



East York Inkings

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Newsletter of East York Historical Society Volume 20 Issue 1 January 2024

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY!

Celebrating Black History Canada



Happy 100th Birthday to the Township of East York 1924 – 2024



**Celebration to be announced
sometime in September 2024**

“Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in.” Martin Luther King Jr.

READ HON. ALAN REDWAY'S ARTICLE, THE BIRTH OF EAST YORK PAGE 8

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

DOORS OPEN @ 7PM 

PRESENTER: SHEILA WHITE

ON TOPIC: "IN BLACK AND WHITE"





East York Historical Society Honours **THE HONOURABLE ALAN REDWAY**

March 11, 1935 – January 4, 2024



East York Historical Society Board of Directors 2015
Front Row: VP Hon. Alan Redway, President Pat Barnett, Dir. Kay Horiszny
Second Row: Dir. Christopher Salmond, Dir. Margaret McRae,
Secty Justin Van Dette and Dir. John Michailidis
Bottom Right: Treasurer Val Dodge and Past President Jane Pitfield

East York Historical Society is saddened to learn of the recent passing of life member and friend, The Honourable Alan Redway.

Mr. Redway was one of the key founding members of East York Historical Society over 43 years ago and his passing is a great loss to our Society and to the world.

On behalf of East York Historical Society, we extend our sincere & deepest condolences to his dear beloved wife Mrs. Louise Redway, their two daughters Andrea and Kim and their 2 grandchildren Thomson and Sydney and to extended family and friends.

Two weeks ago I had been thinking often about you, Alan and started calling your two daughters and your

room at Millwood Retirement 921 Millwood Road but no answer, so I just prayed.

Mr. Redway and I were good friends and I personally will miss him greatly; brunch at Donlands Diner will never be the same...

Thank you. Mr. Redway for your many years of excellent and dedicated service as former Mayor of East York, your many articles and sharing of your expertise as a lawyer; your 3 books. Thank you, you will be missed by all of us. "Shine on", on your new assignment.

God Bless You Mr. Redway for your great contribution in this your well and good life.

Hon. Alan S. Redway was:

Executive Director and Vice President of East York Historical Society few years ago; a true East Yorker born and reared in East York, Leaside, Thorncliffe Park, Ottawa and Cobourg; as Former Minister of State for Housing traveled extensively, even as far as the High Arctic up to Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord.

You will surely be missed.

Thank you again for your friendship to me East York Historical Society President and to all our members.

God Bless you on your new assignment

Pat
Pancheta Barnett

East York Historical Society President PBarnett Jan. 7, 2024

A Special tribute:

Yours and Mrs. Redways favourite singer
Vera Lynn *We'll Meet Again*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5C4meGkNyc>



EYHS President
Pat Barnett



Greetings to all East York Historical Society Members (Friends New and Renewed).

Happy New Year 2024; Happy New Year of the Dragon **and a Special Happy 100th Birthday Township East York 1924-2024.**

"A planned celebration to acknowledge this 100th is expected

to happen later on this year in September 2024. R.W".
Further details TBA.

A friendly reminder your **East York Historical Society membership is now due.** Please disregard if you have already renewed. You can renew safely and quickly via e-transfer at: val@cabal.org **Mailing cheque to:** EYHS c/o 107 Cambridge Ave. Toronto, M4K 2L7 Please do not send cash in the mail. You can renew your membership at the meeting. See this info also at back of East York Inklings Newsletter East York Historical Society.

East York Historical Society Warmly Welcomes our new member. See page 8.

Our 43rd AGM/GM on Nov. 28, 2023 was well attended

in-person and on Virtual/telephone access Zoom. Presenter Mr. Mark Maloney on Topic: "**Toronto Mayors**". Thank you, Mark for an excellent presentation. Many copies of the authors books were sold at this meeting.

East York Historical Society Celebrates Black History Canada. We Welcome Presenter Ms. Sheila White on Topic: "IN BLACK AND WHITE" on the evening of Tuesday, 30th January, 2024. Doors Open 7PM - 9PM. Please bring friends and relatives. All members and guests are welcome to attend.

Regarding the passing of our upstanding Life Member Honourable Alan Redway on the 4th January, 2024 at his wishes there will be no memorial services...; but in this issue of January 2024 of EY Inklings Newsletter of East York Historical Society we have included a few memories about him. Please keep the family in our thoughts and prayers. We will remember Mr. Redway's loyalty and true lasting friendship to this Society. See pages 2, 5 - 8.

If you will be attending our evening meeting by Zoom virtual and telephone access please email/phone EYHS President Pat on Tuesday by 4 pm at the latest for the link.

7 pm	Doors Open. Meet & Greet Light Refreshments Served
7:30 pm	President Pat's Welcome & Remarks
8 pm	Presenter Sheila White
9 pm	EYHS Meeting Wrap-Up



Mrs. Redway is in good spirits during my recent visit with her. Also, please keep the following and their families in mind and in prayers some of our past and present members: **Bob Brathwaite** (eye problem); **Ian Wheal** (TGH); **Melanie Melanich** (Oct.16, 2024-Nov.15, 1945 aged 77); **Irene Derzay** (L/msg voice mail); Jean Van Dette (pneumonia MGH at home now); **Aarne Juhola** (late husband of Helen Juhola resides in Providence Villa) **Feb. 19, 1935-13th Sept. 2023 Aarne was 88**; Marilyn Clark and Grace Tanaka.

Do you have an historical story of East York that we have never heard of before that you would like to share with us in the East York Inklings Newsletter of East York Historical Society, let me know.

Agnes Macphail Award Ceremony will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 2PM in the East York Civic Centre 850 Coxwell Avenue
<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/awards-tributes/awards/agnes-macphail-award/>

On behalf of the entire East York Historical Society Executive Board of Directors thank you all for your regular attendance to the evening general meetings and for your ongoing membership renewals; and remember you are not just a number in this Society but you are recognized, valued and appreciated.

Your help in clearing the room at the end of the meeting will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to Serano Bakery for their kind donation to East York Historical Society Celebration of Black History Canada.

Please remember to keep warm, walk in well-lit areas after sunset and look out for yourself and each other. We are important to life and to each other!!

Thank you all for listening and please click on the links in this ...East York Inklings Newsletter of East York Historical Society for more great news and stories. In Active Service for East York Historical Society.

P. Barnett



Pat
Pancheta Barnett
President East York Historical Society
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East York Historical Society
Minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting
November 28, 2023
7:30 PM | John S. Ridout Auditorium

Attendance: 47 members in attendance (including individuals who were taking part virtually)

Meeting called to order at 7:37 PM with Pat Barnett, President of East York Historical Society welcomed everyone.

Land Acknowledgement: Melanie McKinnon from TPL (S. Walter Stewart Branch) was introduced by President Pat Barnett where she then read the Land Acknowledgement Text

Introduction of Elections Chair: President Pat Barnett then invited Geoff Kettel to the podium to Chair the Elections

Moment of Silence: A moment of silence was held to remember East Yorkers, our members who could not attend this evening, loved ones and friends.

