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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2010



From Royal Canadian Legion Website

*They Shall Grow Not Old As We
That Are Left Grow Old:
Age Shall Not Weary Them Nor
The Years Condemn.
At The Going Down Of The Sun
And In The Morning,
We Will Remember Them.*



FLOWER OF REMEMBRANCE:
SYMBOL OF UNITY

On November 11th Canadians all across the country will stop and pay tribute to the men and women killed in Canada's wars and military operations. Some will remember friends and relatives long dead. Others - like yourselves perhaps - will pause in tribute (but will really have nothing to remember).

For millions of Canadians the poppy has long been the flower of Remembrance. It originally was a reminder of the blood-red flower which grew in the fields where many Canadians died in a place called Flanders. It remains the flower of Remembrance.

In schoolrooms across Canada for a number of years students have discussed Remembrance; recognizing the sacrifices which others made for Canada but unsure of how they themselves could respond. Today, there is an answer. It was always there only now it can be seen much more clearly. It has to do with unity.

Canadian unity is not as strong today as it once was. When men from all parts of Canada came to a place called Vimy Ridge in 1917 everybody said that it was impossible to take the Ridge from the enemy. In a very important battle on a very cold day the Canadians did what nobody thought was possible. They took Vimy Ridge. When the guns stopped, the Canadians were very happy. Not so much for the victory itself but for the difficult thing they had done together. They were proud to be Canadians. Some of them who were wounded and waiting to be shipped to hospital lay on stretchers in tunnels in the earth. They carved maple leaves on the wall. It was a good time to be a Canadian.

In another war when the guns stopped at a place called Dieppe, the Canadians suffered a terrible defeat. This time Canadians from East and West shared a defeat. And as the wounded, ragged soldiers were marched away to prison camps, they marched proudly, knowing that they had shared something difficult. It was a sad time to be a Canadian. Thousands of young men from all parts of Canada faced death together at Dieppe. You can see their graves and read their names on the stones. The stones speak eloquently of ethnic and religious origins. They speak of men with a common cause: Canada.

In Canadian schoolrooms today there are students whose parents, or even themselves, remember other wars. Some remember the terrible ordeal of escaping to freedom. To them the poppy can be a symbol of that freedom. But it is important for all of us to remember that unity of Canadians in wartime enables all of us to enjoy freedom. Although Canada now has repatriated her constitution, the spirit of a common cause is lacking. We no longer share difficult things with a sense of unity. The poppy, then, is a reminder of the need: a challenge to each of us to seek out that spirit of unity which sustained our forefathers and our country.

http://www.legion.ca/asp/docs/rempoppy/allabout_e.asp



Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae
www.legion.ca/Poppy/campaign_e.cfm

Lieutenant-Colonel McCrae was born on 30 November 1872 in Guelph, Ontario. At age 14, he joined the Highfield Cadet Corps and, three years later, enlisted in the Militia field battery. While attending the University of Toronto Medical School, he was a member of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

With Britain declaring war on Germany on 4 August 1914, Canada's involvement was automatic. John McCrae was among the first wave of Canadians who enlisted to serve and he was appointed as brigade surgeon to the First Brigade of the Canadian Forces Artillery.

In April 1915, John McCrae was stationed near Ypres, Belgium, the area traditionally called Flanders. It was there, during the Second Battle of Ypres, that some of the fiercest fighting of the First World War occurred. Working from a dressing station on the banks of the Yser Canal, dressing hundreds of wounded soldiers from wave after wave of relentless enemy attack, he observed how "we are weary in body and wearier in mind. The general impression in my mind is of a nightmare."

In May, 1915, on the day following the death of fellow soldier Lt Alexis Helmer of Ottawa, John McCrae wrote his now famous work, an expression of his anguish over the loss of his friend and a reflection of his surroundings – wild Poppies growing amid simple wooden crosses marking makeshift graves. These 15 lines, written in 20 minutes, captured an exact description of the sights and sounds of the area around him.

Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae left Ypres with these memorable few lines scrawled on a scrap of paper. His words were a poem which started, "In Flanders fields the poppies blow..." Little did he know then that these 15 lines would become enshrined in the innermost thoughts and hearts of all soldiers who hear them. Through his words, the scarlet Poppy quickly became the symbol for soldiers who died in battle.

The poem was first published on 8 December 1915 in England, appearing in "Punch" magazine.

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

John McCrae

Merchant Navy

www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/remembrance.asp

At the outbreak of World War II, there were only 37 Canadian vessels registered for foreign voyages. Nearly half of that number was lost to enemy attacks. Approximately 1,400 Canadian seamen served on those original ships.

A 1941 Order in Council called for the establishment of Merchant Seaman Manning Pools.

Eventually, Canada had the largest merchant fleet in the history of the Dominions with approximately 180 oceangoing cargo vessels and some 14,000 skilled seamen, at all ranks.

