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The Reporter is now Proudly Serving all of Port Dalhousie Ward

We are excited to announce an expansion of The Port Reporter to the entire Port Dalhousie ward. Welcome to all of our new readers. You may have received the election issue last fall and it was so well received that we decided to expand our regular distribution to all 7,000 homes. Copies are also available at various businesses throughout the ward as well as at Avondale stores and libraries.

The Port Reporter has been the voice of Old Port Dalhousie since 2005. It is a publication of the Port Dalhousie Conservancy who has been fighting for over 20 years both to protect the Port Dalhousie Heritage District and to make sure that Port, as a canal village, and Lakeside Park remains available for everyone to enjoy. People enjoy living near water and condo developers have seen that attraction as well. Port is a limited access community and at times in the summer is often overwhelmed by parking and traffic issues. Construction has now begun on the Legion property and we expect that the Lincoln Fabrics development will not be far behind. In addition to these projects, the long awaited Pier Construction is also underway.

All of this construction will reduce parking capacity by about 50%. This deficit is threatening to be a real challenge both for our local businesses but also for those visiting Port and Lakeside Park. We are working with all Port organizations to make sure that they remain open for your enjoyment. Needless to say, our businesses need all of you to continue coming to Port in order to keep their establishments alive for the next number of years.

This is the first issue of the year and we hope you enjoy it. We try to maintain a balance of historical stories and informative political commentary on issues directly affecting the ward. This issue features our businesses' past and present. It also allows people to tell their stories of their relationship with Port Dalhousie. Moreover, we feature the first part

of a series on parking and traffic, our first restaurant review, our continued mining of the files of Sid Brookson who owned

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A New Model of Cooperation

The Time Has Come to Put Our Differences Behind us. We Must Work Together to Ensure the Future of Old Port is Vibrant, Functional and Respectful of its Unique Heritage



In this spirit of cooperation a meeting was recently held between Hank Beekhuis (Port Dalhousie Conservancy), Wolfgang Guembel (Port Dalhousie BIA), Mike Slater (Port Dalhousie Beautification Committee) and Colin Johnston (Architectural Conservancy of Ontario) with the goal of finding common ground, and working on shared interests to make our community a better place. Among other items, the group discussed the new secondary plan passed by City Council as it applies to Port Dalhousie. By working together, they hope to be more proactive in the future, instead of being reactive to change which often leads to conflict. The initial meeting went very well, and the group has agreed to meet on a regular basis to share information and coordinate their activities.

Each member was asked two questions and following are their answers:

What do you think are the most significant challenges facing Port Dalhousie today?

Hank

I think the greatest challenge facing Port is to be able to remain the Port that we love. A lot of work was done by residents in creating a new Secondary Plan for Port Dalhousie

and the pressure of development to ignore that are already there, even though the ink is barely dry. Maintaining access to Lakeside Park and keeping our businesses operating in spite of all the construction chaos is our most immediate challenge.

Wolfgang

We are fortunate to finally be at the beginning of real change and development. However, the advent of construction at the various sites is sadly in no form of concert with either the respective projects (piers, Legion, Lincoln, Union), the local business needs (parking, tax relief, sustainable job creation), or the community (parking, park access, and recreation, etc.). The projects are compartmentalized and thus have the potential for adverse affects on stakeholders. We don't have an effective planning policy that allows for sustainable, strategic, and sensitive development. There is only limited protection for local businesses, local residents or the environment (which always seems to be last after things like parking, density, height, and beach access). Genuine business owners are also members of our community. My wife and I are raising our kids in Port Dalhousie and building our family's

future here. What is right for the community and right for business are not mutually exclusive. They each need the success of each other.

Mike

The current lack of parking, worsened by the concurrent construction, needs to be addressed by way of establishing temporary sites and limiting the spread of heavy vehicle parking. Local businesses need a financial support by way of a tax relief during the construction period. The city should help with sponsoring events to bring in visitors. The "Olde Lock One" stage for music; The Pavilion for the Supper Market; allowing local vendors access without fee.

Colin

The most significant challenge for Port Dalhousie is to preserve the remaining heritage buildings in the commercial core and in the old town. The new developer of the condo development in the commercial core (the ex-Fortress property), must not only stay within the established height limits in the recently approved secondary plan and Heritage area, but the development must be sympathetic architecture of the remaining building in the commercial core.

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A New Model of Cooperation

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How do you see the way forward for Port, and what does it look like to you 5 years from now?

Hank

With the approval of existing projects, we should be able to rebuild the heritage of the commercial area without excessive condo development and stay within the agreed to Secondary plan. In 5 years, with consultation, creative planning, minor parking and transit improvements, all development/repairs should be complete.

Residents deserve a moratorium on further development to buy time for us to rebuild our heritage and allow the citizens of St. Catharines will be able to fully enjoy their waterfront in peace once again.

Wolfgang

In past years there have been different and often polarizing groups lobbying the City with either pro or anti-development sentiments. The only positive and sustainable solution is one derived from cooperation, empathy, and understanding of all the stakeholders. The way forward involves groups like the BWC, the Conservancy, the BIA, and members of the public recognizing the needs of each other

and building a plan and a vision that allows for evolution with a respect for our past. In 5 years there will be condos. However, I see more people on bikes, using transit, and walking. I see accessible green space and many opportunities for recreation, shopping, dining, and social spaces that help celebrate our historic past.

*"If you want to go fast,
go alone.*

*If you want to go far,
go together."*

*This African proverb on the
value of team work is being
modeled by individuals
representing diverse*

*groups in
Port Dalhousie.*

Mike

Hopefully, the construction will have finished, and the influx of new residents will add support to the business community which will then thrive. The challenge is how to get there from here, that will take City support as outlined above.

Colin

In 5 years time the piers should be finished and the Royal Port condo development (Legion) and the Harbour club (Lincoln Fabrics) condo projects should be completed. The most important development to be completed in the next 5 years is the condo development on the ex Fortress property. This development will be the "centre piece" of the Heritage commercial core of Port Dalhousie. It is imperative that the condo development stay within the new Port Dalhousie Secondary plan height limits. In addition, all the heritage buildings in the commercial core must be maintained and put to prosperous commercial use.

The purpose of asking these questions is not for everyone to agree, but to better understand each other's perspectives and viewpoints. Diversity is a strength, and we are fortunate to have individuals in our community who are willing to recognize their differences but still unite around common goals.

Stay tuned for updates in future editions of the Reporter.

Marty Mako

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and operated the Lakeside Amusement Park, as well as an interview with a city arborist about our disappearing tree canopy.

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Tell Us Your Story: Erskine Family Memories

When Port Dalhousie was Autonomous, Erskine's Pharmacy was a Mainstay in the Town.

Erskine Drug Store used to be an important place in Port Dalhousie. It was located right between the Spice of Life building and Murphy's, on the left side of what is now Hogan's Alley. Around 1923, Harry Erskine closed his father's drug store on James Street in St. Catharines, and opened one in Port. He ran it until his death in 1956 after which his nephew, Don Wiley, took over. The drug store, of course, provided medicine for the people of Port, but also had a beautiful soda fountain and stainless-steel containers for ice cream, as well as magazines and "comic books" with love stories. They also had one or two slot machines, which cost a nickel to play. All of this brought Port people into the store, as well as the fact that Harry Erskine provided a service of pulling out splinters for those who got them while sliding down the wooden slide on the beach. Harry Erskine also practised the tradition, every year during the Henley Regatta, of putting out tubs of gladiolas in front of the store.

Harry Erskine had four daughters and one son, all born in Port Dalhousie. Two daughters, Helen (90) and Jessie (87) still live in Niagara. Bruce, the



Above: Erskine Pharmacy was located in the building on the right, now gone. Left: Marie Erskine Holmes standing in front of the store.

only son, passed away at age 67. The eldest, Marie Holmes, died in 2018 at age 93, but shortly before her death she spoke to her daughter Wendy about some of her memories of Port. Marie described the train coming from St. Catharines down Martindale and then Main. There was a place along the tracks where "people brought their

horse manure" and piled it up until the train would pick it up and haul it out on its return trip to St. Catharines. They nicknamed that area the "Corbett Stink." Marie remembered the smell, as she and friends rode by it on horse or sleigh rides when they were young. There were double sets of tracks at the end of Corbett, to allow trains to pass each other.

The second Erskine sister, Helen, now 92, moved to Kentucky at age 90, to live with one of her daughters. However, she was happy to provide more information about Port and sent us the following:

I was born in Port in 1926 at 10 Simcoe Street, as were my three sisters. Brother Bruce was born at my grandparents' home belonging to Wm. and Jessie Wiley.