Adoption of Minutes from the 42nd Annual General Meeting held on November 29, 2022 – moved by Ron Brown; seconded by Joanne Valliere – ADOPTED

Reports: Motion to accept the Annual Report and Financial Report as presented in the November 2023 issue of East York Inklings and appointment of Lorna Krawchuk as the Financial Reviewer– moved by Justin Van Dette; seconded by Joanne Valliere - ADOPTED

Election of Board of Directors: Geoff Kettel informed everyone that a slate had been put forward and recommended by the Board of Directors

President: Pat Barnett **Vice President:** Ron Brown

Motion to accept the names nominated – moved by Jean Van Dette; seconded by Glen Fenton – adopted

Geoff Kettel had noted that two additional nominations were put forward for the position of Director:

Director: Rhonda McKenzie **Director:** Joanne Valliere

Motion to accept the two names for Directors – moved by Ron Brown; seconded by Jim Hartley – APPROVED

Geoff Kettel informed those in attendance that East York Historical Society Executive Board of Directors were being appointed by the Board of Directors:

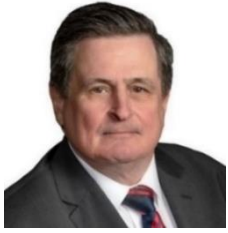
Secretary: Justin Van Dette **Treasurer:** Val Dodge

Motion to accept all nominations noted above for East York Historical Society Board of Directors; moved by Rhonda McKenzie; seconded by Joanne Valliere – APPROVED

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the 43rd Annual General Meeting of East York Historical Society at 7:53 PM – moved by Ron Brown – ADOPTED

*Minutes taken by Justin Van Dette, Secretary, East York Historical Society
November 28, 2023*

THANK YOU TO EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOV. 28, 2023 at 7:30PM 43RD AGM
PRESENTER: MR. MARK MALONEY, ON TOPIC: "TORONTO MAYORS"



MR. MARK MALONEY
AUTHOR OF TORONTO MAYORS

COMMENT RE: MARK MALONEY'S TORONTO MAYORS

Dec 1, 2023

Hi Pat, I enjoyed this evening, the AGM went well, and the guest speaker was phenomenal.

I purchased his book from Apple Books for \$20.99.

You might want to let people know. It's also available as an e-book.

Take care, Jim.

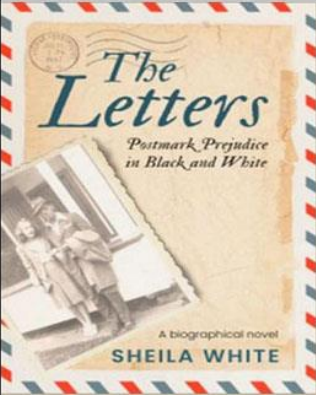


EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 30, 2024 7PM MEETING
Celebrating Black History Canada




East York Historical Society presents:

New Black history told in a fresh new way



"In Black and White"



WITH AUTHOR SHEILA WHITE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024
7PM - 9 PM

S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY
John S. Ridout Auditorium
170 MEMORIAL PARK AVENUE (& DURANT)

Join us for this Black History Month Event.
Books will be available for signing by the author.

The Letters: Postmark Prejudice in Black and White
A hot, new release from Yorkland Publishing
www.yorklandpublishing.com

"Unputdownable" ♦ "A story that must be told"

"A fascinating read" ♦ "A beautiful tapestry" ♦ "A must read"

Vintage Slides

Scarborough-born Sheila White

has worn many hats, starting as a community news reporter and editor in the 1970s. She then worked in politics and media for many years. She is a writer, a musician and songwriter, and an environmentalist.

Sheila is Music Director and a licensed lay chaplain for Don Heights Unitarian Congregation in Don Mills. We hosted Sheila and her choir a few years ago when she came to talk about her famous aunt Portia White, the concert singer. This is Sheila's third time with us as a guest speaker.

2023 saw the Yorkland Publishing release of "The Letters: Postmark Prejudice in Black and White, Sheila's debut novel, which has been described as "unputdownable."

In September 2022, Sheila received a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal Recipient from the Province of Nova Scotia for anti-racism work. She was a Member of the federal government's National Apology Advisory Committee, and Chair of its Communications and Community Engagement Sub-committee.

Sheila was a 2020 Urban Hero Award Winner for her environmental volunteer work and a "Canada 150" medal recipient in 2017 for Outstanding Contributions to Community. In 2014, Sheila received an African Canadian Achievement Award in the Politics category.

ON TOPIC: "IN BLACK AND WHITE"
OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

"In Black and White" with author Sheila White. New Black history told in a fresh new way accompanied by vintage slides, Sheila will walk us through the fascinating story behind her biographical novel, "The Letters: Postmark Prejudice in Black and White" (Yorkland Publishing, 2023) about her parents' contentious, interracial marriage in Toronto in 1947.

PRESIDENT PAT'S SPOTLIGHT ON THE HONOURABLE ALAN REDWAY AND MRS. LOUISE REDWAY WAS PUBLISHED IN EY INKLINGS NOV 2018

PRESIDENT PAT'S SPOTLIGHT THE HONOURABLE ALAN REDWAY & MRS. LOUISE REDWAY

A brief History of the former Mayor of the Borough of East York from 1976-1982.

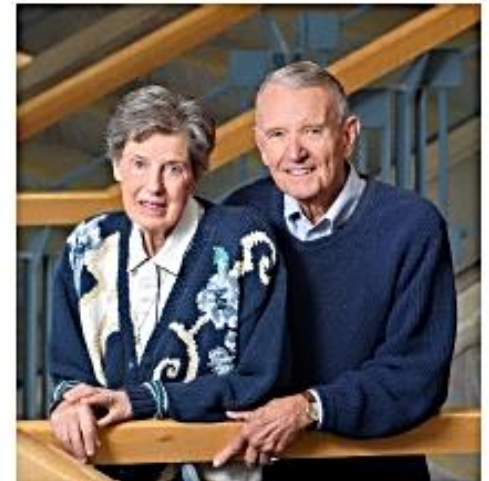
During his almost 10 years in Parliament while serving Canada as Minister of State (housing) he travelled widely in our country including to almost every settlement in the Arctic.

Monday, March 11, 1935 Alan Arthur Sydney Redway was born in Women's College Hospital, Toronto (an only child) to Alan and Phyllis Redway. His parents grew up in Toronto: Alan's father on Bain Avenue, and his mother Phyllis on Simpson Avenue.

Alan attended Rolph Road Public School Kindergarten from age 5. He remembered (chuckle) that if you were a bad boy during school you would have to stand behind the piano. He learned and forgot to play the piano. The last piece he was able to play usually in July or August was White Christmas.

After Rolph Road Alan went onto Leaside High...
1958...he received his degree in Commerce and Finance from the University of Toronto.
1961...he received his law degree from Osgoode Hall
1962...April 21 he married his true love (Mary) Louise Harvey a Teacher from Cobourg,
1963...January, he was called to the Bar after marrying Louise. They have 2 daughters, Kim and Andrea and 2 grandchildren, a grandson Thomson (14) and a granddaughter Sydney (12).
Louise grew up in an 1880 heritage home on the SE corner of George and Park Streets in Cobourg...

*Hon. Alan Redway is the author of his new book on East York: 1924 to 1997
Copies of his book will be available for sale at our Annual General Meeting*



1980... the Hon. Alan Redway was involved as one of the key instrumentals in the formation of the East York Historical Society with EYHS first President John S. Ridout (1980-2003) He spent 4 years as Vice President and resigned in 2017 to complete the writings of his second book **East York 1924-1997: Toronto's Garden of Eden** but the Life Member continues to be of great support to the East York Historical Society. Thank you!

Redway Road, is in the former Borough of East York.

1997...Redway as Honorary Chair of Team East York actively opposed the Toronto amalgamation.