175 Canadian Seamen died by enemy action in World War I

1,146 Canadian Seamen died by enemy action in World War II

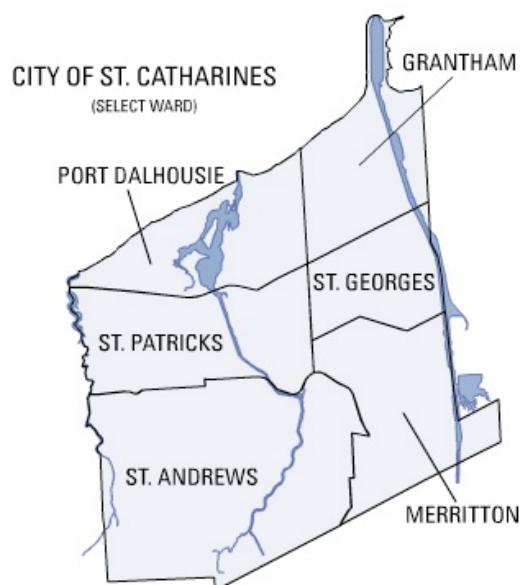
Canada, like several other Commonwealth nations, created its own Merchant Navy in a large-scale effort during World War II. Within hours of Canada's declaration of war on September 10, 1939, the Canadian government passed laws to create the Canadian Merchant Navy setting out rules and controls to provide a workforce for wartime shipping.... The Canadian Merchant Navy played a major role in the Battle of the Atlantic bolstering the allies merchant fleet due to high losses in the British Merchant Navy. Eventually thousands of Canadians served aboard hundreds of Canadian Merchant Navy ships, notably the "Park Ships", the Canadian equivalent of the American "Liberty Ships".

Considered a fourth branch of the Canadian military, after the Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Navy, and the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Canadian Merchant Navy suffered the highest casualty rate of the four services.

After the war, Canadian Merchant Navy veterans were denied veterans benefits and official recognition for decades. This was not corrected until the 1990s and many individual cases remain unresolved. Similar to the CMM Veterans status, World War II United States Merchant Marine Veterans were also denied veterans benefits and status until 1988.

(en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian_Merchant_Navy)

ELECTION BASICS



www.stcatharines.ca/en/governin/ElectionFAQs.asp

When are the 2010 municipal elections?

Election Day is Monday, Oct. 25, 2010.

Who can vote in municipal elections?

On Monday, Oct. 25, 2010 you must be:

- * A Canadian citizen (landed immigrants and British subjects are not qualified electors)
- * 18 years of age on Oct. 25, 2010
- * Either a resident of the City of St. Catharines or you or your spouse or same-sex partner are a non-resident owner or tenant of property in the municipality

When and where do I vote?

You will receive a voter identification notice by mail in late September / early October if your name is on the voters list. This notice will tell you where you vote for advance polling and on Election Day. If any person's name is not on the voters list, or his or her name is on the list incorrectly, contact the City Clerk's Office at 905.688.5601, ext. 1507 for the appropriate form to have his or her name added or corrected.

What offices will the city's electors be voting for?

The city's eligible electors will be voting for the following offices:

- * Mayor (one to be elected at large within the City)
- * City Councillors (12 to be elected), two from each of the six municipal wards
- * Regional Councillors (six to be elected at large within the City)
- * School board trustees to be elected are determined by the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

How do I learn about which candidate to vote for?

If you have access to the internet, google city of St. Catharines to find the city's website. Click on "Elections 2010" and then "Meet the Candidates." Select the office you want to learn about-e.g. Ward 1 Merriton. Each candidate is listed and click on each one to learn more about them.

If you do not have access to the internet, then read the literature drops by the candidates, answer the door when they come canvassing and or attend any of the candidates nights. If you are not satisfied that you have enough information, only vote for the ones you feel represent your views and leave the others blank.

NO KIDS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS? WHY VOTE? BEWARE OF THE ONCOMING TRAIN! POTENTIAL BIG IMPACT ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD: CLOSED ELE- MENTARY SCHOOLS AND POTENTIAL SELL OFF OF OPEN SPACE

In May 2010, The District School Board for Niagara received a report from the Watson & Associates (previously contracted by the Board). That report indicated that "the trend of declining enrolment will continue to affect the Board over the next 15 years. Elementary enrolment is expected to drop by nearly 13% over that time frame, secondary enrolment will fall by 28%"..... The report also proposed strategies to reduce the surplus spaces that results from declining enrolment. My experience with the Watson Group in the GTA is that their recommendations are likely the sharing of the staff thinking on how to cope with such decline. The bottom line for St. Catharines seems to be the potential closing of several elementary schools and a few secondary schools, some transfers of grades seven & eight students to high schools (consolidation) over the next decade. School closures often lead to the sale of such properties. Closure and sale are strategies looked favourably upon by the Province. Currently the Board has requested a comprehensive review and analysis of the findings and strategies outlined in the report by staff and that recommendations be brought forward to the Board until January 2011 at the earliest. (past the election).

All members of the St. Catharines community need to ask candidates whether or not their local school has been recommended by Watson & Associates for closure/consolidation and/or program changes and what is their position on these proposed changes.