There were three grocery stores that catered to the boats: Latcham, Scotts, and Murphy. The Elgin Volunteer fire department served the town. It was on Brock St. where the library is now. Messrs. MacDonald and Cornwall

were the town doctors, and the dentist was Rush, then Downs. Charlie Rutherford was the barber located on Front St. A board was placed across the arms of the barber chair for children's haircuts. There was also a barber named Red in town. Wm. Inglis was the shoemaker on Front St. He walked every day from Church Street to open his shop. The building that housed the drug store run by my father was owned by the Masonic Lodge. It was located at the corner of Lock St. and Hogan's Alley. Wellington's Hotel and Billiard Parlor were on Lock Street. Located on Front St, Jimmy the Duke had one of the first gas pumps. The other was located on Front St., in front of Blair's soda parlor and lunch counter. Two or three billboards were located where the Masonic lodge is now. Across from the billboards were the Sherwood Grocery (later Community) and Chan's Laundry. Mrs. Corfield had a dry goods shop in her living room with sewing notions, fabric and yarn. She lived on Main St. near Simcoe. Across the street from Mrs. Corfield was a former hotel that subsequently housed 3 families, Hendersons, Astons, and Plants. It was referred to as the Klondike. Joe Beaudette's plumbing shop on Simcoe St. was next to the Mcgraws who owned a huge chicken coop behind their home.

My grandparents (Wiley) managed the Martindale Farm on which they lived. Their sons Harry and Eddie lived for a time on the property as well. My grandparents were there from the 1910's to the 1930's. The farm had a silo, barns and greenhouses. All their lives, father and sons were employed by the canning industry. I would stay at the farm when I was young, but my older sister was crying because she wanted to go home. At the corner of Martindale and Lakeshore was the streetcar line with a railway siding. The farmers would fill a railway car with manure, making the area stink.

We could look out our kitchen window and see Chan's Laundry. When his light came on in the evening, we knew it was time for bed. Also from the window we could see the Streetcar pass at Lock and Main streets so we could catch it at the corner.

The public school had a bell we could hear from home. St. Anne's School on Elgin Street sometimes had

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The Port Reporter is a not-for profit, all-volunteer community information newspaper published by the Port Dalhousie Conservancy since 2005. The paper focuses on issues related to the St. Catharines waterfront, the conservation and celebration of heritage in Port Dalhousie and across the city. It also encourages residents to work together to improve our community environment.

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“Chan’s Laundry” Painting by George Upper

minstrel shows. A canvas curtain with a painted backdrop would drop down, and black-faced comedians would tell jokes. There were three churches in one block, but there was no parking problem as people walked to church.

I remember when my sister Jessie was given a warning by law enforcement because she wore a bathing suit on the street. She was quite young at the time. We lived in a house with only 2 bedrooms so we were “close” as a family and, consequently, those ties remained strong until my mother’s death. My mother lived in the Simcoe home for 75 years.

Before refrigerators, people owned ice boxes and would have ice delivered to keep food cold. Johnson’s and Standard Ice and Coal would make the rounds of homes in need of ice.

St. Catharines’ people looked down on Port inhabitants because of the summer camp cottages which had no plumbing. The attitude is ironic as the camps have been replaced by expensive properties and more of old Port is bulldozed for real estate profits, losing the tangible richness of its history. You can take the girl out of Port but not Port out of the girl. I will remain a Port girl. ■

Memories from Marie Erskine Holmes and Helen Erskine Linton.

Goodbye, Farewell, Never Forget

Port Dalhousie Legion Branch 350 Closes its Doors

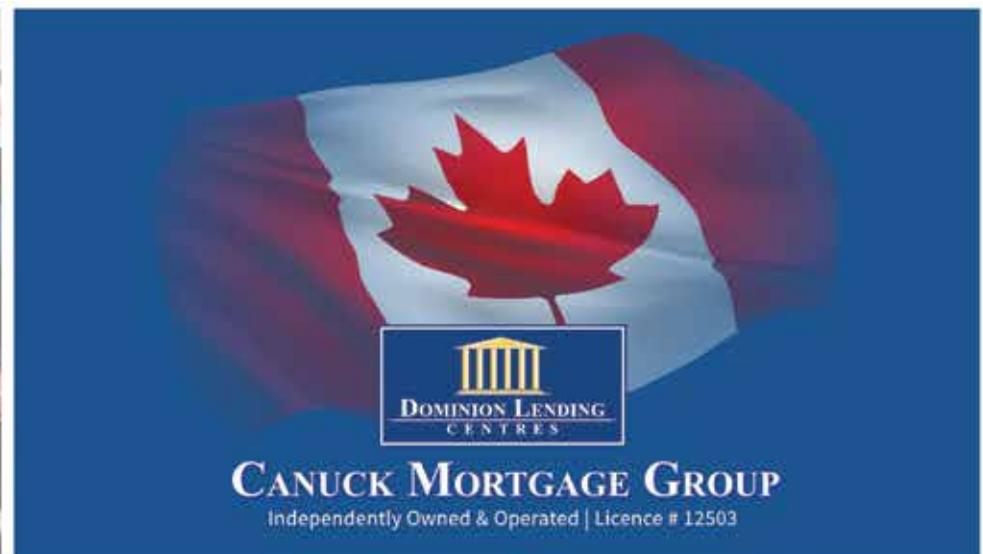


Branch 350 (Port Dalhousie) of the Royal Canadian Legion held its final public function on January 1, 2019 and closed its doors shortly afterward. The function, “The President’s Levee”, has been an annual event to mark the start of each new year. “It was bittersweet” said Asher Plotkin, Branch Public Relations Officer, “To see so many members, guests and friends, knowing that this was the last time they would meet in our beloved building. The festivities began with a somber bell ringing ceremony to mark the 2018 passing of branch members.

In addition to the usual New Year’s Day festivities, there was a farewell wall signing, group photos, and lots of memory sharing by all present. The closure of the building was necessitated by its impending demolition to make way for Royal Port,

a 51-unit condominium development project. Included within the condo development, on the ground floor, will be a brand new 6,000 sq. foot space for Branch 350 which is scheduled to open around July 2020.

Branch 350 of the Royal Canadian Legion is both a fraternal and service organization bringing both comradery and support to the veterans of the area and beyond. ■



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Sailors, Tow Boys and Canal Crews

Back in the Day There was plenty of Excitement Along Front and Lock Streets

Upon completion of the new canal in 1829, Port Dalhousie welcomed boats by the thousands. Citizens prospered, businesses thrived, new enterprises developed and considerable time was spent in patronizing the many drinking establishments. There was plenty of excitement along Front and Lock Streets as the motley group of sailors, teamsters, tow boys and labourers frequented the numerous taverns and drinking shops. "[Port] was thriving when I was a youngster and there were lots of people," says Mrs. Nellie Hare, born in Port in 1896, "especially in the hotels. They were always full of people coming off the boats and they would stay a while. Yes, hotels were plenty in this town. One of the men told me that at one time there were 22, but I'll tell you something from my own "eye-seeing".

The boats would come in here and stay all winter. They wouldn't go across the lake or up to Hamilton, but would come in here and fill the harbour from one shore to the other across the canal. They'd walk over to the Michigan side from boat to boat. They were all that tight. From Murphy's store to the sand point. These were sailing vessels, and some steam vessels."

Although most of the vessels passed through the canal under their own power, the tow teams remained active towing barges and sail craft. The ships passed slowly through the locks, creating much leisure time for the sailors and tow boys. Often, they became boisterous and

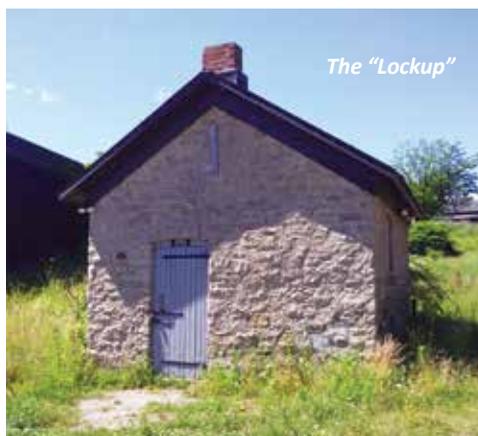
"It was a little haven not far from the realm of Dante's imagination."

rowdy, sometimes ending their evenings in the village lockup which still stands near the parking lot of Lakeside Park. Dated prior to the second canal (1845), this two-cell stone building originally had a copper roof which is now covered by tin shingling. Each cell was equipped with a fireplace and it is said that prisoners were responsible for stoking their own

fires to keep from freezing in the winter.