2010...December 31, he retired from Law practise and have since been involved with Volunteer activities: Past Chair of Daily Bread Food Bank, Eastminster United and St. Brigid's Annex Out of the Cold programs

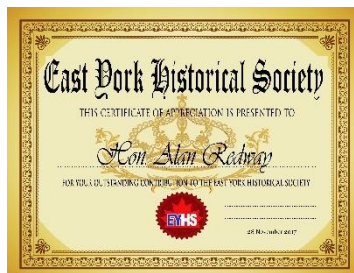
2014...Published his first book **GOVERNING TORONTO** Bringing Back The City That Worked

2018...Published his second book **EAST YORK 1924-1997: Toronto's Garden of Eden**

Currently he writes a monthly column in the East York Chronicle Magazine.

Mr. Redway, what's your favourite food?
"My favourite restaurant, Paul's Spaghetti, 488 Cosburn Avenue"

Photos above: Alan Redway with wife Louise a top stairs at East York Civic Centre



THE HONOURABLE ALAN REDWAY WAS AWARDED EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AWARD AT EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGM NOV. 28, 2017.

<http://www.alanredway.com/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alan_Redway
<https://bayview-news.com/2024/01/former-east-york-mayor-the-hon-alan-redway-has-died.html/>
<https://beachmetro.com/2024/01/10/obituary-alan-redway-former-mayor-of-east-york-and-mp-for-york-east-remembered-for-his-service-to-community/>

Did you know The Honourable Alan Redway, chaired the first inaugural re-envisioned East York Historical Society meeting, Thursday, Nov. 20, 1980? Mr. Redway was integral to the current success of East York Historical Society. Here are only a few of many snapshots of his presence in and contribution to the Society. We encourage you to visit our website for more.



HONOURABLE ALAN REDWAY SPECIAL FEATURE UPDATE PAGE 3

Join us for our Zoom Virtual Platform with Telephone Access Tuesday, May 25, 2021 @ 7PM SPEAKER: STEVE PAKIN TOPIC: The Progress of Duag Ford, from Before the Last Election to Present Day



Former East York Councilor Edna Beange and East York Historical Society Board Members Justin Van Dette, Jane Pitfield and Hon. Alan Redway with Willis Blair in 2013.

http://www.east.yorkhist.oricalsociety.com/newsletters.html



Photographer for J. Robinson June 25, 2019 some attendees L to R...A.Redway, R.Oliphant, L.Krawchuk, C.Beange, J.Beange, D.Beange, J. Robinson & P. Barnett

TO ARTICLE BY HON. ALAN REDWAY OF HOCKEY LEGEND GEORGE ARMSTRONG'S OWN CHIEF GEORGE ARMSTRONG'S IN MARCH 2021 EY INKLINGS: "SOME OF MY MEMORIES OF EAST YORK'S OWN CHIEF GEORGE ARMSTRONG" George was a neighbour who lived on St. Cuthbert's Road just a few houses east of Bayview Avenue, across the street from St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church...



THANK YOU TO THE HON. ALAN REDWAY The Hon. Alan Redway Vice President of the East York Historical Society resigned from the Executive Board of Directors on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 after serving diligently for over 5 years.



George was a neighbour who lived on St. Cuthbert's Road just a few houses east of Bayview Avenue, across the street from St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church.

50 RESEARCH ROAD, EAST YORK... The East York Foundation was originally created in April of 2000 by an Act of the Provincial Legislature. Prior to this, municipal administrators and politicians had worked together to establish a not-for-profit body to assist in preserving and protecting the cultural assets of East York.



Celebrating the opening of Willis Blair Parkette This past summer, the City of Toronto officially opened Willis Blair Parkette, which is located on O'Connell Avenue, just south of Sunrise Avenue. Above, members of the Blair family join former East York Mayor's Redway, Dave Johnson, Michael Prue and former Toronto Deputy Mayor Case Ootes and Councilor Willis Blair.



Willis Blair Parkette

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Alan Redway Former mayor of East York and Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament. Alan Redway will present on his new book, "East York 1924-1997: Toronto's Golden Years".

SPECIAL CEREMONY COMMEMORATES THE EAST YORK MAYOR'S CHAIN OF OFFICE Friday, April 27, 2018, 7 pm at the East York Civic Centre. The Unveiling Ceremony of the Chain of Office will be held at the East York Civic Centre.

MONTHLY FEATURE: BLACK HISTORY IN EAST YORK The Black History Month celebration in East York is a time to reflect on the contributions of Black Canadians to the community.

President's Message... I am pleased to announce that the East York Historical Society has received a grant from the City of Toronto to support the publication of the book 'East York 1924-1997: Toronto's Golden Years'.

Join us at our Annual General Meeting Tuesday, November 22, 2015. Meeting commences at 7:30pm. Location: S.W. Walter Stewart Library, Auditorium.

THE ROAD TO AMALGAMATION By Hon. Alan Redway The amalgamation of municipalities in 1998 was a significant event in the history of Toronto.

Alan Redway will be setting and signing copies of his book, 'East York 1924-1997: Toronto's Golden Years', at the S.W. Walter Stewart Library, Auditorium, Saturday December 12-4 pm.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2021 Rememberance Day is a time to honour and remember those who have sacrificed for our country.

Alan Redway wins the 2013 Agnes Macphail Award The Agnes Macphail Award is presented annually to the author of the best book published in Canada in the previous year.

THE EAST YORK FLAG The East York Flag is a symbol of the community's identity and heritage.

TRIBUTES TO Mr. Gary Walsh-Parkes passing Dec. 28, 2020 Gary Walsh-Parkes was a dedicated member of the community and a friend to all.

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TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION IN EAST YORK The Truth and Reconciliation Commission is a process of acknowledging and addressing the legacy of residential schools.

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EAST YORK HALL OF FAME The East York Hall of Fame is a place of honor for those who have made significant contributions to the community.

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OUR NEXT GUEST SPEAKER DURING OUR NEXT MEETING - THE HON. ALAN REDWAY Alan Redway is a retired lawyer, born in Toronto, with a degree in Commerce and a law degree from Osgoode Hall Law School.

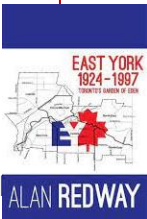
Remembering Alan Redway Alan Redway was a dedicated member of the community and a friend to all.

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BOOK INSERT APPENDIX L CORRECTIONS

ALAN REDWAY'S EAST YORK 1924 – 1997: TORONTO'S GARDEN OF EDEN

To anyone who owns a copy of Alan Redway's Book East York 1924-1997: Toronto's Garden of Eden Please insert this copy of the Appendix L Corrections in your book. A few of these copies were handed out at our meeting in 2019 to our members. Recently I found my copy and thought it a good idea to share it with anyone who did not know of the corrections. Thank you. President East York Historical Society P. Barnett



EAST YORK 1924-1997: TORONTO'S GARDEN OF EDEN APPENDIX L CORRECTIONS

PAGE	LINE	
5	5	1940 NOT 1942
27		Gord Haslett (Source Pancheta "Pat" Barnett)
43		ALSO KNOWN AS THE CONFEDERATION BRIDGE
78		Billy McKay (Source Colleen Peacock) see page two
79		Billy McKay's barn not house
79		Billy McKay's house (Source Colleen Peacock) see page two
86		Bill Lewis (Source Pancheta "Pat" Barnett)
102		LIKELY WOODBINE GOLF CLUB IN SCARBOROUGH NOT EAST YORK
137		Mike Dolbey (Source Pancheta "Pat" Barnett)
158		McGREGOR HOUSE RENOVATED
173		True Davidson house Woodmount Ave. corner of Mortimer
192		JULIUS NYERERE NOT IDI AMIN
276		SHELTON GROCERY & BUTCHER NOT FISH & CHIPS
276		PURITY FISH & CHIPS AT WOODMOUNT & SAMMON AVENUES
284		DOMINION STORE ON SW CORNER, LOBLAWS ON NE CORNER
317		Joyce Crook (Source Pancheta "Pat" Barnett)
422		CASE OOTES NOT JOHN TORY
502		16. JOHN, VOULA AND BASSIE JANIKAS
502		17. JAY AND PAT BURFORD
502		22. DICK McINTOSH
503		44. RAY WHITE

