ( Wednesday )

11:00am - 12:00pm

**Brett's World of Magic (All Ages)**

Enter the magical world of magician Brett Mortensen.

Fee: \$2.00 (tickets required for everyone who attends the show)

Location: Central Library

2:00pm - 2:45pm

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11:00am - 12:00pm

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Location: Central Library

2:00pm - 3:00pm

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March 17, 2006 ( Friday )

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How many did you count? 3 ?

Count them 1 more time.....

ANSWER ON PAGE 11



CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE LION’S CENTRE

Hi Nancy (CAMERON)  
What do you or your organization know about the history of the Lion's Hall, at 206 Main Street in Port Dalhousie?  
Thanks,  
Byll

Hi Byll.  
According to the Port Dalhousie Heritage Resource Inventory, the Lion's Centre building was originally a canning factory built in 1913, operated by the Port Dalhousie Canning Company. Many Port Dalhousie residents worked there, as of course at one time Port was surrounded by farms and orchards. There may be people (seniors) still in Port and St. Catharines who worked there at one time, and some long-time residents would remember the place when it was a canning factory. Canadian Cannors Limited took over and operated there from 1925 until 1952, when the Lion's Club bought the building, and then renovated it. So it is a building with close ties to our agricultural heritage.  
You might find more information up at Special Collections at the downtown library as they maintain binders of historical info on city buildings, and also clipping files. I imagine also the museum has a number of historical photos of the place which you could access. You could give Arden Phair, the director, a call.  
It would be an interesting idea to track down some people who had worked there, and collect their stories.  
Anyway, hope this is helpful.  
Nancy

Nancy.  
Thanks for the history. Would this building be considered a historical building? The Lion's are going to have to do some repairs to the building. The upper brickwork is pulling forward and some of the concrete piers are disintegrating near the roof. The Lion's are considering replacing the roof by removing the entire second floor hall. If this is a heritage building perhaps their is some government funding for repairs available if it got a heritage designation. The other thought is that even if it wasn't "heritage" there may be enough people in Port that consider it "significant enough" to rally behind repairing it. Otherwise it is going to be a one-story, hip-roof building.

Thoughts?  
Byll Holtby

RESPONSE  
Hi Byll. Very sorry to hear that the Lions' Centre is ailing and in need to repair, especially as it is and has been such a significant building in Port. Since it is in the heritage inventory it is I think considered an historical building. I will refer this to the Port Dalhousie Heritage Advisory Committee.  
We had an PROUD executive meeting yesterday and I brought up the question of this building and its situation. PROUD is a community group and we would certainly like to help out. We will look into what grants may be available (I don't know much about that) and we can help out bringing the building's situation to the public's awareness, and maybe help out in other ways too. I will get back to you when I know more, and if you can provide any more information about the Lion's plans that would be helpful. Also I write the historical articles for our community paper The Port Reporter so perhaps an article about the history of the building would be a good idea, and I think it would be fun to do too.  
Nancy

(continued from page 6)  
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\* first word,  
\* first bra,  
\* first date, and  
\* first time behind the wheel.  
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Monday  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ... Bingo  
12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. . Quilting

Tuesday  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
... Crafts and Social Time  
Third Tuesday only - Luncheon

Wednesday  
Second Wed. 12:30 - Pot Luck  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. .... Euchre

Thursday: 1-4 pm Bingo

Saturday  
(1st Saturday of each month)  
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.... Euchre

Note: Foot clinic every 6th Thursday - - \$10.00  
Call for dates and time (646-8000)

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY 2006 EVENTS

March 4, 2006  
BRUNCH – 9:30 – 1:30 p.m.  
Quality Hotel, 327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines  
\$45.00 per person. Call today for tickets– 688-5550, ext. 3257  
Special Performance by The Reverend Mark Curtis "Canada's Singing Priest" (the proceeds are going to Women's Addiction Recovery Mediation (W.A.R.M.)

March 5, 2006  
BROADBAND performing – benefit for Women's Place, St. Catharines  
Black Sea Hall – 7:00 p.m. Be ready to HOWL! All Welcome. 905-988-9594

March 8, 2006  
Panel – Women's Personal Stories, "Living in Poverty" – 7:00 p.m. FREE EVENT  
Raffle, Information Display, Music, Refreshments  
St. Catharines Centennial Library – All Welcome –. Info. 905-934-7144  
Doors open – 6:30 p.m.