In the Directory of 1877-88, mention is made of a lockup on Brock Street. Barlow Cumberland, an early visitor to the village sighted the following:

"The 'Port' in those days of the horse canal when we arrived was mainly



a turning place for the canal crews. It's one principal street (Front Street) facing the canal basin, had buildings on one side only, mostly drink shops, with or without license, with a few junk or supply stores intervening. Its immediate inhabitants, a nomad collection of sailors and towing gangs, waited for another job. Around and in its neighbourhood

there was a happy district prolific with fruit and flowers, but the place itself with its vagrant crews from the world over, it was a little haven not far from the realm of Dante's imagination."

By 1880 Port Dalhousie had several hotels which were closely inspected. Licenses were granted under the authority of the Reeve and Village Clerk but only after the necessary conditions were met. Two requirements were:

"That all such Inns or Taverns shall contain at least one furnished sitting room exclusive of the bar room and not less than four bedrooms with suitable complement of bedding and furniture in addition to rooms that may be required by family of such Inn or Tavern; That all persons obtaining an Inn and Tavern license shall have a good stable or barn conveniently attached and furnish hay and oats for horses or travellers, to take care of their carriages, luggage, etc., and take charge of any horses and see that they are well and carefully pounded for."

From "The History Outline of Port Dalhousie" by Christine Robertson



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The Future of Parking and Traffic in Port

We Begin a Series on a Vitally Important Issue to Residents of Old Port Dalhousie.

This issue is probably the single most discussed concern that Port residents have raised at every public meeting ever held. Residents are acutely aware of the difficulties that can arise especially during the summer months. Traffic and parking have not been particularly problematic for the last two years largely because businesses are closed, the pier is closed, the park was being renovated, and access is restricted. Those who have lived here for a while however, know how it used to be and sometimes still is, even with the whole area in limbo.

The very legitimate fear is that when all these developments are successful and everything is operating as it should be, that parking and traffic issues will exceed anything they have ever experienced. Talk of big and expensive solutions like a bridge or parking garage will not solve the problem and may actually cause more. From my business experience I am convinced that it is usually a large number of smaller necessary improvements to our existing infrastructure, that will add up to the

big solution to our traffic and parking needs, if we are to maintain the village feel of the community we care about.



Port Dalhousie has a couple of significant issues that will never go away.

First, for all practical purposes Port is an island, surrounded by water with only two points of access and egress. The second issue is that Lakeside Park is one of only two accessible beach areas in the city and it will always

be a seasonal destination for residents who enjoy the outdoor Heritage village atmosphere, park, harbour and pier.

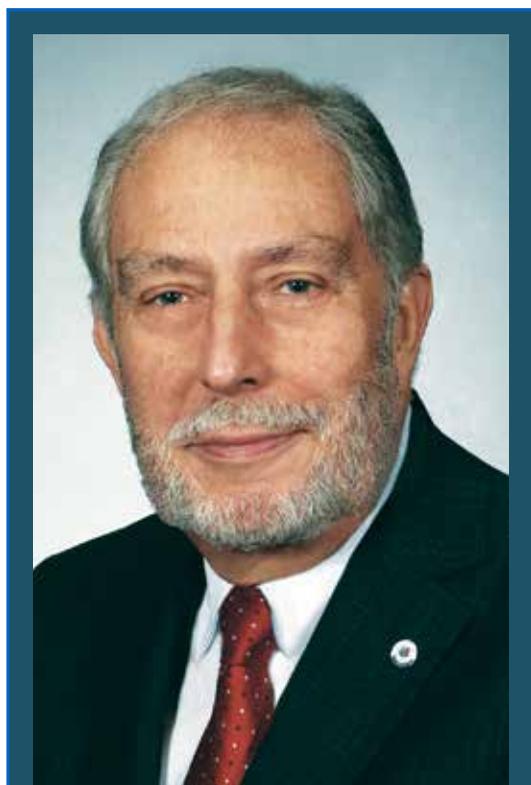
Our current expansion is pushing us to also become a major residential hub as well. This will only layer on top of what is already there. We can predict an increasing conflict of uses between Port as a destination, and Port as a bedroom community that we will need to manage.

This series will attempt to address the fundamental issues that we see coming and suggest solutions for the issues that we need to address. This timely discussion needs to be held now and action has to be taken before major projects are completed, if we are going to be able to deal with the vast increase in business activity and residents that is coming. Solutions are possible but if we don't start now, then we will be making these constructive changes after the fact and extending the chaos.

Lets work together to keep Port functioning well for the benefit of everyone. ■

Hank Beekhuis

Editor's Note: The author of this series is not a traffic engineer, however he has lived in Port for 44 years and spent 52 days before the OMB defending Port Dalhousie on parking and traffic issues. His significant research positions him as one of the resident authorities on area parking.



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Improving Parking and Traffic in Port

In order to begin any discussion, we need to set sensible parameters around how we develop parking in Port while maintaining the Port Dalhousie neighbourhood as a place we all love. Here are a few suggested Principles for the commercial core and the Lock to Elgin study area:

- A solution to our parking needs to be comprehensive and should include not only public parking but also private and street parking as well as more responsive transit and traffic management.
- There should be no net loss of greenspace and if necessary any displaced tree should be replaced by at least two mature ones within 100 meters of the one lost to maintain our canopy.
- We should add parking in unobtrusive and creative ways on underutilized land and invest necessary funds in their creation. Every space created is a victory. It can easily be envisioned that we can find an additional 100 spaces without radically changing how Port functions and without an expensive parking garage and without paving over significant greenspace but simply by improving existing infrastructure.
- We need to improve and modernize signage, space marking and curbing to show patrons and visitors where they can park.
- We should maintain Port as a walkable community but also work to attract walkable businesses. This will reduce the need for automobiles and related traffic.
- We must publically discuss creating appropriate ways to raise funds for improved parking and infrastructure while minimizing the need for paid access to the St. Catharines waterfront park. The time to invest is now!
- Finally, we must cease wasting public funds on new parking and traffic experts who don't know the community. We must deal with parking in consultation with city staff and Port residents. All options have already been discussed by existing studies.

PD Beautification & Works Committee Report

Hello from your BWC! The main event that we held before the Winter 2018 edition of the Reporter was published, was the BWC 4th Annual Christmas Lantern Walk.

This proved, yet again, to be a great success with about 300 residents attending. The event was held in the Pavilion where hot chocolate was served. Candles and lanterns were distributed for a small donation.

The program was “stepped-up” this time as we had rented some decent sound equipment at a very low-cost courtesy of Long & McQuade Musical Instruments. This enabled a talented young keyboard player, Quinn Flavell, to provide not only the background Christmas music, but to

Councillor Carlos Garcia. Ed Smith gave an update on the timelines associated with the various construction projects that are currently underway in Port.

A proposal was made to look into holding a “Local Bike Swap” to enable parents to upgrade their children’s bikes by swapping, buying and selling bikes that have been outgrown. More details about this to come.

Volunteer sign-up sheets were made available at the AGM. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the BWC. Watering and gardening tasks are always a challenge! ■



The Lantern Walk was a resounding success

accompany Sydney Cornett, a wonderful soloist. Another special attraction was a very young and talented soloist, Samantha Cornish who sang “All I want for Christmas is a Hippopotamus” – a great hit with the kids. Ian Wood entertained on his guitar and was surrounded by lots of children who joined in with his songs. Lorenzo Bapice played a lively seasonal selection on his accordion.

The children’s choir from St Denis School, led by Jordyn McIntosh, escorted us from the Pavilion up to the “Olde Lock Common” stage for the finale, with a huge Christmas Tree and our new tree lighting completing the festivities. The event was held in conjunction with Jeff Mackies’ three day Christmas Market which made Port alive with visitors and residents alike. As a result of the donations collected, the BWC was able to donate \$800 to Community Care

Things are a little quieter at the BWC during the winter months but we have been planning a few things by the time you read this. Many of you, we hope, will have enjoyed the BWC Monte Carlo Casino Night, held at the Lions Club on March 9th.

We held our annual AGM on Wednesday Feb 13th for the election of officers. Mike Slater was re-elected as Chairman, Ed Smith as Vice Chair, Ed Buchan as Secretary and Gary van Eyk as Treasurer. The meeting was attended by some local residents along with

Stockings of Love

As the saying goes it ‘Takes a Village’ - this Christmas ‘It Took a Port’ ... On December 5th, it was through a sleepy bedtime notion that I came to think of the Stocking of Love project. The next morning, with minimal effort over coffee, I contacted the BWC and with Ed Buchan’s help the word was spread. And with that word the kind people of Port Dalhousie made themselves known.

The initiative was to create a moment of happiness at Christmas for the elderly in homes. Everyone loves a Christmas Stocking...the idea being to bring forth a smile reminiscent of years gone by. Affordable to most, I also considered the donors and their joy in participating. When researching appropriate establishments, I discovered Tufford Nursing Home to be a good fit for the project and committed to 80 Christmas stockings stuffed with useful goodies, candies and love. Within days, supporters came out of the woodwork and I realized my vision was shared by many wonderful people. With the support of the BWC and the community, it was with DIY flyers and hope in hand that I attended the Christmas Market. In the days following, flyers were delivered door to door and local shopkeepers and restaurants did their best to promote the cause. By December 18th – just 2 weeks after inception – the quota was filled to provide for every male and female resident of Tufford!