THE BIRTH OF EAST YORK



Hon. Alan Redway

Almost two hundred years ago when the few thousand people in the little community then known as York were incorporated as the original city of Toronto, the present megacity of Toronto was made up of 4 separately incorporated municipalities: the Townships of Etobicoke, York, Scarborough and the City of Toronto. One hundred years later in 1924 the present

megacity of Toronto was made up of 13 separately incorporated municipalities. The last one of these to be incorporated was the Township of East York.

East York was incorporated as a direct result of the incorporation of North York 2 years earlier. That resulted in the remainder of York Township being split into two entirely separate parts. In order to travel from one part to the other it was necessary to go through at least one other separately incorporated municipality. So, after examining the options the York Township Council petitioned the Provincial government asking it to incorporate the eastern part of the Township as a separate municipality.

The province granted the request but with the condition that a majority of the residents vote in favour of it. The Provincial government of the day, the United Farmers of Ontario, believed in grassroots democracy unlike the present governments, at all levels, that tell us rather than ask us what to do. In this case the outcome of the vote was by no means certain.

A few years earlier the businesspeople of eastern York Township had petitioned the now greatly expanded City of Toronto to annex them into the City and Toronto City Council not only agreed but put the bureaucratic wheels in motion to do just that. But that was 1913, the next year WWI broke out and that put the plan on the back burner never to surface again until the end of WWII. The vote to incorporate the Township of East York passed by a wide margin.

So, on January 1st, 1924, the Township of East York was born.

The incorporating legislation spelled out the boundaries of the new Township in terms of those of already existing municipalities. The eastern boundary was western boundary of the Township of Scarborough.

the present megacity of Toronto by amalgamating the Borough of East York with the Cities of what was then Toronto, Etobicoke, York, North York and Scarborough.

Today, we think of that as Victoria Park Avenue, but in 1924 Victoria Park didn't extend north of the Danforth.

The northern boundary was the southern boundary of the Township of North York, but that was far from clear either in 1924. Part of North York was south of Eglinton Avenue, but part was well north of it. Besides that, Eglinton was not connected between Leaside and Don Mills Road until 1956.

The legislation incorporating the Township of East York made no mention of Leaside whatsoever. Leaside had been incorporated as a Town with a population of about 20 people in 1913. In 1924 before the Leaside Bridge was built its population would have been a few hundred if that. If East York, with a population of 20,000, had applied to the Courts when it was incorporated for a declaration that Leaside was now part of East York, the merger of the two municipalities would have happened in 1924 rather than 40 years later in 1967.

The western boundary was the eastern boundary of the City of Toronto north of the Bloor Viaduct. Now by 1924, the city had already annexed Rosedale, The Town of North Toronto and Moore Park but it had not annexed any land east of the ravine through which the current Mud Creek now runs, original residents called it Yellow Creek because the water was the colour of urine, so as a result, much of the Don Valley, the existing community of Governor's Bridge and the future community of Bennington Heights were in the Township of East York not in the City of Toronto, notwithstanding they were on the west side of the Don Valley.

The southern boundary was also the northern boundary of the City of Toronto on the east side of the Don Valley which is usually thought of as the centre of Danforth Avenue. But that city boundary in 1924, ran north of the Danforth in some parts, in the centre in some parts and south of it near Victoria Park. That is why Shoppers World Danforth was in East York not the city. The difficulty in locating that boundary was solved by the fire hydrants on the lawns of homes side by side. The northern hydrant was in East York the southern one was in the city.

The Provincial government reduced the 13 municipalities that then made up the present City of Toronto to 6 in 1967 when it merged the Township of East York with the Town of Leaside to create the Borough of East York. On January 1st, 1998 the Provincial government created the present megacity of Toronto by amalgamating the Borough of East York with the Cities of what was then Toronto, Etobicoke, York, North York and Scarborough.



Henry Box Brown Lane & North Star Way Unveiling

In honour of Black History Month, a newly designated North-South laneway running parallel to Bright Street and

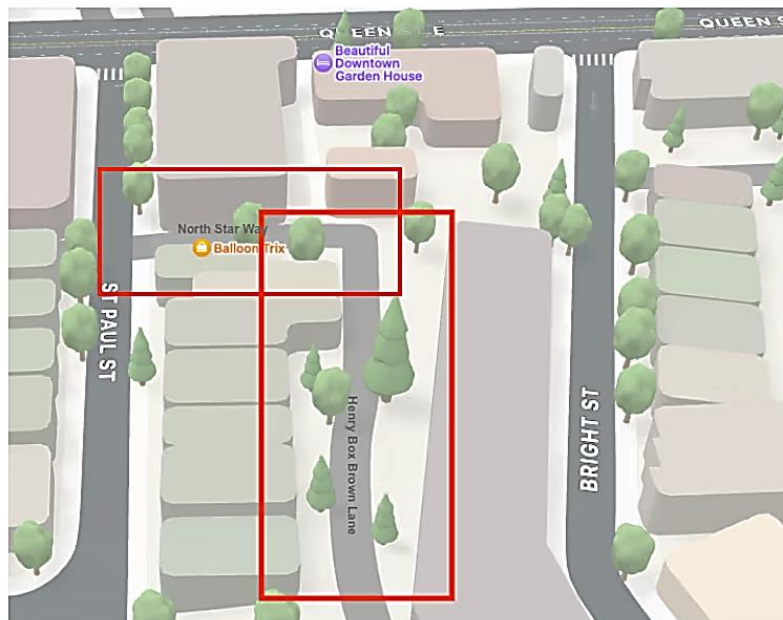
St. Paul Street will be officially named Henry Box Brown Lane. Additionally, a horizontal laneway intersecting Henry Box Brown Lane will be officially named North Star Way.

Henry Brown, an enslaved man from Louisa County, Virginia, lived from 1815 to 1897. In 1849, he courageously escaped the chains of southern slavery by nailing himself into a shipping crate, ultimately finding safety in Philadelphia. From there, he made his way to Toronto, Ontario, to share his remarkable story.

Following his emancipation in Toronto, Brown dedicated himself to educating people about the injustices of slavery. His autobiography and the accounts of those who knew him served as powerful tools in achieving this mission. While in Canada, Henry Brown supported himself as a magician and performer. In 1887, "The Brown Family" participated in a benefit concert at St. Lawrence Hall, contributing to the community while residing on Bright

Street in Corktown. The unveiling of Henry Box Brown Lane is scheduled for February 1st at noon, marking the commencement of Black History Month in 2024.

Adjacent to Henry Box Brown Lane, on its North side, a horizontal laneway will be named North Star Way, symbolizing the connection to the Underground Railroad and the ongoing struggle for black emancipation.