For Parents

Candidates for election will need to hear from parents regarding their positions on grade 7 & 8 students in high school environments and the potential closure of the elementary school with busing of students to other schools, if applicable. If you are very satisfied with your children's education and the direction of the current school board, be sure to vote for incumbents. If you see the need for change, make sure you know the positions of the candidates seeking election. Unless you do so, your position on these matters may not be followed.

For Residents Whose Tax Support Goes to Public Schools but do not have children in school

Candidates will need to hear your views on potential closures and possible sales if applicable. Ask the candidates their position on this matter and **vote** for those whose views are in line with your thinking. You need to vote to have your views represented.

In Port Dalhousie, Gracefield School seems to be in danger of closing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Assault on Democracy

(Response to a letter to the editor in the Standard)

Re: End of the ward system

Steve Cook's simplistic view of reforming regional government ignores the considerable cost to democracy of such a move. Citizens have a fundamental right to control the type of communities they want to live in. At-large candidates have little connection to local communities and require a lot more money to run their campaigns, which can then be easily manipulated by special interests with money to spend. In the 2003 campaign, for example, upon reviewing the sources of campaign funding of then-mayor Tim Rigby, one would have thought he was running for the mayor of Toronto rather than St. Catharines (and he won by less than 100 votes). I am in favour of reform and slimming down the current system (perhaps one councillor per ward or doing double duty), but please don't destroy the ward system-it is one of the few reasons left to go out and vote.

The end result of Cook's logic would be to run everything out of Toronto and we can all stay home.

Hank Beekhuis
St. Catharines

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PORT PAGE

Letters

To: Port Reporter Editor

Recently I sent the following to theStandard in response to request for information. Since responses often get cut short due to space limitations, I am forwarding that response to your paper with the hope that you will have enough space.

Port Place is certainly still an issue in this election. As I have been out canvassing and listening to Port Dalhousie Ward residents the vast majority I speak with continue to be opposed and concerned about the height of the tower, parking issues, increased traffic and accessibility. I support economic development and the need for viable new business in the Port commercial core, but continue to oppose the proposal because it is contrary to applicable planning regulations. A condo tower belongs in our downtown to promote intensification efforts, not in Port Dalhousie. It will permanently change our canal village charm and, most importantly, it is still an issue because so many of our residents oppose it.

With that being said, if elected as City Councillor I will respect the OMB decision and push for us to move forward as a community. We must make sure that if the project goes ahead as planned that all public space aspects are built as approved, and the conditions imposed by the City to protect our residents are adhered to. Much has been made about Port Dalhousie being a divided community, but as I walk door to door this has not been the case. Residents are united around their support for culture and heritage preservation. And they understand a balance always needs to be struck between preserving the past and changing for the future. All residents have a right to be listened to by their city councillors, and to have their opinions heard.

But this is definitely not the only important ward-specific issue facing Port Dalhousie. The economy and job creation, especially opportunities for our young people, and taxpayer affordability are very important issues to residents. Also, given our aging population I have met a number of seniors in my ward who are

concerned about public transportation and accessibility. They want to maintain their independence as they age, and live long, healthy lives. Our seniors should be viewed as a community asset, and we must make every effort to engage this demographic in finding community-based solutions to their aging concerns.

The Port Dalhousie Ward is a united community, and our diversity (in terms of age, background, culture and opinion) is our greatest strength.

Marty Mako
Port Dalhousie Ward City Council Candidate

PORT DALHOUSIE LAWN BOWLING CLUB CELEBRATED ITS 85TH ANNIVERSARY

The Port Dalhousie Lawn Bowling Club celebrated its 85th Anniversary at the Lawn Bowling Club House. The party was enjoyed by all.

REMEMBER:

If you are looking for something to do next year-

- . think fresh air
- . think exercise
- . think fun
- . think about learning how to lawn bowl
- . think meeting your neighbours on the green

Francis Joseph DIXON an Olympic Gold Medalist
was Born in Port Dalhousie
by Bill Stevens

In 1908 Frank J. DIXON won an Olympic Gold Medal in Lacrosse and was the only St. Catharines person to win one until 1984 when Kevin Neufeld won an Olympic Gold Medal in Rowing.

According to his Ontario Birth Registration, Francis Joseph DIXON was born April 1, 1878 in Port Dalhousie, Ontario. In the 1879 and 1881-82 Port Dalhousie Directories, the family lived on Ontario Street. The 1881 Census records also show the family living in Port Dalhousie. By the 1891 census the family is residing in St. Paul's Ward of St. Catharines. His father Anthony was born in 1840 in Ireland and died August 1, 1891. His mother Johanna (nee LYNCH) was born December 13, 1845 in Ireland and died December 31, 1919. Frank had a brother John who was born in 1880 in St.

Catharines and died August 19, 1943. The family was Roman Catholic in faith.