The last week prior to Christmas, stockings were arriving in very large numbers. With only days before Christmas, what began as a need for 80 stockings grew so much that I had to scurry around to find more homes that fit the cause. At such a late date it was important that every single stocking was to be handed over to the intended recipient. Honoring the donors was of equal importance. Since December 5th we received over 120 stockings and by Christmas Eve, 148! Your our generosity provided for not only Tufford, but for every long-term resident at Ina Grafton Gage Village Nursing Home as well as Hospice Niagara Stabler Centre in St. Catharines. Some elderly residents in need living in Port Dalhousie received them as per the church’s recommendations. On Christmas Eve, while still receiving stockings at my door, I called the St. Catharines hospital and arranged to deliver the balance of them to the Oncology Unit on Christmas morning.

This endeavour was made entirely possible by the kind people that surround us here in Port, as well as many in St. Catharines. It is impossible to thank all of you personally, but you know who you are, and I appreciate your encouraging words and enthusiasm to support this project. Clearly, I will be starting earlier next year, in October. Hopefully media coverage will enable us to provide several nursing homes with hundreds of stockings in 2019. I already have a commitment to fulfill at Linhaven Nursing Home with over 200 residents! I welcome assistance.

The Stocking of Love project was a community endeavour. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped me and to those who contributed stockings. Each stocking was beautiful and stuffed with goodies and love. Every single one of you should be very proud of the love you gave and the smiles you created this holiday season. I am so very grateful to live here surrounded by such goodness. Thank you!

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Cefalu is named after a city on the northern coast of Sicily in the province of Palermo. It is a true southern Italian restaurant.

It looks great from the outside and inside, and the renovations appear to be top notch. We chose to sit outside to enjoy the spectacular view over the harbour. We were greeted by friendly wait staff who were very helpful. They moved tables around so we could all be placed together right along the railing. The new chairs were very comfortable.

The waiter was attentive and professional. He offered to turn on the gas heaters to add a little warmth and even brought blankets for our knees so that we wouldn't be cold. The red umbrellas and strings of lights overhead added much to the ambience. We were also pleasantly surprised by live music which played quietly in the background with the tunes of Elton John.

For the washrooms you do have to go upstairs, but we were pleasantly surprised that the renovations were also done there: a new clean and

modern set up. There is also a great little upper deck just around the corner with its own bar that gives you an even better view of Port and all the activity going on. A great place for a private gathering I'm sure.

The food was a bit pricy but very good both in variety and flavour and sized just about right. The menu had enough variety to allow those who don't want to spend as much to eat to still enjoy the atmosphere. We had a slight issue with one meal but they gladly replaced it with a new one without question.

The service was outstanding and even the owner himself came over to make sure everything was all right. He shared a bit about himself and it was quite obvious that he is genuinely interested in the providing a fine dining experience. This is a great addition to Port Dalhousie.

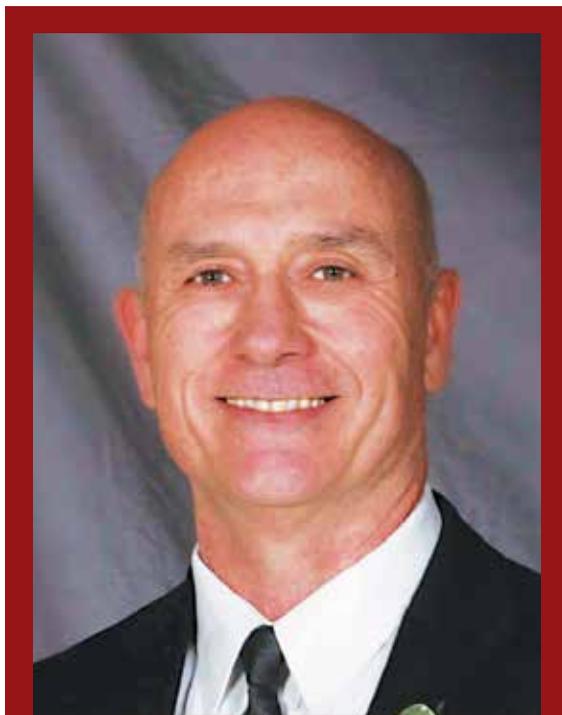
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Report from Councillor Carlos Garcia Port Dalhousie Ward

Here is my report on my work on behalf of the residents of Port Dalhousie Ward and all of St. Catharines as your representative at City Council over the period of November 2018 through to January 2019.

Proposed Development at 102/104 Lakeport Road

Applicant is proposing a 6-storey condominium building with 63 units on this site between the Rib Crib Restaurant and Avalon Pl. Nearby residents were very concerned about the application and wanted it to be heard by the new Council, just elected, since 5 of the current Councillors would not be there after December. On November 12, 2018 Council approved my motion to defer consideration to a meeting of the new Council no earlier than the end of January, 2019.

Citizen Appointment to NPCA Board

Also on November 12, Council approved Councillor Williamson's motion, which I seconded, directing Staff to develop a process for St. Catharines to appoint a resident of the City –not a Regional Councillor- to the board of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA). This process was then approved at the December 10 Council meeting. Also, at the November 26 meeting Council approved my motion asking the Province to consider allowing for a Supervisor to be appointed for the NPCA. Councillor Williamson and I have led the City's effort to ensure accountability and transparency at the NPCA.

Inspection of Empty Heritage Buildings in Port's Commercial Core

At the November 26, 2018 meeting Council unanimously approved my motion to "immediately re-inspect every closed or unoccupied building in Port's commercial core, ensure that the buildings are secure and protected from inclement weather and that all provisions of the Property Standards By-law and the Ontario Heritage Act are strictly enforced." And, "that staff conduct a site condition assessment quarterly thereafter for the next 12 months and report to Council; and that the owners of these properties once again be strongly encouraged to restore the buildings and make them fit for rental so they can be occupied as soon as possible."



Inaugural Meeting of Newly Elected Council

The Inaugural meeting was held at the Performing Arts Centre on December 3, 2018. The meeting was open to the public and the 12 Councillors and Mayor were sworn in for the term 2018-2022. There are five new Councillors: Dawn Dodge – Grantham Ward (previously on other terms of Council), Lori Littleton and Greg Miller – Merritt Ward, Karrie Porter – St. Patrick's Ward and Kevin Townsend- St. George's Ward.

Reduced Speed Limits Pilot Project

We receive many complaints about speeding in old Port Dalhousie. At the December 10, 2018 Council meeting I requested the following report from staff: "a report evaluating the potential (including opportunities, challenges, expected costs, etc.) to implement as a pilot project, reduced speed limits, including a 30 km/h zone, within the residential neighbourhoods in the Port Dalhousie area bounded by: Lakeside Park, Martindale Pond, Lake Ontario and Courtleigh / Third; and that, as part of this report, staff meet and include discussion with: key stakeholders in the community and businesses, other municipalities that have tried this and, particularly, with the Niagara Regional Police, on speed enforcement aspects of the pilot project. And, that the report be submitted to Council by the end of March, 2019."

2019 City Operating Budget Approved with 3.34 % Increase

The budget debate took place on December 17, 2018. I was one of only two Councillors who voted against the increase. While staff tried hard to keep increases down and there are many worthwhile items in the budget, I believe the overall increase was too high. Our City has a high proportion of seniors, most of whom are on fixed incomes and our Strategic Plan calls for increases not to exceed inflation which was pegged at 2.1%.

St. Catharines Votes to Opt In Regarding Allowing Cannabis Retail Stores

Council voted unanimously to Opt In on January 14, 2019 – a decision the Province had requested from all municipalities. While some residents have valid concerns about the stores, the consensus was that it was now legal and buyers would just go to a neighbouring municipality if we did not allow stores. The Province does not give the City ANY authority regarding

the location of the stores but Council did pass my amendment "that a letter be sent to the Premier and appropriate Ministries, requesting that municipalities be given greater regulatory input and control regarding the location, distance separation and number of retail stores within their limits."