The North Star, often referred to as Polaris, served as a guiding light for navigation, aiding travellers in determining direction. Known as the "Going Home Star," this celestial marker played a crucial role during the Civil War and holds significance

in various stories and publications. Additionally, the North Star and its symbol carry cultural importance for both indigenous and non-indigenous communities across Canada. To the First Nations Cree people, the North Star signifies "The one that never moves," embodying the resilience of Indigenous community spirit. The unveiling of North Star Way is anticipated to take place on February 1st at 12:00 PM along with the unveiling of Henry Box Brown Lane, in celebration and recognition of the first day of Black History Month in 2024. Everyone's Welcome to Attend.

https://www.chrismoise.ca/henry_box_brown_lane_north_star_way_unveil



2024 TUESDAY EVENING 7PM MEETINGS
JANUARY 30
MARCH 26
MAY 28
SEPTEMBER 24
AGM NOVEMBER 26



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SARDELIS FAMILY

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

East York Historical Society acknowledges the land that S. Walter Stewart Library stands on today, the land upon which our meetings are held and the land we inhabit and are custodians of, is the traditional territory of many nations. These nations include the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabe (“Ah-nish-na-be”), the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee (“How-den-no-show-nee”) and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples.



Our scrumptious, freshly baked, refreshments have been generously donated by **Serano Bakery (830 Pape Ave., East York)**.
A BIG THANK YOU!



Good late afternoon Pancheta,
The Agnes Macphail Committee decided this past fall *not* to restart the Public Speaking contest for this winter. At this point, there were labour negotiations with all the school boards, and it didn't sound promising to pursue. **Lorna Krawchuk**

THE 2024 AGNES MACPHAIL AWARD & CEREMONY

The call for nominations for the 2024 Agnes Macphail Award has now closed.

The Agnes Macphail Award Ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 24, 2024, on Agnes Macphail Day. The Ceremony will take place at the East York Civic Centre. More information on the ceremony will be made available in early 2024.

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/awards-tributes/awards/agnes-macphail-award/>



In Response to TDSB Trustee Mrs. Sara Ehrhardt's Question...

Birth Year for "Dragons"

- 1964,
- 1976,
- 1988,
- 2000,
- 2012,
- 2024



Happy Lunar New Year!

Spring Festival/ Lunar/Chinese New Year Feb 10, 2024



East York Historical Society



RECYCLES!

Remember to Recycle your EYHS Newsletters by sharing them as invitations with the community, friends, relatives or return them to EYHS meetings.

Mr. Norman Jewison and Pancheta Barnett June of 2015 CFC's Fundraising Garden Party



Sincere Greetings and many thanks to the Canadian Film Centre (CFC) for allowing me this space/opportunity to convey my deepest condolences to the great Icon NORMAN F. JEWISON's (on his passing last Saturday, 20th January, 2024) lovely wife Lynne, his

children Kevin, Michael and Jennifer, his grandchildren and all his other families and friends of CFC and around the world.

Thank you Mr. Jewison (a perfect gentleman as well) for leaving this world a much better place than you found it! You were recognized, valued and appreciated. Well done Sir.

I am honoured to have first met you on the set of BOGUS>Front and Yonge Sts. and found you a great listener to me at your CFC's annual Fundraising and Garden Parties.

You used to call me Francesca on the set of your directing Bogus.

All the very best MR. JEWISON on your next assignment from the Lord your God.

You will certainly be remembered by me!

Pancheta Barnett a.k.a. Pat
CFC since 2014

Norman Jewison, Commitment to Life & to Social Justice



Childhood: Norman Jewison was born in his grand-mother's house at 63 Lee Ave in The Beaches, By the age of 5 his

mother had him reciting poems for large audiences all over the East End. He could memorize information easily. He would charge the other children in the neighbourhood 2 cents for him to go to the movies, which cost 5 cents (pocket the profits), come back and recite the entire movie with all of the sound effects.. He was a born entertainer. "I always thought I was Jewish because when I was growing up...I was always called "Jewy" or "Jewboy". I grew up in a very anti-semitic neighbourhood. The East End of Toronto was very tough. I played a dual role, until one day someone asked me, "What kind of Jew are you?" His cover was blown!

Growing up in the Depression, he did a number of odd jobs, one of which was walking horses at Woodbine Racetrack. For a time he drove a cab where he says he got a chance to see human behaviour up close. See CBC player link for more:

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/650095171549>

Life-Changing Moment: Norman served in the Canadian navy during World War II. He was on leave toward the end of the war — only 18 years old and in uniform — when he got on a bus in Memphis, Tenn.: "It was a hot, hot day, and I saw a window open at the back so I headed to the back of the bus. And I sat down with my bag and by the open window.

<https://www.criterion.com/current/posts/8371-what-couldnt-norman-jewison-do>

<https://www.opb.org/article/2024/01/22/fiddler-on-the-roof-director-norman-jewison-dies-at-97/>



The bus driver looked at me, and I could see his face in the mirror. He says, 'Are you trying to be funny, sailor?' He says, 'Can't you read the sign?' And there was a little sign and it said, 'Colored people to the rear.' "

Jewison looked around and saw that he was the only white passenger in the back. "I was just a kid, but I was kind of shocked," he said.

"I thought, well, the only thing I could do is get off the bus." It was his first experience with racial prejudice and, he says, it laid the groundwork for 1967's "In the Heat of the Night.". It won five Oscars, including Best Picture.

On his way to becoming the acclaimed director we know him as today, he worked as a television producer in the late 1950s, of shows like the Hit Parade and TV specials like Tonight with Belafonte, where they lost 27 stations before the end of the program. "I think it was then, (hitchhiking) along the highways of Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, that the desire to make films like In the Heat of the Night and A Soldier's Story took root," wrote Jewison in, *This Terrible Business...* "Racism and injustice are two themes I have come back to, again and again, in my films." "Every time a film deals with racism, many Americans feel uncomfortable," he wrote. "Yet it has to be confronted. We have to deal with prejudice and injustice or we will never understand what is good and evil, right and wrong; we need to feel how 'the other' feels."

**DEAR
COUNCILLOR
FLETCHER:**

*Our
Condolences*



My condolences to you and your other staff members regarding Susan whom I got to know through you.

Susan (in my experience with her) was a great soul, kind, warm, intelligent and willing to be of help during my communications with her. She sure will be missed by me. I would like to publish these heartfelt words of yours about Susan in EY Inklings Newsletter of East York Historical Society.

May I?

Paula if so, do you have a photo of her and yourself to send me? Thank you.

Pat

Pancheta Barnett

President East York Historical Society

SUSAN SERRAN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO COUNCILLOR PAULA FLETCHER

On Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 3:41:24 PM EST, Councillor Fletcher <councillor_fletcher@toronto.ca> wrote:



SUSAN SERRAN

I'm writing you as you have known and worked with my Executive Assistant, Susan Serran. It is with profound sadness that I must let you know that Susan passed away peacefully on

Before her many years at City Hall, Susan worked at Artscape as the Director of Community Development where her projects included the creation of Gibraltar Point Arts Centre as well as the popular Wychwood Barns. For many years, her prior work at Theatre Direct, the Bathurst Street Theatre and Theatre Passe Murielle contributed greatly to the Toronto arts and theatre scene.

Susan was a key player in the development of Arts Vote in the 1990s, which put Arts and Culture on the agenda at City Council and City Hall. Susan's strong arts background and dedication allowed us to initiate the City's Arts in the Park movement in 2009, which is highly successful and a staple across the entire city.