Frank married Miss. Kathleen (Catharine) MCCARTHY on November 28, 1905 at 144 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines. They had the following children:
* son Edward - born June 16, 1907 in St. Catharines
* daughter Helen - born in August 1908 in St. Catharines
* son Francis - born September 1910 in St. Catharines

Both the 1911 Census and St. Catharines City Directory list Frank as living at 15 William Street and being a saw maker (at R.H. Smith Company according to the directory). Frank was well known in the area and for many years he operated a tobacco shop and billiard room on St. Paul Street.

Frank died at the age of 54 years, 7 months and 28 days on Tuesday evening November 29, 1932 in Grantham Township as a result of a car accident. The St. Catharines Standard newspaper ran a lengthy article on the accident explaining that the automobile that he was a passenger in was heading westerly (continued on Page 9)



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Deadline for posting of community events and advertising for the next issue is Dec. .20. Call Ted at 935-1168.

The Port Reporter will occasionally distribute brochures to help offset our costs. To submit requests for rates-please call Bruce (646-1264) or Ted (935-1168).



J.A Shearer Lawn Bowling Tournament Winners: Mrs. Hainer presents trophy to Malcolm Maynard (skip), Kathy Maynard (Vice) and Neville Robson (Lead). The winners were from the Glenridge Lawn bowling Club. The tournament was sponsored by Hainers Automotive & Discount Tire. Mrs. Hainer is the daughter of J.A. Shearer. The tournament was held at the historic Port Dalhousie Lawn Bowling Club on Sept. 25th.

ELECTION CROSSROADS: SPECIAL INTERESTS VERSUS BALANCED COMMUNITY INTERESTS

The October 25th election in this city will see a struggle between special interests and local community interests. One has only to look at the sign warfare to notice that certain candidates seem to be extremely well-funded (see photos). The Rigby era in our city in the late 90's and early 2000's saw catering and support for specific special interests. You, the voter, must decide whether you think the city benefited from that approach and whether we should return to that style of governance and whether or not the "trickle down" effect of catering to these special interests will lead to a resurgence of our city. If you believe that it will, there is a list of candidates who seem to be in the "Rigby camp" listed below for your consideration.

On the other hand, if you believe that such support may ultimately lead to catering to the self interest of a few over the wishes of the larger community, then you may wish to consider the Balanced Perspective candidates.

PORT PERSPECTIVE

The tower developers appear to want no limits to further development in Port. They own the current Lions Tavern and the former bank building beside it. These buildings were earlier identified for new construction and it is not likely that they will let that property sit idle for long. The names Stack (city council), Caslin and Petrowski (this last person is on the record at the OMB Hearing for trying to adversely affect the employment of someone opposing the tower. He also admitted to vandalizing parking signs) are found again and again, grouped together on properties owned or controlled by the pro-tower community. Take a drive around Port and you will see this clearly. (see photos opposite)

It is interesting to recall that in the last municipal election, of the seven members of the Rigby city council that voted to approve the proposed tower development, six were not returned to office. To many it was obvious, no matter how the Standard tried to position it, that the voters of this city voiced their strong disapproval of that pro-tower vote by city council in clear and unmistakable terms.

This program of pro-tower support for Stack for city council and Caslin and Petrowski as well as Rigby and Timms at the regional level appears to be an attempt to create councils, city and regional, that would be more sympathetic to further Port development and maybe more tower proposals. So, if you as a voter, are also in favour of these developers goals, remember those names when it comes to marking your "X" on the ballot.

Rigby Camp Candidates: City

Peter Secord Ward 3
Mark Elliot Ward 4
Brian Dorsey Ward 5
Len Stack Ward 6

Rigby Camp Candidates:Region

Bruce Timms
Alan Caslin
Andrew Petrowski
Tim Rigby

If you do not want to see waterfront development intensified and want beach access to remain unrestricted, you might consider, as mentioned above, the Balanced Perspective candidates listed below. They are committed to a more balanced perspective for the voters, balancing the need for appropriate development, taking into consideration the perspective of the community.

Balanced Perspective Candidates: City

Jennie Stevens Ward 1	Laura Ip Ward 3
Greg Washuta Ward 3	John Bacher Ward 4
Dawn Dodge Ward 5	Bill Phillips Ward 5
Bruce Williamson Ward 6	Marty Mako Ward 6

Balanced Perspective Candidates: Region

Carlos Garcia
Brian Heit
Norm St. George



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ON OCTOBER 25, 2010

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DODGE**

E-mail: dodge4grantham@gmail.com

THE CANDIDATES

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

One to be elected. Candidates are listed alphabetically by last name
John W. Beam Alexander Davidoff
David D'Intino Terry LeBlanc
Brian McMullan (incumbent)

CANDIDATES FOR WARD 1 MERRITTON COUNCILLOR

Two to be elected. Candidates are listed alphabetically by last name
Cameron M. Alderdice Jeff Burch
David A. Haywood Garry A. Robbins
Sam Sacco Jennifer (Jennie) Stevens

CANDIDATES FOR WARD 2 ST. ANDREW'S COUNCILLOR

Two to be elected. Candidates are listed alphabetically by last name
Matthew Harris Joseph Kushner
Sean J. Polden Patti Radick