Ontario to Review Regional Governments

On January 15, the Ontario government announced it will conduct a review of regional governments in a search for ways to cut red tape and inefficiencies. The province has named two special advisors to conduct the review of the upper-tier governments of Halton, York, Durham, Waterloo, Niagara, Peel, Muskoka District, Oxford County, the County of Simcoe and, their 82 lower-tier municipalities. This is a major concern given how the Ford government imposed major changes on the City of Toronto at the 11th hour and the history of forced amalgamations under Mike Harris. Time is very short as the advisors are expected to complete their review in the early summer so, our Council formed a Committee to provide input and ensure the voices of the residents of St. Catharines are heard. Councillor Williamson and I believe local government is about much more than efficiencies and cost-cutting. It is an important part of our democracy and it needs to consider the voices of citizens in their neighbourhoods. Any changes should improve access to local representation and representation by population, as St. Catharines is currently disadvantaged compared to smaller and rural municipalities. Having more perspectives enriches decision-making, whereas concentrating power in fewer hands often results in less inclusive, less reflective governance.

Public Council Meeting on 102/104 Lakeport Proposed Condo Building

This was held on January 28, 2019. The gallery was packed and a number of speakers from the adjacent neighbourhoods spoke against the project highlighting concerns about issues such as: setbacks and variances; size, height and density; traffic and parking; water run-off and aging infrastructure; etc. There was a lot of concern expressed by Councillors and just about every one of us asked questions. Planning staff will review all the input, including the developer's, and have their recommendation to Council sometime in March.

Bill Burgoyne Arena (BBA)

BBA is the only arena serving Port Dalhousie Ward and the condition of this aging facility is a major concern for Councillor Williamson and I. The arena, which opened in 1973, was built by

members of the community who donated it to the City. It is the home of the Garden City Kiwanis Hockey League which is in its 49th season. The approved 2019 operating budget does include a 5.28 % increase in the budget for BBA. There are also funds in the capital budget approved on January 28, 2019 for roof maintenance, rebuilding of the ice plant and replacing the fire alarm panel.

Work Commences on Rehabilitation of Port Dalhousie Piers

The Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), awarded the contract for this project to out-of-town company Bronte Construction and they started work in late in December 2018. The West Pier is being worked on first as that is the one most used by the public. Bronte is currently using more than half of the Lakeside Parking Lot as a staging area and it is hoped this can be significantly reduced during the busy summer season. On January 28, 2019, Council passed Councillor Williamson's motion to appoint me as Council's representative on the Stakeholder Liaison Task Force on the Rehabilitation of Harbour Infrastructure.

Port Dalhousie Business Association Board of Directors

I was again appointed as Council's representative on the PDBA Board for 2019. I rely on my extensive business-planning experience to provide all possible assistance to strengthen the existing businesses and revitalize Port. We are facing a very challenging period for Port's businesses because of the disruptions caused by the work on the Piers and construction of approved condo projects. It is always my pleasure to participate in, and show my support for, the opening of new businesses anywhere in the City, and particularly in Port Dalhousie.

Supporting Community Organizations

Along with Councillor Williamson I continue to work closely with the volunteers at the Port Dalhousie Beautification and Works Committee (BWC) and other community organizations in Port Dalhousie Ward. In addition to the BWC, we support the volunteers at the Port Dalhousie Conservancy, the Grantham Optimist Club, the Port Dalhousie Lions, St. Catharines Kiwanis and the Henley Regatta, which will hold its 137th annual event this year.

As always, a very special thank you to my fellow Port Dalhousie Ward Councillor Bruce Williamson for his invaluable advice and support. ■

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It's Our 20th Anniversary!

In March of 2019 the Port Dalhousie Conservancy Marks its 20th Anniversary – a Remarkable Milestone for an All-Volunteer Community Organization.

Twenty years ago, a group of residents of the historic village of Port Dalhousie in St. Catharines became concerned about the possible loss of the home at 43 Dalhousie Avenue when a For Sale sign went up. The village of Port Dalhousie dates from 1826, and from 1829 until 1930 was the northern terminus of the first three Welland Canals. According to the City's Heritage Resource Inventory, 43 Dalhousie was built in 1841 by Alexander Muir of Muir Brothers Drydock. Alexander's diary states he bought the property from Nathan Pawling for 60 dollars and Alexander's wife Jane lived in the house until 1911.

The residents set up a meeting to consider their options and they were joined by the City of St. Catharines' Heritage Planner who explained that having the area designated as a Heritage Conservation District (HCD) under the Ontario Heritage Act was the only way to have some protection for the area's unique character. It was going to be a lot of hard work and would take years, the planner warned, as the community would have to be canvassed for support. It would then require Council's approval and, eventually, that of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). Undeterred, the group decided to proceed and PROUD (Port Realizing Our Unique Distinction) was born!

The volunteers from PROUD (now the Port Dalhousie Conservancy, a not-for-profit corporation) and the City of St. Catharines (Staff and Council), worked together towards the designation of the village of Port Dalhousie as a heritage district. In December 2003, following extensive community consultation, the City successfully defended its designating by-law before the OMB and Port Dalhousie was officially designated a Heritage Conservation District under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act. Then, in early 2004, Conservancy volunteers designed and raised the approximately \$18,000 required for street and gateway signs for the new district.

Unfortunately, danger lurked and, also in early 2004, only a short time after final OMB approval of the Heritage Designation, the Port Dalhousie

Vitalization Corporation (PDVC) announced that they had purchased a significant number of the heritage properties in the commercial core of the new heritage district, for development purposes. Two condo tower proposals eventually followed.

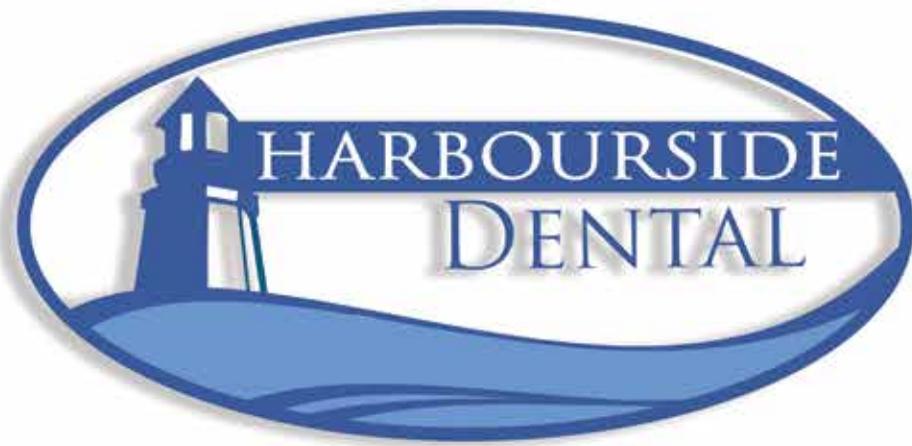
The Conservancy then sought community input again and concluded it had to oppose what was a 33-storey proposal for the low-rise Port Dalhousie heritage district. Widespread community opposition followed and this first tower proposal was withdrawn in 2005. It was followed by a 20-storey proposal which was exactly the same in density (number of condos, hotel, theatre and commercial space) but added an 8-storey wing along Main St. The Conservancy once again consulted extensively and concluded it had to oppose the new (old) proposal.

Eventually, a complex and lengthy (71-day) OMB Hearing got underway in February 2008. The City, the Conservancy and members of the community put forward a very strong OMB case. The Conservancy had broad community support and its membership grew to over 600, making it the largest community organization in Niagara. Their volunteers raised substantial funds and

were able to hire a top municipal lawyer to work alongside the City Solicitor. The case against the tower was supported by leading international expert witnesses and provisions of the Provincial Policy Statement, the City's Official Plan, Zoning By-Law (3-storey height limit) and Heritage Guidelines. Despite this, the OMB approved the proposal in almost its entirety. The OMB had NEVER before approved a tower in a designated HCD but justified it in terms of the revitalization that components such as the hotel, theatre and commercial space would bring.

Ten years since the OMB ruling, nothing has been built on the site and new owners have largely ignored the revitalization components. Conservancy volunteers continue to work hard on preserving Port's unique heritage and provide input to the City on the various projects proposed for this and other sites. They also keep Port Dalhousie Ward and the City informed through their community newspaper the Port Reporter –also an all-volunteer effort. ■





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“The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago, the second best is right now.” –Ilyese Norton

The tree canopy in Port Dalhousie forms a large part of Port's natural heritage. The grand silver maples that dominate the district, in combination with the well-kept older homes, helps to create an enjoyable and walkable community. People come from all over the city just to walk or jog on our tree-lined streets.

Trees are incredible in how they help the community, reduce heat in summer and provide the very air that we breathe.

Keeping that canopy in good shape is the responsibility of the City's arborists. This reporter sat down with a number of them to discuss what citizens can do to enhance and preserve this part of our environment. The City has a total of 11 employees, many of whom are certified arborists and are



very enthusiastic advocates for our tree canopy. They also water the City's flower baskets in summer.

We also have a Green Advisory Committee, composed of citizens who seek out new areas to plant trees and advise Council and staff on ways to enhance tree growth in the City. Did you notice the rosebuds planted on the Michigan side last year? That was their work!