Susan will be dearly missed by her family, friends, colleagues and the city that she loved. Should you wish to make a donation in Susan's honour, her family is suggesting the Canadian Cancer Society, Michael Garron Hospital or a local women's shelter. If you would like to send a card to Susan's family, please let me know and I can provide the appropriate address.

Susan would also have appreciated you buying flowers for a friend, or simply being kind and compassionate to those around you. With a heavy heart,

Paula
PAULA FLETCHER



December 29, 2023, with family at her side.

Susan had been diagnosed with a virulent cancer in mid-December which quickly took her life.

For the last 14 years, Susan served as my Executive Assistant and worked closely with me to achieve many extraordinary projects in Toronto-Danforth. Her work was seminal in relocating the Red Door Shelter into a condo on Queen St E, troubleshooting and gaining successful approvals to help establish Crow's Theatre at Carlaw and Dundas, establishing the popular skate trail at Greenwood Park and getting numerous affordable housing projects approved and underway, like the soon to be open Riverdale Co-op on Queen East.

As well as her top-level skills in advancing such projects, Susan was very dedicated to the residents of Toronto-Danforth, setting a very high standard for community responsiveness. She was a go-to problem solver for City staff and was well-respected by senior leaders at City Hall as well as community and agency leaders.

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NEW YEAR'S LEEVE HIGHLIGHTS!

Meet n' Greet
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024
@ EAST YORK CIVIC CENTRE



EYHS President Pat Barnett and City Councillor for Ward 19 Beaches-East York Brad Bradford.



Former City Councillor for Ward 31 Beaches-East York (Now Ward 19), Janet Davis and EYHS President Pat Barnett.



EYHS President P Barnett and EYHS Secretary Justin Van Dette

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY
2024

SERVICEONTARIO PARTNERING WITH STAPLES TO OPEN A BUNCH OF NEW LOCATIONS



Starting in early 2024, ServiceOntario will open service centres in select Staples locations across the province, with plans to open more locations throughout the year.

Notorious for their long lines and wait times for appointments, ServiceOntario has announced that they'll be taking steps to try and make it easier for you to access government services like driver's licences and health cards.

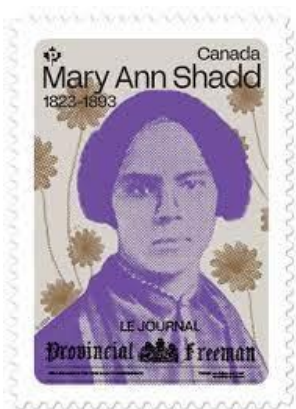
While a retailer specializing in office supplies and big red buttons that say "that was easy" when pressed seems like an unlikely location for a government office to take up residence, Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, suggests it actually <https://www.blogto.com/city/2023/12/service-ontario-staples-new-locations/>

fundamental component of excellent service delivery," says McCarthy, "[t]hat is why we are partnering with Staples Canada, an experienced retailer with a strong presence in Ontario."

With dozens of already existing locations in communities all across the province, not to mention headquarters in Richmond Hill, it should be easy for ServiceOntario to slot in the new service centres.

ServiceOntario has been steadily taking steps to increase service recently, like opening additional locations, introducing virtual appointments to update health cards, and implementing mobile units to access more remote communities.

The specific locations of the new service centres have yet to be announced. (Click links for [BlogTO](#) stories) <https://www.blogto.com/city/2024/01/service-ontario-staples/>



Shadd's Stamp was unveiled Tuesday, January 23, 2024 in Chatham, Ontario as part of Canada Post's 2024 lineup. It will be available at local post offices and online beginning January 29, 2024. Mary Ann Shadd (1823-1893) was the first Black woman in North America to publish a newspaper, the *Provincial Freeman*. She was also an educator who opened a school for Black and white students in Windsor, Ont., on the site of what is now Windsor city hall, and a lawyer <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/mary-ann-shadd-stamp-unveiling-1.7091631>

REMEMBERING AARNE OLIVER JUHOLA

(19th February, 1935 - 13th September, 2023) at aged 88

Article Written by Wendy Rothwell in (TFN) Toronto Field Naturalists' Newsletter

[newsletter.torontofieldnaturalists.org/wp](https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/toronto-on/aarne-juhola-11469896) | TFN Newsletter November 2023 680-2 | [Number 680 November 2023](https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/toronto-on/aarne-juhola-11469896)

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TFN members were saddened to learn that Aarne Juhola passed away on September 13th at the age of 88.

For 30 years, Helen and Aarne Juhola played vital leadership roles in the TFN – she as editor of the newsletter and very active in advocacy work, while he assumed less visible, yet vitally important, administrative roles. In addition to serving on the board for many years, in 1982 he was appointed Secretary-Treasurer, a role in which he applied rigorous cost-benefit thinking. Pinky Franklin told me how she respected Aarne for his dedication after seeing the ledgers in which he kept meticulous handwritten records – a painstaking task in those days when TFN had no computer. Over the years, Helen and Aarne frequently led botany outings together.

In 2005, when they announced their decision to retire, then-President Robin Powell applauded “the unparalleled extent, duration and quality of their volunteer work that had made them both the very foundations of the Toronto Field Naturalists as we now know it.” TFN decided to pay tribute to this remarkable couple by naming a portion of our Nature Reserves near Uxbridge in their honour. In May 2006 a large group of members gathered at the reserves to celebrate the occasion, and a plaque was installed as a permanent record of our appreciation for their valuable contributions to our organization over so many years.



Helen and Aarne showing the plaque that designates the Helen and Aarne Juhola Nature Reserve.

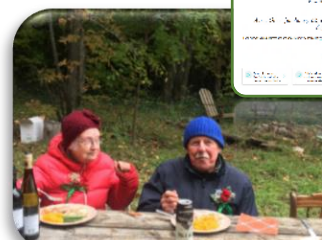
Photo by Robin Powell

We extend condolences to the family. Aarne's nephew, Colin Devine, advises that Helen is being cared for in a nursing home. There is to be a Celebration of Life for Aarne in November (date to be confirmed).

You may access the obituary at: [Aarne Oliver Juhola Obituary - Toronto, ON \(dignitymemorial.com\)](https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/toronto-on/aarne-juhola-11469896).



Helen Juhola is still in Providence Villa Care Facility.

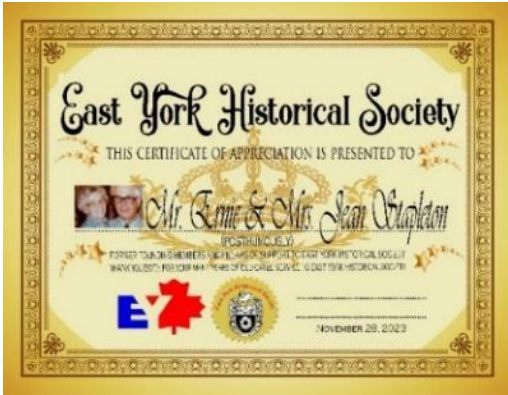


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JEAN & ERNIE STAPLETON POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED

EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AWARD
AT NOVEMBER 28, 2023 AGM.



For years, Ernie and Jean Stapleton served EYHS in several capacities. They were key instrumental members of East York Historical Society in its many inceptions.

PRESIDENT PAT'S SPOTLIGHT ON EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBER AND EAST YORKER JEAN STAPLETON WAS PUBLISHED IN EY INKLINGS NOV. 2014 NEWSLETTER

Member Spotlight: Jean Stapleton

At age 6 she attended William Burgess Public School from 1925 to 1932 and went on to East York Collegiate. After High School she was employed as a store clerk for Simpsons.