CANDIDATES FOR WARD 3 ST. GEORGE'S COUNCILLOR

Two to be elected. Candidates are listed alphabetically by last name
Laura Ip Dale Millar
Peter Secord Greg Washuta

CANDIDATES FOR WARD 4 ST. PATRICK'S COUNCILLOR

Two to be elected. Candidates are listed alphabetically by last name
John Bacher Scott Duff
Mark Elliott Robert George
Mathew Siscoe

CANDIDATES FOR WARD 5 GRANTHAM COUNCILLOR

Two to be elected. Candidates are listed alphabetically by last name
James (Jim) Black Dawn Dodge
Brian Dorsey Bill Phillips
Salvatore Sorrento Alan Ziemianin

CANDIDATES FOR WARD 6 PORT DALHOUSIE COUNCILLOR

Two to be elected. Candidates are listed alphabetically
Kelly George Marty Mako
Todd Andrew Melville Richard Naldjieff
Len Stack Bruce Williamson

Candidates for regional councilor.

Six to be elected. Candidates are listed alphabetically by last name
Mark Belchior Alan Caslin
Chris Clarke Michael Coakley
Kelly Edgar Tom Ferguson
Carlos Garcia M. Graham
Brian Heit Ronna Katzman
Patricia Lindal Ted Mouradian
Michael O'Leary Phil Porter
Andrew Petrowski Jon Radick
Tim Rigby Norm St. George
Bruce Timms

Candidates for English Language Public District School Board Trustees

Four to be elected. Candidates are listed alphabetically by last name
Kristine Akilie Alex Bradnam
Lora Campbell Lynn D. Campbell
Dalton Clark Linda Crouch
Henry Durksen Jonathan Fast
Don MacDougall Elaine Manocha
Paolo Miele John A. Pula
Barry Wilding

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SPECIAL EVENT: CHANGE OF HEART

*One of the Best Silent Auctions in the Region
World AIDS Day Observance & Benefit Concert*

Monday Nov. 29th. 2010

Location: St. Andrews United Church, Port Dalhousie

WomEnchant Chorus 7:00 P.m.

Silent Auction & Labyrinth 6:30 p.m.

Bake Sale & Refreshments

*All proceeds go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation,
working to turn the tide of HIV/AIDS by providing
support to more than 300 projects in 15 countries
throughout sub-Saharan Africa.*

BRUCE
WILLIAMSON



ON YOUR SIDE

MARTY MAKO



As your Port Dalhousie Ward city councillor I would:

- * always listen, and be responsive to, the concerns of residents
- * show respect for the many cultural, heritage and natural resources in our community
- * ensure that we live within our means and use taxpayer dollars in a responsible and sustainable manner
- * bring a positive, forward thinking, visionary voice to council

Let's celebrate our past while building for the future.
Let's Move Forward Together.

ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVANCY OF ONTARIO
(ACO) CONTINUING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR
HARBOUR LOCK

PLEDGE FORM

HELP PRESERVE THE HARBOUR LOCK

YES! I would like to help this cause with my donation.

NOTE: Donations are tax-deductible and an income tax receipt will be issued.

☐ A donation in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed as a cheque made payable to ACO-St. Catharines.

Reference: Harbour Lock Heritage Fund

☐ Credit card donation in the amount of \$_____ will be charged to my ☐ VISA ☐ Master Card.

Name on card: _____ Card Number: _____ Expiry Date of Card: _____

☐ I pledge \$_____ a month for _____ months totalling \$_____.

Enclosed are _____ post dated cheques for \$_____ each or charge my credit card as above \$_____ per month.

Name (please print): _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Signature: _____

☐ I would like to volunteer my help with the Help Preserve the Harbour Lock Campaign. Please contact me.

Mail this Completed Pledge Form, including your donation to: ACO - St. Catharines c/o Mr. Ken Mackenzie, President, Box 28049, 600 Ontario St., St. Catharines L2N 7P8.



The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO), founded in 1933, is a registered charity committed to the preservation of buildings and structures of architectural merit and places of natural beauty. The ACO assists communities in efforts to protect their heritage endowments.

The St. Catharines Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) took up Councillor Williamson's challenge and has gone a major step further. ACO-St. Catharines will not only provide interpretive input but, has launched a campaign to raise funds to support the City's efforts to preserve the Harbour Lock and delineate the path of the First Canal.

**Candidates English Language Catholic District School Board
Trustee ward 1**

Two to be elected for all wards.

Candidates are listed alphabetically by last name
Rhianon Burkholder Leonard D. Ferry
Alex McKee

**Candidates for English Language Catholic District School Board
Trustees Wards 2-6**

Two to be elected for all wards. Listed alphabetically by last name

Mary-Jo Au Kathy Burtnik
Maurice Charbonneau Lorna Costantini
Dominic Diserafino Jane Pillitteri

2012 Is it the end? (internet posting)

Some North Americans seem mighty worried about Dec. 21, 2012. On this date, the Mayan Long Count calendar ends and, according to events in the recent Hollywood flick 2012, many humans will die by earthquake, tsunami and other natural disasters as the world comes to an end.