First a few facts:

The City's tree canopy currently stands at about 22% and they have a goal of increasing that to 30% by 2030, something for which many municipalities are striving. It is an ambitious goal, but one that most of us can stand behind.

Port has suffered some significant losses over the last number of years and people often ask why trees suddenly disappear. It should be understood that the City has limited control over much of what happens:

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First: the City has been ravaged, first by Elm disease and now by the Emerald Ash Borer. Some of the older large trees can stand for awhile before they die but the Ash Borer is so invasive that trees can die in as little as one year. They have become so weak and the wood so perforated that they pose a danger. Port residents may know that infected trees are cut down as soon as it is noticed that they are under attack. This explains the cutting in Rennie Park, along the eastern Pier, and at the western entrance of Port at Martindale. City crews are trying to keep ahead of it.

Second: Many of Port's trees are reaching the end of their useful life. A number of years ago many of us were shocked with the mass cutting of trees along Main Street. This was not the City's doing, but the Region's, as all trees along the Regional Roads are their responsibility. The City is actually much more selective about how it deals with trees and prefers to analyse each one

individually by inspecting it regularly for damage, fungus and disease, to see if it is good enough to stay. They are generally very reluctant to cut trees on public boulevards. They also have a strict policy of replacing every single tree that is taken down either on the same site or nearby.

Third: When you see bucket trucks going around trimming trees around power lines, that may not be the City but the power utility which "owns" the air space around power lines and has the right to trim growth away from them. Even though it sometimes looks ugly, that is a price we have to pay for getting power to our homes via above-ground wiring. The best solution (but also the most expensive one) is to bury lines as

they often do in new neighbourhoods, but the cost of retrofitting an existing community is prohibitive. However, we should still consider doing that

Deciduous trees, planted on the south and west sides, will keep your house cool in the summer and let the sun warm your home in the winter, reducing energy use.

in select places to enhance the Heritage District that existed before electric power was even invented or in commercial areas where wires are unsightly.

Replacements are usually with trees that are about 50 to 60 centimeters in size. On occasion they may plant trees of 60-120 centimetres in size. Everyone wants a big tree right away but it was explained to us that often a smaller

tree adjusts much better and faster to its surroundings than a bigger one because of the differences in soils attached to the tree and the speed at

which it can adapt. Because of this, the little ones often surpass the larger ones after a few years.

There are also many trees on private property which are purely the responsibility of the land owner. Some of us were upset that a number of large beautiful and healthy trees were cut on the Holly Dean farm property. Currently there is no legislation protecting trees on private property. Some of you may have read about the trees cut down by a developer on private property in Niagara-on-the-Lake recently. They were in a similar situation and have recently passed a by-law protecting trees on private property, something which we should perhaps consider in a Heritage District like Port Dalhousie.

We have a great and dedicated team of staff at the City who work hard to protect our tree canopy, but we as citizens are also responsible for our role in taking care of our canopy. Did you know that the City gives away over 1,000 trees a year to private citizens to

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plant on their own property? And also, that the City plants another 1,000 on City owned land?

Do we treat our trees with the respect they deserve? In fact, our citizens are sometimes the greatest impediment to the growth and health of our trees. We should all think twice about our mutual responsibility that the trees in our yards remain healthy, but also the ones on the boulevard in front of our homes, especially in the first few years after planting. After-care is vital to a tree's survival. Did you know that all summer you can pick up mulch for free at Jaycee Park?

The inconvenience of having leaves in your gutter is no reason to cut down a tree: find another solution. Healthy trees contribute greatly to our community's overall health and experience, and it is up to all of us to make sure we keep it and, in fact, encourage its growth.

We have to be very careful with development. We are often presented with beautiful pictures of what a development will look like when complete and some of us wonder

whether those artist drawings ever become a reality. City arborists assure me that they take these plans very seriously and do make suggestions to developers and police that they actually do what they say they will do. It may be comforting to note that a development has a two-year delay on the disbursements of funds to ensure that the developer actually delivers what he or she says.

What can you do? Be a willing partner with the City is one thing. Help us reach our goal of 30% by 2030! Plant a tree, keep an eye out for a spot that could use one, call the Citizen First hotline if you see something that needs taking care of or if you have a question. They assure me they are happy to respond and provide advice. Let's make Port Dalhousie the greenest ward in the City! ■

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Caring for your tree
Guidelines provided by the City of St. Catharines

The trees planted on your street are carefully chosen and planted to provide shade, windbreaks, privacy, attract birds and wildlife, and to beautify your neighbourhood. In an effort to keep your trees healthy, the city asks you to help maintain a new tree by following these tips:

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- Keep lawn mowers and string trimmers away from the stem of the tree to avoid damage to the bark. Severe bark damage can result in the eventual death of the tree.
- Please leave wood chips in place as they protect the tree from damage. The chips also reduce water loss by allowing water and nutrients to penetrate.
- Please do not pile soil or grass clippings over mulch
- Each Tree is staked at the time of planting. The stakes will be removed by the contractor within the two-year warranty period.
- If you maintain a health lawn and boulevard, the tree will receive sufficient amounts of water.
- Please do not overwater, it will drown the tree. During dry periods, water your tree twice a week. Saturating the tree infrequently encourages the production of a deep root system and drought resistant trees. Shallow watering encourages surface rooting, which makes the tree more vulnerable to drying out.
- We suggest fertilizing after the two-year warranty expires. Please do not use a granular/weed control mix. We recommend applications of one cup of granular 10-10-10 (slow release) fertilizer in April and October for root and top growth.
- Please report any problems (i.e. vandalism, insects, disease) to the
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The late Victorian and early Edwardian eras were a time of great technological innovation. Among the many inventions from that time period are the telephone, the phonograph, incandescent lights, the typewriter, the automobile and the airplane. The motion picture was developed in the mid-1890s by various pioneers in the field including Thomas A. Edison in the United States.

St. Catharines was one of the first cities in southern Ontario where motion pictures were shown in November 1896. The managers of the Grand Opera House on Ontario Street quickly realized that the new medium would attract audiences and they offered several screenings of films in 1897. By 1900 motion pictures formed part of the regular weekly offerings at the downtown theatres.

The first permanent movie theatres in St. Catharines opened their doors in 1907-08. The two most popular theatres were the "Hippodrome" and "Griffins Family Theatre" on St. Paul Street. In late May 1908 the Standard reported that a new theatre named the "Idle Hour" had opened in Port Dalhousie. The exact location of that nickelodeon is not known, nor how long it remained in business.

Images of Port Dalhousie appeared in a short film shot in 1906 which was called "Scenes in Ontario," while downtown St. Catharines was used for a location shoot during the 1910s. Both films are presumed to be lost.

One of the most popular early film stars was a Canadian named Mary Pickford. She was born in Toronto as Gladys Louise Smith in April 1892. Her father, John Charles Smith, worked as a printer and then as a bartender at the Grand Opera House Saloon on Adelaide Street West. He eventually obtained a job as a purser with the Niagara Steamship Co., sailing between Toronto, Port Dalhousie and Lewiston. Gladys had cousins from Port Dalhousie who owned a hot dog stand at Lakeside Park, and she would sometimes help them on her summer visits during World War I by serving customers. Unfortunately her father was struck in the head by a dangling pulley and died in 1898 from a cerebral hemorrhage. Gladys' mother, Charlotte (or "Lottie") was left to provide for three young children with no source of income. She worked as a seamstress and took in lodgers, some of whom were actors. The family struggled financially moving from address to address in and around "the Ward," a slum located near what is now the Eaton Centre.



Mary Pickford (née Gladys Louise Smith)



Mary Pickford, D.W. Griffith, Charlie Chaplin and Douglas Fairbanks

Around 1900 "Baby" Gladys Smith made her Toronto stage debut and during the next eight years she appeared in productions with her mother and her siblings Lottie and Jack. They ended up in New York City where Gladys met Lillian and Dorothy Gish, stage actresses who later became famous in films. In 1907, Gladys was signed by David Belasco to appear in one of his Broadway productions. At his suggestion Gladys changed her name to Mary Pickford.

In early 1909, Mary applied for work at the Biograph film studio at the

astronomical salary of \$5 per day. Her first screen appearance was as an extra in a film directed by D.W. Griffith called "Her First Biscuits". Pickford frequently portrayed juvenile roles in light comedies and quickly rose to become a featured player at the studio. Some of her co-stars included Mack Sennett (the founder of the Keystone Studio) and Lionel Barrymore. In 1913 Pickford joined Famous Players (Paramount) where she achieved even greater fame. Her films were screened in St. Catharines as early as May 1914, and her name was highlighted in the advertisements. She was given charge of her own production unit in 1916 and appeared in 'blockbuster' films such as "The Little American" and "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm." Although she was a Canadian, her adoring fans nicknamed her "America's Sweetheart."