Her birth certificate list her place of birth as Todmorden.

Jean was one of the original members of the East York Historical Society 1961-1977. In 1980 when the EYHS was revised by our former President /and late John S.

Ridout, Jean Stapleton & husband Ernie were among many who became active members who performed various service such as Research, Minute Takers & Name Tags 1981 - 1986.

Mrs. Stapleton enjoys keeping in touch with the East York Historical Society's Newsletters and calls from the present President of the EYHS.

EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY FEATURED JEAN AND ERNIE STAPLETON IN EY INKLINGS MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

REMEMBERING JEAN & ERNIE STAPLETON

Mrs. Jean (nee Auchterlonie) Stapleton (July 25, 1919 - March 15, 2015). See President Membership Spotlight in our November 2014 EYHS Newsletter the Inking on Jean Stapleton.

Jean passed away on March 15, 2015. Predeceased by her husband Ernie (Ernest William Stapleton --Feb. 9, 2005).

On behalf of the EYHS, I attended the memorial service held at St Augustine of Cantebury-Anglican Church, 1847 Bayview Avenue. The eulogy included the EYHS as one of Jean's family. Jean was described as intelligent, loving & caring...She also loved ladybugs (one was present during the service). Many of our members remember Jean & Ernie as diligent, important & involved members of the EYHS during their active years with us and for this we will remember them.

Jean was a lifelong resident of Muriel Ave., East York and Leaside. A member of 66 years at St Augustine of Cantebury-Anglican Church. Ernie &



Jean were both (members of this Church) remembered during the memorial service March 25, 2015 at 2:30 pm. Jean had her wits about her right up until the last moment.

I am honoured as President of the EYHS to have kept in touch with Jean right up until mid February 2015. One time Jean mentioned to me during one of our telephone visits that she had "read an article in one of the local newspapers about William (Billy) McKay Jr. (1862-1943) which she laughed about saying if they wanted to know anything about Billy McKay they should ask me".

This 1980 photo of Jean & Ernie holding baby grand daughter Laureen (Lori) Lightfoot (born Sunday, July 13, 1980). ("Family Secrets - Crossing the Colour Line by Catherine Slaney" page 193).

At the start of the EYHS' March 31, 2015 evening meeting the President requested a moment of silence in memory of Jean, followed by a brief talk about Jean. Our condolences to Jean and Ernie's family.

PRESIDENT PAT'S SPOTLIGHT ON HELEN AND AARNE JUHOLA

WAS PUBLISHED IN EY INKLINGS SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER
East York Historical Society sends belated condolences to Mrs. Helen Juhola (widow) of Mr. Aarne Juhola's passing on September 13, 2023 aged 88 years. Condolences to Mrs. Juhola's family and friends have been submitted [online](#) from East York Historical Society President P. Barnett on behalf of the Society.

President Pat's Spotlight: Mrs. Helen Juhola and husband Aarne Juhola former East Yorker

From a babe in arms Helen grew up in the Township of East York into the newly built house with her parents Elna (1909-1993) and Melvin Whiteside (1910-2001) at 29 Nealon Avenue in the vicinity of Mortimer and Broadview



6 year old Helen Whiteside started school at Chester Public School and went on to East York Collegiate and often took the Hollinger Bus from Broadview Ave to EY Collegiate. She graduated in 1954 the year of Hurricane Hazel (see photo of Pottery Road Bridge devastated by the pounding blows from Hurricane Hazel, October 15, 1954). Helen used to take the Hollinger Bus from Broadview Avenue to E.Y. Collegiate

- Entered University of Toronto, Victoria College, majored in Zoology, Plants, Botany and Animals. Studied Forrest insects 'Sawflies' who has a taste for Evergreen Trees-these insects would saw through and laid their eggs inside the needles of the Evergreen Trees, causing extensive damage.
- Graduated in 1957
- Worked in Zoology Department of U of T 1957-1962
- Past President of Toronto Field Naturalist
- Bird watching...
- By now Helen is married to Aarne Oliver Juhola (both met at the U of T). Her mom Elna passed away at age 84 in 1993. Soon after Helen's father Melvin Whiteside joined the East York Historical Society.

* Helen and her husband Aarne accompanied her dad to the EYHS meetings and both became members in the mid 90's. Melvin Whiteside passed away aged 91.

- Helen Ann Juhola and former life-members Paul and Louise Herzberg of the East York Historical Society were friends since the 1980's
- Helen Juhola and Louise Herzberg co wrote book "Todmorden Mills a Human Natural History".

Helen's Early Memories of the Township of East York:

- Helen recalled an Orchard Farm situated where the East York Civic Centre is now located.
- Met True Davidsen
- John S. Ridout former President of the East York Historical Society
- Eleanor Darke of Todmorden Mills
- Art Drysdale

"Life on the Edge (or Borderline Case)" by Mrs. Helen Juhola

Growing up in East York in the forties there was no Public Library. She had to go to William Burgess Public School Library.

Hasting's Dairy on Broadview Ave. north of Chester Public School made the best milk shakes ever. Milk, Bread and Ice were delivered by horse drawn carts. There used to be a knife sharpener and a popcorn man. The roads were not roller skate friendly. Winter skating was done in the school yard of Hartman Public School. Mrs. Juhola at the end of this interview, When I asked Mrs. Juhola to explain 'Why she keeps coming back to the meetings of the East York Historical Society?'

"Mrs. Juhola replied that she grew up interested in local history and that's what keeps her coming back" Thanks to you Mrs. Juhola for sharing your story and photos with us and the neighbourhood".

A 1960s poem written by local East York resident Gladys James reflects its character perfectly:
Though you boast about London,
Paris, and Cork
You'll ne'er find a place
To compare with
East York
Its people are friendly,
Warm-hearted and true
If you can't get along
Then the trouble is you.



A SMALL TOWN FEELING

Even as the rest of Toronto expanded in the post-war years, East York retained its sense of place and unique character. Local festivals, associations, and shops keep it a tightly-knit community.

THE HISTORY OF EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY By Margaret McRae East York Historical Society **Published in EY Inklings March 2015 Newsletter.**



Our board recently received a box of information from Lynn Ridout of files in her father's possession before his death. I was thrilled to find minutes from the two earlier East York Historical Societies and thought you might enjoy learning about them.

The first EYHS started in March 1961 and continued until 1969 after Canada's centennial and the second started in November 1974 to celebrate East York's Golden (50th) Anniversary and it ceased in 1977. Our present Society started in November 1980.

I will start with the first Society and continue with the others in future newsletters.

On March 20, 1961 Miss True Davidson called a meeting of interested people in the Township to consider forming a Historical Society for East York. They agreed this should be done and discussion followed about how to do it. The next meeting was in January 1962 and True Davidson was named Chairman of the Organizing Committee. Research was to be started as follows:

- a) Dr. Edwin C. Guillet on what is available in printed form in East York
- b) Mr. Leslie Saunders on the beginnings and change in government
- c) Mr. James Fletcher on the historical sites in East York
- d) Mr. Percy C. Bustin on the historical significance of street names
- e) Mr. Walter Stewart on interesting photographic material of the East York story
- f) Mr. George A. Heaton on obtaining interesting material from "old timers"
- g) Mrs. G.O. Morgan on interesting material from the local churches
- h) Mrs. N.H. Smith on interesting material re fairs and parks
- i) Mr. T. M. Weatherhead on schools of East York and any interesting stories from Bennington Heights
- j) Miss J. Farquharson on hospitals

The Hon. R.H. McGregor would be invited to be Honorary President and Dr. Guillet to be official historian of the EYHS. Meetings would be held at the East York Public Library. Mrs. Weatherhead was elected secretary of the Organizing Committee.