March 12, 2006  
WomEnchant Chorus, Laura Thomas conductor, at St. Andrews United Church taking part in service, March 12th at 10:30 a.m. Celebrate Sisterhood. All Welcome. Info. 905-934-7144.

MARCH 21ST  
IF YOU CARE  
BE THERE

QUALITY INN  
7:00 P.M.

Rich and Poor

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son,  
"How was the trip?"  
"It was great, Dad."  
"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.  
"Oh yeah," said the son.  
"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.  
The son answered: "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us. They have friends to protect them."  
The boy's father was speechless.  
Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."  
When we change the way we look at things, the things we look at change.



Tax-efficient Investing

Taxes are often the inevitable consequence of success. When your investments pay off, you usually have to pay out more taxes. Or do you? If some of your income comes from investments, there are tax-wise investing strategies you can use to successfully reduce your tax bite. Here are a few simple ways to structure a tax-efficient investment portfolio.

You can earn investment income in three ways – and each is taxed differently.

**1. Interest** - Fixed income investments such as money market mutual funds, bonds and bond funds, Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs) and term deposits pay interest. Interest income is fully taxable – if you are in a 40% tax bracket, 40 cents of every dollar of interest income will go to the government.

**2. Dividends** - Income from stocks or mutual funds that invest in stocks is taxed more favourably than interest income, because most dividends you receive from Canadian corporations qualify for a Dividend Tax Credit that can reduce your tax bite.

**3. Capital gains** - Capital gains get the biggest break, especially in the higher tax brackets. Only 50% of a capital gain is included in income for tax purposes.\* So if you realize a capital gain of \$100, only \$50 of it may be subject to tax. And you can offset taxable capital gains against allowable capital losses.

Key tax-saving tactics

**Invest in tax-sheltered registered plans.** Most Canadians won't find a better tax-deferral vehicle than a Retirement Savings Plan (RSP). Your contributions (within limits) are fully deductible from income and all earnings in the plan accumulate on a tax-deferred basis until you withdraw funds, or begin to receive a retirement income.

**Invest tax-intelligently.** The government limits total RSP contributions so most investors need a portfolio of non-registered investments to reach their savings goals. These are taxed at a rate that depends on the source of income. When you invest intelligently, you can benefit from tax deferrals by:

• **Buying and holding investments:** Taxes on capital gains are usually not payable until the gains are realized so you can defer or even reduce taxes by choosing to sell these investments when your marginal tax rate is lower.

• **Investing in tax-advantaged mutual funds:** This type of fund structure allows you to take a profit on a fund by moving assets freely among the structure's share classes while deferring capital gains.

**Split income.** By using a spousal RRSP to split income between a higher income earner and a lower income-earning spouse, the overall tax bite is reduced. There can also be tax-saving benefits to making a loan at the prescribed interest rate to a lower-earning spouse for investment purposes, transferring assets or money to a child in investments that appreciate in value, or establishing a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for each child.

**Split expenses.** If one spouse earns more, and is in a higher marginal tax bracket, that spouse should pay for daily living expenses while the lower income spouse invests more. That way, any income generated from those investments is taxed at lower rates than if the investments had been made by the higher earning spouse.

Use these and other tax reduction strategies to make your investment portfolio as tax-efficient as possible. A financial advisor can help make sure your tax bill is reduced through a tax plan that is a perfect fit to help you reach your overall goals.

*\*The recently elected Conservative minority government has indicated that it will propose amendments to allow capital gains tax on a sale of a capital property to be deferred if the proceeds are reinvested within six months of the sale. At this time no legislation has been introduced and it is unknown when these changes may take effect.*

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OSCAR WINNERS QUIZ ANSWERS (P. 8)

1. Both of the above

2. Henry Fonda

3. Hattie McDaniel

4. Sir Alec Guinness

5. Alfred Hitchcock

6. African Queen

7. Prizzi's Honor

8. Patton

9. E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial

10. Rolling Stones

11. Top Gun

12. Mr. Deeds Goes to Town

13. The Color of Money

14. Absence of Malice

ALZHEIMER'S TEST

ANSWER-see page 9

Still 3?

Wrong, there are 6 !!--no joke. Read it again.

The reasoning behind it is:

The brain cannot process "OF".

Incredible or what ?

Go back and look again!!

Anyone who counts all 6 "F's" on the first go is a genius

JAMES BOND QUIZ ANSWERS

(Quiz on Page 8)

1) b. A wet T-Shirt

2) c. Bobby Simmons

3):a. Unlimited Cigars

4) b. Sean Connery, Brigitte Bardot, David Niven

5) b. 5 mins 01 secs

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SUNDAY, MARCH 12

St. Andrews United Church, Port Dalhousie

WomEnchant Chorus

WomEnchant Chorus is a choir of women from a wide range of backgrounds with a common thread of desire to sing music that celebrates our lives.