In 1920 Pickford joined her husband Douglas Fairbanks, D.W. Griffith, and Charlie Chaplin as the founders of United Artists.

In the late 1920s Pickford realized that her days of portraying juvenile roles were nearing an end and in 1928 she bobbed her hair. The public rejected her portrayal of mature characters and her debut in "talking pictures" in 1929 was not well received. Her popularity plummeted and she retired in 1933. Pickford attempted a come-back and appeared in some short films, on radio, and in television but she eventually became a recluse and sold her share in United Artists in 1956. She received an honorary Academy Award for her work in cinema in 1976. Pickford died from a stroke in May 1979. She was one of the richest and most powerful women in Hollywood as an actress, writer, producer, director and studio head. In total she appeared in 247 films. ■

Brian Narhi

Next Issue: The Story of Mary's Port Dalhousie Cousin and Her Colourful Family



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... Next Stop, Port Dalhousie 2050

One used to be assured the world you were born into would be very much like the world in which you would die. That's no longer the case.

We can thank exponential growth and the rule of doubling for that. To illustrate the point, consider that if you folded a piece of paper 45 times, it would stretch far enough to take you to the moon. Unbelievable? After ten folds the paper would be as thick as your hand, 17 folds, as high as your house, three more folds and its quarter of the way up the Sears tower. In just ten additional folds that paper will have crossed the earth's atmosphere. Amazing! The math is there. Now layer that thinking onto our population which went from 3.5 billion in 1968 to 7.7 billion in 2018. We have doubled the amount of food required, clean water used, plastic in the environment, acres of land paved for urbanization and the destruction of our natural environment. The world is changing rapidly.

We need to be prepared.

That's where going to the future becomes so important. No one can predict the future, at least not yet, but we can prepare. Imagine the possibility of going to the future. Imagine going to Port Dalhousie in a Virtual Realty time machine to see what our town might look like in 2050. How might a global population of 10 billion people affect us? The United Nations has written that in 2050 anywhere from 200 million to 1 billion people may be displaced due to climate change. To date, humanity has destroyed 83% of all wild mammals. Management consultants like Deloitte and PWC report that Canadians can expect to see 30% of all jobs replaced by robotics and AI by 2030. What will the role of creativity and community be in 2050? What will we eat? How will transportation change? So many questions.

The future is hard to imagine, particularly 30 years from now. Albert Einstein said, "If at first the idea is not absurd, then there is no hope for it." Stretching the brain to its elastic potential is the first step. Taking a ride in a virtual reality time machine will facilitate that thinking. The ability to experience multiple futures for Port Dalhousie will provide an outlet for possibilities, both good and bad. Immersion is a powerful tool for creating understanding and empathy. The possible futures experienced will not be "the future". They are instead a means to allow you to get to the absurd, and then to use that knowledge to develop creative thinking and new possibilities. How will Port Dalhousie prepare for the rapidly evolving future?

David Suzuki sums it up well. "We're in a giant car heading towards a brick wall and everyone's arguing over where they're going to sit."

We have the collective power to help steer towards preferred futures and prepare for things that are out of our control, but we can't do this if we don't take the time to consider the possibilities. Going to the future is one way to increase understanding.

Port Dalhousie time machine is expected to fly late 2019.
Hope you'll take the ride.

Tara O'Neil

Tara O'Neil is a PhD researcher and resident of Port Dalhousie. She is conducting research on the future of Port Dalhousie in 2050. As part of this work Tara is creating Virtual Reality time machines that will depict multiple scenarios of the future based on drivers of change that exist in our world today. These time machines are part of an innovation process Tara is developing to help co-creation and creativity thrive.

Sid Brookson - His Memories of Various Businesses in Port Dalhousie

More From His Personal Files...

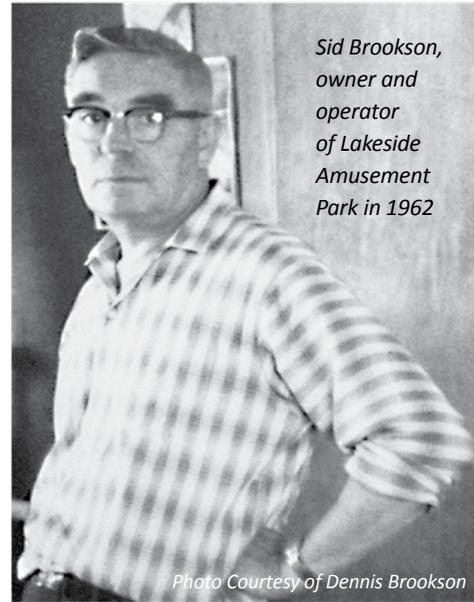
It runs in my mind that the Customs House was on the East Side of the canal and was in a large red brick building. The Customs agent, there was only one, whose name I believe was Ferguson, was a kindly old gentleman, nothing was any trouble for him and he was always available (an earlier Customs House was on Lock St. on the west side for previous canals).

The Lighthouse keeper that I knew for many years was "Salty" Rooney. He lived in a cottage below the hill of Church Street (now Dalhousie Ave.) at the Western entrance to Lakeside Park. He walked back and forth to the Lighthouses and lit the lamps every day, except in the foggy weather when he would stay in the lighthouse. In the 1930's he purchased some rowboats and operated a rowboat concession for Lakeside Park. He also made very, very good "Bathtub Gin" it was exactly as named as he made it in his bathtub in his cottage. It was not a continuous thing but only once in a while, once it was ready for sale he had a hard time trying to keep some of it for his own use as the demands from the natives

was so great, also from the sailors whose ships were tied up waiting to go through the canal or waiting to fill their coal bunkers. This was during the O.T. A. days in Canada (prohibition) and also during rationing throughout the Second World War.

Mr. William Muir owned the Dry Docks at Port Dalhousie and Mr. Charlie Ansell was his appraiser, accountant etc. Charlie and I rode the Street car to go back and for to work in 1928, 1929, and 1930 and we would always sit together. Charlie would talk about someday owning a dry dock of his own. This came true for him as when Mr. Muir died and he became the owner of Muir Bros. Dry docks in Port Dalhousie and eventually also the Port Weller dry docks at Port Weller. Charlie Ansell never married, his widowed sister kept house for him and he adopted her son as his own. He spoiled the son terribly giving him anything at all that he asked for. The son was always into trouble with high powered cars he used to have and was drinking quite heavily, he fell down the stairs at home and died from the injuries. Charlie had some kind of

blood disease, so if he bruised himself the whole area would become black and blue. He informed me that this is



Sid Brookson, owner and operator of Lakeside Amusement Park in 1962

Photo Courtesy of Dennis Brookson

why he would never marry as he would never forgive himself if he passed the disease on to his children. He would have made a poor husband anyway as his whole life was tied up with boats repairing and building them. He had

no definite working hours unless it was 24 hours a day.

The building that is now known as the Dalhousie House was the company office and on the ground floor, was the stock room and Mr. Alf Curley was the storekeeper. The upper floor contained Mr. Charlie Ansell's office and the drafting and lay out room. The other buildings on the property contained complete shops such as the Blacksmiths Shop, Carpenters Shop, Welding Shop, and Bending Shop where plates for the ships were heated and shaped to fit wherever that had to go. Mr. Muir was a very frugal person and many times he could be seen walking around in the bottom of the dry dock picking up the rivets than had been missed by the rivet catcher. He would return these rivets to the storekeeper to be put back into stock. About ten days before the end of the month, if Mr. Muir was to write a cheque he would post date it until the first day of the month so as he would not lose the interest in the bank and he would inform whoever the cheque was for why he post dated it.

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The Lincoln Fabrics building used to be when it was the Maple Leaf Rubber Co. two buildings, one on each side of the roadway with an overhead catwalk between them. The Maple Leaf Rubber Company. Was sold or changed its name to the Consolidated Rubber Co. In 1907. But to the residents it was known only as the Rubber Works. Nearly everyone in Port Dalhousie that worked was employed at one time or another at the Rubber Works. A boarding house was built by the Rubber Company at the corner of Main and Brock Street for out of town women, it was called Dalhousie Hall.