The Mayans feel a little differently about the approach of 2012, though. "It's the beginning of a new era," Nicole Rohrmann says. She is a native of Guatemala and works with the Guatemala Tourism Board.

Mayan teachings describe 2012 as a time of transition, where humans will have the opportunity to decide how they live and whether they will accept or

resist change. If we accept, Mayan prophecy sees a time of great peace. However, if we resist, cataclysmic changes will occur.

Guatemala is the heart of the Mayan world in Central America. The country has more Mayan archaeological sites than any other, while descendants of the ancient Mayan people continue to live here, practice the rituals of their ancestors and speak one of the 22 Mayan languages.

Ruth Beekhuis, MSW, RSW

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Don Neufeld, MSW, RSW

as they form a new practice:

- Individual, Marital, Family
- Mental Health: Anxiety, Depression, etc.
- Grief, Stress, Anger Mgt., Self-Esteem, etc.
- Children, Adolescents, Adults



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WHERE DO THE CANDIDATES STAND ON IMPORTANT ISSUES?

THE ISSUES:

The Performing Arts Centre/Downtown Revitalization

Our city is facing downtown decay similar to countless cities in the United States in the 90's. Big Box stores on the outskirts of the core of the city with free parking are emptying the downtown. City Council is attempting to address this serious problem by promoting and investing in a new type of core in partnership with Brock University, focused on the arts. To do nothing with the Downtown core will lead to blocks of empty stores and urban blight of the worst kind. Voters need to see where the candidates stand on this issue so they can vote appropriately, depending on how they see this issue.

To whom are the candidates beholden.

They try to fool us with their slick public relations campaigns but many of us are awakening to the fact that while there are highly visible community projects and projects on the drawing board going on... proponents may be lobbying for unfair special treatment that kills healthy completion behind the scenes. Well funded candidates are compromised. Voters should be made aware of which candidates are being funded by vested interests. It can be argued that looking after vested interests will create a trickle-down effect that will make up for the impact on the quality of life in our neighbourhoods. If you believe that premise then you should vote for those candidates who are supported by vested interests. See page 5. If you believe that quality of life in our neighbourhood far outweighs the gains of a few, then you should vote for those who hold similar values.

Adherence to the commitments made to the OMB and the community regarding the Port Tower

The highly controversial Port condo tower project was sold by proponents on the basis that the new theatre, hotel and commercial space would revitalize and make Port a year-round destination. This argument was accepted by the OMB in its approval and by the city, under former Mayor Rigby, which stipulated the theatre and other components MUST be built BEFORE the condos are occupied. These conditions were put in place to protect the city's residents and ensure that the project is not just about building condos without providing the other purported benefits.

Removing the parking exemption in Port so that all of St. Catharines will have better access to Lakeside Park.

In the late 70's/early 80's, Council placed a parking exemption on the commercial core of Port to encourage new business. No new parking spaces were required for new businesses and expansions. Recently, the 100+ parking spaces required for the tower, as indicated in the OMB ruling, were ruled by City Council as spaces that the developer could largely avoid creating by paying for reconstructing the Lakeside parking lot. The end result is that hard-working families needing low-cost leisure time at the beach in Port Dalhousie may find it next to impossible to find parking in the summer.

City staff has previously recommended that the exemption be removed. If special interests are successful in electing development-friendly councillors, it is likely that once again the parking exemption will remain in effect.

Boundary expansion that results in the loss of agricultural land

In 2005, inspired in part by the recognition of the risk to environmentally sensitive land like the Oak Ridges Moraine, north of Toronto, and to the irreplaceable agricultural land in the Golden Horseshoe, the Ontario provincial government enacted the Greenbelt Act. The resulting Greenbelt Plan protects the 1.8 million acres within it from urban sprawl and development. The planning decisions of municipal and provincial governments must conform to that plan, however, it will be reviewed in 2015. The provincial government also enacted the Places to Grow legislation in 2005, designated urban growth areas. Although Port Dalhousie is not specifically designated as a growth area, the approval by the OMB of the tower development may put additional growth pressure on this area.

Tax breaks for seniors

It is always surprising that elected officials do not seem to understand that seniors, especially those whose pensions are not indexed, are seeing more & more of their disposable income being eaten up by increases in house taxes, water & sewage rates (which really are another form of taxation), electricity as well as the dreaded HST. We are nearing the point where many seniors are going to be "taxed" out of their homes. We wanted to allow seniors to see who will be the fighters for them in this era of downloading costs onto residents.

See Senior Supporters on Page 12

We had hoped to publish all the answers given by the candidates but space limitations in this edition force us to publish them on-line on our website. We thank all those candidates who wanted the voters to be aware of their positions on important issues by responding and their responses helped guide us in our recommendations for City Council and the Region.