Music Director/Conductor: Laura Thomas

Accompanist: Teresa Beninger.

The Chorus will be taking part in the regular Sunday Service.



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**1960 IN CANADA**

**Political Incumbents**

- Monarch - Queen Elizabeth II
- Governor General - Georges Vanier
- Prime Minister - John Diefenbaker
- Premier of Alberta - Ernest Manning
- Premier of British Columbia - W.A.C. Bennett
- Premier of Manitoba - Duff Roblin
- Premier of New Brunswick - Hugh John Flemming then Louis Robichaud
- Premier of Newfoundland - Joey Smallwood
- Premier of Nova Scotia - Robert Stanfield
- Premier of Ontario - Leslie Frost
- Premier of Prince Edward Island - Walter Shaw
- Premier of Quebec - Paul Sauvé then Antonio Barrette then Jean Lesage
- Premier of Saskatchewan - Tommy Douglas

**Canadian Events**

- Gordie Howe becomes the leading scorer in NHL history, passing Maurice Richard
- The new National Gallery of Canada building opens in Ottawa
- The Montreal Canadiens defeat the Toronto Maple Leafs to win their fifth Stanley Cup in a row
- Saskatchewan election: Tommy Douglas's Co-operative Commonwealth Federation wins a fifth consecutive majority
- Status Indians are given the right to vote
- The Canadian Bill of Rights is given royal assent
- York University's first class begins learning
- The University of Calgary is founded
- The National Theatre School opens in Montreal
- Quebec becomes the last province to agree to the National Health Act
- The Canadian Bill of Rights is approved by Parliament
- French beginning to be recognized as language taught in schools outside of Quebec
- L'Anse aux Meadows, evidence of Viking colonization of North America is discovered in Newfoundland
- Seven-year-old Roger Woodward became the first person to accidentally fall over the Horseshoe Falls and survive.
- BC Ferries start service between Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay.

**Notable Births:**

- Elaine Tanner, swimmer
- Karen Kain, dancer
- Larry Robinson, hockey player
- Marcel Dionne, hockey player
- Robert Joy, author
- Guy Lafleur, hockey player
- Ray Bourque, hockey player
- Prince Andrew, Duke of York
- Dale Hunter, hockey player
- Roma Downey, N. Irish actress
- David James Elliott, actor
- Howie Long, football player
- Roger Taylor, English musician (Duran Duran)
- Bono, Irish singer (U2)
- John Elway, football player
- David Duchovny, actor
- Antonio Banderas, actor
- Sean Penn, actor
- Hugh Grant, actor
- Colin Firth, actor
- Joe Carter, baseball player
- Jim Kelly, football player
- James Spader, actor
- John F. Kennedy Jr., lawyer
- Amy Grant, musician

**World Events**

- Aswan High Dam construction begins in Egypt
- Reproductive rights: The Food and Drug Administration approves sale of the birth control pill
- In Greensboro, N.C., four black students from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College begin a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter. Although they are refused service, they are allowed to stay at the counter. The event triggers many similar nonviolent protests throughout the South, and six months later the original four protesters are served lunch at the same counter.
- Sammy Davis, Jr. marries Swedish actress May Britt. Interracial marriage is still illegal in 31 US states out of 50.
- 1960 Winter Olympics open in Squaw Valley, California.
- Elvis Presley returns home from Germany after being away on duty for 2 years
- Vietnam War: The United States announces that 3,500 American soldiers are going to be sent to Vietnam
- Arthur Leonard Schawlow & Charles Hard Townes receive the first patent for a laser.
- The United States launches the first weather satellite, TIROS-1
- First three female priests ordained in Sweden
- USA launches navigation satellite Transat I-b
- Sri Lanka (then Ceylon) elects Sirimavo Bandaranaike Prime Minister, the world's first female head of government.
- Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela form OPEC
- Production of the De Soto automobile brand ceases
- A Federal Court ruling that Louisiana's anti-integration laws were unconstitutional was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Cuban Revolution: In response to a United States embargo, Cuba nationalizes American and foreign-owned property in the nation.
- Soviet missile shoots down US U2 spy plane; the pilot Gary Powers is captured
- Cyprus gains its independence from the United Kingdom.

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