The Nubone Corset Co. purchased Dalhousie Hall in 1940 and operated their corset manufacturing business out of there. The building burned on Sept. 16 1960 and Nubone discontinued operations. The building is now an apartment building. The Rubber Co. also owned houses at the corner of Ontario St. and Lakeshore Road, now Ontario St, and Lakeport Rd, where employees with families lived. Where the Embassy Hotel (The Rib Crib) now stands there was a boarding house for Scotch employees of the Rubber Co. I believe the Company brought them from Scotland and after they had been

working for a certain period they had a deduction from each pay to reimburse the Rubber Co. for the expense of bringing them from Scotland. After Consolidated Rubber closed in 1929 the whole village seemed to go into



mourning, it was quite a blow to the community. To my knowledge the two buildings were boarded up and were not used for any purpose from 1929 until 1940. Harry Carmichael, Stewart Fleming and others then formed a company and imported

virgin wool (which smelled very badly) from Australia that was brought into Port Dalhousie by rail on the east side of the canal and trucks from the St. Catharines and Toronto Cartage Co. later named the Consolidated Cartage Co. were used to bring the wool which came in 400 to 500 pound bales from the box cars to the Rubber Co. building and tons of it was stored there during 1940 and 1941. Between 1942 and 1950 several smaller industries used the building for various purposes such as, Aluminum Double Hung windows, Silver flex insulation, Niagara Starch Co. who stored glutinol and starch, Mogridge

& Co stored tapes of all kinds. There were others too but I cannot recall their names. The building remained empty again for a couple of years and in 1955 it was purchased by Lincoln Fabrics

Ltd. And the machinery formally used by Grouts Ltd of St. Catharines (who closed their business) was brought to the building and installed. The building has been remodeled and the building that was on the west side of the road has been completely destroyed, a building wrecker from Niagara Falls did this in 1959-1960. The Lincoln Fabric Co. are now the owners of the building and are operating their business from there.

There were three hotels, the Austin House (Lakeside), the Port Hotel (Port Mansion), and the Wellington Hotel (Lock One Brewery), a barber shop, a blacksmiths shop, a drug store, two ships chandlers, Scott's & Murphy's, a Chinese Restaurant, Blair's Confectionary, a Tea room and the Post Office and Telegraph office. Mr. Thomas a commercial fisherman lived in the house nearest to the Dry dock entrance and finally and most important, the Bank, and Chan's Laundry. ■

Sid Brookson

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Update: Port Construction

The Port Dalhousie piers are now owned by the City of St. Catharines. Portions of the piers were closed in the interest of public safety in April 2015. This decision was made by Fisheries and Oceans Canada following an engineering report that recommended limiting access to the piers because of significant damage to their substructure.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada awarded the contract to repair the Port Dalhousie Piers to Bronte Construction, and work began in December, 2018. The project is expected to be completed by March 2021.

While this is positive news for the community, construction to rehabilitate the piers will lead to some service disruptions at Lakeside Park, such as limited parking.

Crews will use a section of the Lakeside Park parking lot that's closest to the west pier to store materials and equipment.

There will be access to the pavilion, carousel, Rotary Band Shell, playground and washrooms when Lakeside Park is open for the season (June to October). Accessible parking will always be available.

The service disruptions will not restrict access to the parking lot; visitors will still be able to enter and exit via Lakeport Road and Main Street.

During the offseason (January to May) parking will be limited to about half of the Lakeside Park parking lot. Efforts will be made to maximize the amount of parking in the area that's available to the public when Lakeside Park is open for the season (June to October).

Parking will be available at other nearby City parking lots and on-street metered spots within walking distance of Lakeside Park. However, we should also note that a development project at 57 Lakeport Rd. has also begun and will lead to a temporary closure of the City's parking lot at Lock Point starting in the spring.

Visitors can also park at Ontario Jaycee Gardens Park, 543 Ontario St., and access Rennie Park, the harbour and Lakeside Park via the pedestrian bridge.

Lakeside Park visitors can also use St. Catharine Transit. The weekday 301 and evening and weekend 401 buses stop at Lock Street and Main Street, which is just a short walk from Lakeside Park. This route operates on a 30-minute frequency up until about 6 p.m. and then once an hour after that.

The City will raise awareness of alternative areas where parking is available with wayfinding signage and other communication channels, such as www.stcatharines.ca

and social media. The City will also advise the public of additional parking areas that become available throughout the season.



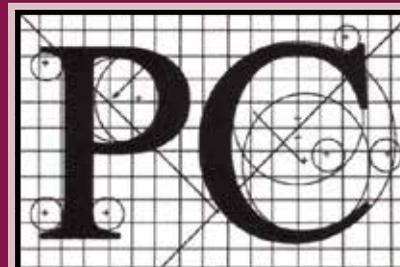
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Community Events Spring Calendar 2019

April

Friday, April 19 2019

Easter Egg Hunt For Dogs

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<http://www.nsd.on.ca/events/easter-egg-hunt-for-dogs/>

Saturday, April 20th 2019

St. Catharines Easter Egg Hunt

Come out to this annual St. Catharines Easter Egg Hunt at the beautiful Jaycee Park (543 Ontario Street, St. Catharines)! EASTER EGG HUNT TIMES 10:00am (1-3 Years) 10:30am (4-6 Years) 11:00am (7-8 Years) 11:30am (9-10 Years) www.jcistcatharines.ca

Saturday, April 27th 2019

Spring Clean Up Day

Join BWC in cleaning up YOUR community on Earth Day! In the past two years we have collected about 50 large garbage bags which are dropped off at pre arranged pick up points for the City to collect. Check out our FB page for more details.

Saturday, October 26th, 2019

Full Moon Ghost Walks

2019 Ghost Walks follow Route A (Church Street, Yates Street). Tickets are \$10.00 each. Group rates and private tours are available - great idea for an office or group outing!

Our Downtown St. Catharines Ghost Walks are held every month under the full moon from spring through fall, and on multiple nights in late October. Check online ticket sales. Fri. Apr. 19 at 8pm, Sat. May 18 at 9pm, Mon. Jun. 17 at 9pm, Tues. July 16 at 9pm, Thurs. Aug. 15 at 9pm, Sat. Sept. 14 at 8pm, Sun. Oct. 13 at 7pm, Thurs. Oct. 17 at 7pm, Fri. Oct. 18 at 7pm, Sat. Oct. 19 at 7pm, Thurs. Oct. 24 at 7pm, Fri. Oct. 25 at 7pm, Sat. Oct. 26 at 7pm.

Sat April 13 to Sat June 8 2019

44th annual Spring Salmon Derby

St. Catharines Games and Fish Association For more information on tickets, early bird prices, prizes and more check out their website at: <https://scgfa.ca/>

May

May 5, 2019:
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

CFUW St Catharines 45th Annual House Tour

Sunday, May 5th, 2019 is the date for CFUW's 45th Annual House Tour and you are invited to attend! It will be a memorable afternoon, celebrating local architecture, decor and history. Every house has a unique story.

Tickets are \$25 and will be for sale in the outlets mid March, 2019. Online tickets will also be available (a \$1 handling fee applies). On May 5th, tickets will also be available at the houses on the tour. All proceeds from ticket sales go to our Registered Charity for Scholarships and to support local Charities that help women and children in need.

Sunday, May 5th 2019

Mandarin MS Walk

Port Dalhousie Lions Club
Check-in time: 7:00 AM
Start time: 9:00 AM
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For more information, contact Yasir Nouri: yasir.nouri@mssociety.ca
To register in office, please drop by our new location at 432 Niagara St, Unit 2, St. Catharines ON L2M 4W3 or call us at 905-937-7772.

Saturday, May 11 2019

Port Dalhousie Bike Swap

Port Dalhousie Lion's Club
7:00am - noon.
An event for people who want to buy, sell, trade, or donate a bike!
To save people money on buying new bikes, clean out garages, and help get people biking! If you have a bike to sell, drop it off between 7:00 - 10:00 am. Sales begin at 9:00am.
For more information: Visit the Port Dalhousie Beautification and Works Committee Facebook Page or contact pdbikeswap@gmail.com.

May 18 to 20 2019
Saturday, May 18th to Monday, May 20th

2019 Port Dalhousie 3x3 Salmon Classic

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Friday, May 31 2019

Sing Niagara Concert

FREE Public Concert
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June

Saturday, June 8 2019

Port Dalhousie Wide Yard Sale

Check out the Port Dalhousie Conservancy website www.pdconservancy.org for more details mid-April.

Friday June 21, 2019

Summer Solstice, Drumming Down the Sun & Yoga on the Beach

Lakeside Park, Port Dalhousie
7pm - 7:45pm - Yoga on the Beach
8pm - 9:30pm - Drumming Down the Sun
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Music Nights

The BWC is working on organizing a series of musical events at the Lock One Commons on **Wednesdays** during the spring/summer. Check out our FB page for more details as they become available.

The Port Reporter provides free listings for any Port Dalhousie (or vicinity) area events that benefit local charities or community organizations and would be of interest to Port residents, vendors and visitors. It is at the discretion of the editorial team to include or exclude submitted events. Readers are strongly encouraged to check directly with the organizers prior to the event as details do change because of weather etc... Submissions are due by the 1st of the month prior to publication and can be sent to: editor.portreporter@gmail.com.



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