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ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVANCY OF ONTARIO (ACO) CONTINUING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HARBOUR LOCK

In 2009, St. Catharines City Council reviewed an archaeologist's report on Lock 1 of the First Welland Canal (the "Harbour Lock") and Port Dalhousie Councillor Bruce Williamson concluded: "The buried remains of the first Welland Canal are a treasure that should be protected and shared, and the more people who get involved, the merrier." The city plans to create a visible trail outlining the buried path of the first Welland Canal through Lakeside Park, and Councillor Williamson wants amateur historians and heritage groups to provide input on the location of the canal and how it should be interpreted.

The St. Catharines Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) took up Councillor Williamson's challenge and has gone a major step further. ACO-St. Catharines will not only provide interpretive input but, has launched a campaign to raise funds to support the City's efforts to preserve the Harbour Lock and delineate the path of the First Canal. "These are tough economic times and we believe the City needs financial support as well as expert interpretation. The Harbour Lock has the potential to be an anchor for Heritage Tourism in Niagara" stated former ACO-St.Catharines President Ken Mackenzie. "We will start seeking donations right away and will introduce other programs for raising funds" he added.

Since then, ACO St. Catharines has held the 3rd annual Run For Fitness and Heritage in Port Dalhousie to raise funds for the Harbour Lock and continues to seek donations. If you would like to help with this very worthwhile cause, please consider a 2010 contribution to ACO-St. Catharines' Harbour Lock Heritage Fund. It is not too late. Donations are made to ACO-St. Catharines and will receive a tax receipt. Please fill out and mail the Pledge Card on page ___ with your donation or phone 905-935 2725 if you have questions. See form on page 7.

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario is a 77-year old registered charity whose mandate is to help preserve buildings and structures of architectural merit and places of natural beauty in Ontario.

Francis Joseph DIXON an Olympic Gold Medalist was Born in Port Dalhousie (continued from page 4)

.....along Lakeshore Road near Port Weller when it left the road and struck a concrete culvert. Frank was thrown from the car and was pinned underneath.

The funeral was held on Friday morning from his residence at 162 James Street to the St. Catherine's Catholic Church where Requiem High Mass was chanted at 9:00 a.m. The church was filled with those who knew Frank and it was noted to be one of the largest funerals held in St. Catharines in many years. Interment followed in Section 'C' of Victoria Lawn Cemetery.

Frank was the goaltender for the 1908 Canadian Field Lacrosse team that won the Gold medal at the Olympic games played in London, England. Lacrosse was a contested full medal sport at the 1904 and 1908 Olympics. The final match between England and Canada was played October 24, 1908 with a score: Canada 14 - England 10. There were four entries, but South Africa and Australia pulled out just before the start, leaving only Canada and England to compete. Lacrosse was subsequently dropped from the next Olympics. A photograph of the 1908 team, that consisted of 15 players, can be found on the internet at the following URL: http://www.olympic.org/common/images/sports/past/v6_big.jpg There is also an article in The Daily Standard of Wednesday, November 11, 1908 which recounts Frank's experiences at the games, this story can be found on the web site URL: <http://www.athleticslacrosse.com>

Frank started playing lacrosse at an early age and became goaltender for St. Catharines. He played goal for most of the games when St. Catharines Athletics won the Globe Shield as Ontario Senior Champions from 1905 to 1912 inclusive. He also played in Hamilton and Buffalo. For his years of playing and devotion to the sport, he was made a Life Member of The Ontario Lacrosse Association. A photo of Frank can be found in an article in the June 19, 1976 issue of The St. Catharines Standard newspaper.

I plan on nominating Frank Dixon for induction into the St. Catharines Sports Hall of Fame.



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Editor's Choices

The recommended candidates on the next page were based on the responses received, the background material posted on the City's website and/or their voting record if they were incumbents..

RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES

THE RACE FOR MAYOR

Although we cannot give the current mayor, Brian McMullan, straight A's for his performance in his first term in office, he is the only really qualified person in the list of candidates. He has attempted to move the city forward in the areas of transportation and downtown core development. He started out quite well by changing some of the key personnel in City Hall but but may have stopped prematurely. Still, a good start. His implementation of the OMB approved requirements for the development of Port Place was a major disappointment.'However, there are many other important issues in the city quite apart from development in Port Dalhousie, and Mayor McMullan should have an opportunity to lead the city for a second term. We will be monitoring his performance and are looking forward to an even more successful second term.'

MERRITTON WARD 1

The two incumbents have served their ward well and deserve to returned to office. Mr, Burch indicated that he accepts contributions from developers and that is a major concern for the residents. We can only hope his NDP background will lead him to put the concerns of residents over the self interests of a few.

ST. ANDREW'S WARD 2

The loss of Andrew Gill leaves a a big hole in the representation from Ward 2, although we wish him well in his run for higher office. Mr. Kushner is always available to his constituents and other taxpayers across the city and should be returned to office.

ST. GEORGE'S WARD 3

Mr. Washuta is by far one of the strongest and most knowledgeable councillors at city hall and should be returned to office. The city needs a person of his caliber. We recommend bringing in new blood to the council as the second councillor for this ward. Laura Ip has done her homework over the years and will bring fresh thinking to council. The other incumbent won last term because of the lack of experienced candidates and with Laura Ip now prepared to contribute in a significant way, it is time for a change.

Merritton, Ward 1

OFFICE OF MAYOR

Brian McMULLAN

X

CITY COUNCIL

Jeff BURCH

X

Jennifer STEVENS

X

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Carlos GARCIA

X

Brian HEIT

X

Norm ST. GEORGE

X

St. Andrew's Ward 2

OFFICE OF MAYOR

Brian McMULLAN

X

CITY COUNCIL

Joseph KUSHNER

X

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Carlos GARCIA

X

Brian HEIT

X

Norm ST. GEORGE

X

St. George's Ward 3

OFFICE OF MAYOR

Brian McMULLAN

X

CITY COUNCIL

Laura IP

X

Gregory WASHUTA

X

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Carlos GARCIA

X

Brian HEIT

X

Norm ST. GEORGE

X

RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES

ST. PATRICK'S WARD 4

Only one incumbent. Mark Elliot, is running and his track record in his first term of office demonstrated that he is not in touch with the hard working residents in this ward. He was one of the strongest supporters of the waterfront development in Port and continued to place the interests of a few over the interests of the majority in his ward and the city. Of the four other candidates, we recommend John Bacher because of his political experience and familiarity with municipal political law and process, as well as his close monitoring of council activities.' The remaining selection should depend on how hard they work to win the seat.

GRANTHAM WARD 5

Grantham is going to need knowledgeable and experienced coucillors over the next four years. The waterfront in this ward is likely to be sought after for big development. Of the two incumbents, Dawn Dodge is the most experienced and Bill Phillips has had an excellent first term as councillor. Both incumbents, Dawn Dodge and Bill Phillips deserve to be returned.
A previous incumbent in the Rigby era, Mr. Dorsey, was a strong supporter of the former mayor Rigby and the practices of his regime, a regime that listened to the interests of a few and created significant financial burdens on households in the city. He does not deserve to be elected.

PORT DALHOUSIE WARD 6

Bruce Williamson has been one of the most courageous councillors at city hall. He has stood strong as the special interest groups attempted to harass him into silence. He received the most votes of any councillor in the last election and deservedly so. The other incumbent councillor is one of the weakest performers at city hall. Mr. Stack didn't inform his community at the last election that he was firmly in the tower development camp and has ignored the wishes of the overwhelmingly large majority of the community to always vote to support every request by the tower lobby. The most promising replacement is Marty Mako, a health professional who understands that a balance always needs to be struck between preserving the past and changing for the future. The candidates Naldjieff and George offer an interesting set of experiences but a split vote must be avoided.

St. Patrick's Ward 4

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CITY COUNCIL

Dawn DODGE



Bill PHILLIPS



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Carlos GARCIA



Brian HEIT



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PORT DALHOUSIE WARD

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CITY COUNCIL

Marty MAKO



Bruce WILLIAMSON



REGIONAL COUNCIL

Carlos GARCIA



Brian HEIT



Norm ST. GEORGE



City Candidates Who Indicated Support for a Tax Break for Seniors

John Bacher Ward 4

Dawn Dodge Ward 5

Laura Ip Ward 3

"YES - Having said that, we're all in need of some form of tax break."

Marty Mako Ward 6

Dale Millar Ward 3

Rick Naldjieff Ward 6

Bill Phillips Ward 5

"If a senior can prove that he or she is in dire need of financial assistance then a form of tax break could be given. I do not feel that EVERY senior in St. Catharines needs financial assistance."

Jennie Stevens Ward 1

Greg Washuta Ward 3

"YES, if current legislation under the Municipal Act changes to allow this to happen"

Alan Ziemianin Ward 6



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City of St. Catharines Mayor Brian McMullan and Eleanor Lancaster, on behalf of Federal MP Rick Dykstra, offer congratulations to Habitat for Humanity Niagara and its General Manager, Alastair Davis, at the celebration of the re-opening of the ReStore in its new location, 150 Bunting Rd., St. Catharines (Oct. 13, 2010)

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Chevrolet Camaro

General Motors – Oshawa, Ontario plant 2

Buick Allure

Honda – Alliston, Ontario plant 1

Acura CSX

Honda Civic sedan/coupe

Honda – Alliston, Ontario plant 2

Honda Civic sedan

Toyota – Cambridge, Ontario

Toyota Corolla

Toyota Matrix

Light trucks

CAMI (GM/Suzuki) – Ingersoll, Ontario

Chevrolet Equinox

Pontiac Torrent

Suzuki XL7

Chrysler – Windsor, Ontario

Chrysler Town & Country

Dodge Grand Caravan

Volkswagen Routan

Ford – Oakville, Ontario

Ford Edge

Lincoln MKX

Ford Flex

General Motors – Oshawa

Chevrolet Silverado

GMC Sierra

Honda – Alliston, Ontario plant 2

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