The next meeting was on Feb. 16, 1962. Charles Sauriol attended and donated maps, documents, photos and manuscripts of the story of the Don Valley. He offered to contact the Bater family for their information.

The first open meeting of the Society was March 22, 1962. Each member gave a 5 minute presentation on their research and then people reminisced about the early

days of East York. Meetings continued at intervals in 1962 with members reporting the results of their research and nurturing plans for future work.

Meetings were held at intervals in 1963 with discussion of a suitable project for Canada's centennial. They decided to acquire the houses and mill in the valley and the historical site at Todmorden Mills became the centennial project. This was formally approved by the Ontario government.

OUR MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER WILL FEATURE ANOTHER ARTICLE

THE HISTORY OF EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY - continued By Margaret McRae.
Article continued from EY Inklings March 2015 (there was no continuation in May 2015) and published in EY Inklings September 2015 Newsletter.



In the March newsletter I started telling you about the first East York Historical Society which in 1963 decided to acquire the houses and mill at Todmorden Mills and make Todmorden Mills their centennial project.

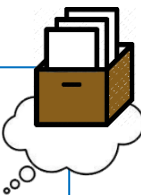
Several meetings were held in 1964 by the East York Historical Committee. Plans were made for building restoration at Todmorden Mills with architect Peter Stokes in charge.

In 1965 meetings dealt with discussion of periods, their dress, utensils, decor etc. They hunted in the archives for information. Restoration of the houses began in May 1966. The date of furnishing of the Parshall Terry House would be 1837 and the Helliwell House would be 1850 to 1867. There was discussion of proper museum records and of plans for the 1967 opening. In 1967 several meetings were held in conjunction with the Centennial Committee. All activities centered on the historic site. Members painted walls, and cleaned to get the site ready for the opening on May 22nd. Many members in costume assisted in the houses and museum to bring visitors through. When it opened for the season, members became guides and all spare time was devoted to the site so research and meetings were suspended.

In 1968 a few meetings were held but May through October activities centered around Todmorden Mills. In 1969 a couple of meetings were held but they ceased in June because of the pressure of work called for at Todmorden Mills. No further meetings were held because interest was all concentrated on the one project, Todmorden Mills Historic Site.

In November I will write about the second attempt at a historical society in the 1970's.

The articles were not continued. **Note:** EYHS President Pat Barnett requested this "box of information" from Lynn Ridout. Also, EYHS President PBarnett's thoughts are that these early inceptions were more like an East York Historical Committee whose focus was research rather than being a Society.



A Celebration of Black History Through Music
Join U of T alumni and friends for an evening of gospel music



You are cordially invited to a performance by the Faculty of Music Gospel Choir to celebrate Black History Month. Join students from the Faculty of Music and the Toronto School of Theology as they take the audience on a musical journey with performances of African-American spirituals as well as traditional and contemporary gospel music pieces, accompanied by a dynamic gospel rhythm section.

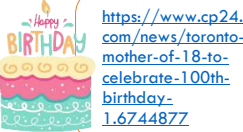
In-Person (SOLD OUT) - Admission will be first come, first served for seating. Doors open at 7:00 P.M.

Online: A link to the YouTube live-stream or on-demand viewing will be sent to your email upon registration. <https://alumni.utoronto.ca/events-and-programs/celebration-black-history-through-music>

VINCELLA RICHARDS Toronto mother of 18, grandmother of 40, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Feb. 3, 2024.



Richards plans to celebrate with 250 people, from her family to her church community, where they will have a formal banquet.



<https://www.cp24.com/news/toronto-mother-of-18-to-celebrate-100th-birthday-1.6744877>



A NEWLY UNVEILED BUST OF LINCOLN ALEXANDER,

Canada's first Black MP and Ontario's first Black lieutenant governor, stands at the provincial legislature in Toronto. (JasonTrout/CBC) Jan. 21, 2024. The bust was sculpted by award-winning Toronto artist Quentin VerCetty.



Hon. Lincoln Alexander
21 Jan 1922 - 19 Oct. 2012

East York Historical Society Members who are Especially in our Thoughts:
Bob Brathwaite (House ridden due to eye problem). **George Matthew** in Cedarbook Lodge; **Joyce Crook** Re: Alan; **Grace Tanaka; Marilyn Clark, Ian Wheal, Aileen Salmond; Melanie Melanich** passed Nov. 17, 1945 - Oct. 16, 2023 MGH aged 77; Aarne Juhola of Helen Juhola. Aarne passed away 19th February, 1935 - Sept. 13, 2023 aged 88; Irene Derzay, left mng of care.

Toronto City Council approves "Sankofa Square" as new name for Yonge-Dundas Square

In fall 2021, the Recognition Review CAC was formed to develop a shortlist of new names for Dundas Street and other City-owned assets bearing the Dundas name. The 20-member CAC brings together Black and Indigenous leaders and other Dundas Street residents and business owners. The CAC reached consensus on the name "Sankofa Square" for Yonge-Dundas Square at its December 12, 2023 meeting.



Pending TTC Board decision, the City and TTC will work in consultation with Toronto Metropolitan University to rename Dundas Station and with advice from the Recognition Review Community Advisory Committee to rename Dundas West Station. The Jane/Dundas Public Library is proposed to be renamed by the Toronto Public Library Board in collaboration with the City.

Dundas Station will be renamed Sankofa Square by the end of 02 2024.



The full story and more information on the member's motion is available on the [City's website](https://www.toronto.ca/news/toronto-city-council-approves-sankofa-square-as-new-name-for-yonge-dundas-square-and-initiates-plans-to-rename-other-city-assets-that-include-the-name-dundas/).

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Dundas Station opened on Mar. 30, 1954.
Dundas West Stn opened Feb. 26, 1966.

FUN FACT: January 21 was Lincoln Alexander Day. Lincoln Alexander was the first Black person elected to Canada's Federal Parliament in 1968. He was also the first Black Federal Cabinet Minister and he became the first Black Lieutenant Governor of Ontario in 1985.
FUN QUIZ: Did Lincoln Alexander attend school in East York, Riverdale, Riverside and Leslieville?

Earlier this month, the City of Toronto announced plans to rename Yonge-Dundas Square *Sankofa Square*. This has been a Controversial announcement.

Sankofa originates from the Akan people of Ghana and is associated with the proverb: "*It is not wrong to go back for that which you have forgotten*" and represents the importance of learning from the past.

The ports of Ghana were one of the largest hubs of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and witnessed the trafficking of millions of enslaved individuals and families en route to the Americas. Thousands of these individuals and their families then arrived in Canada seeking freedom via the Underground Railroad.

Yonge-Dundas Square is situated within and on the boundaries of the historic Macaulaytown (later known as St. John's Ward / The Ward). Emerging in the early 19th century and absorbed by the City of Toronto in 1834, Macaulaytown was Toronto's first multicultural and largely immigrant neighbourhood. This neighbourhood has been largely



obliterated during waves of subsequent redevelopment with only a handful of fragments remaining. Hundreds of individuals who arrived in Toronto via the Underground Railroad during the early-to-mid 19th century settled in Macaulaytown (St. John's Ward / The Ward). By the 1830s/1840s, it had become Toronto's largest Black community and remained an important hub for decades. Alongside Macaulaytown, another Black community emerged along the southern portions of nearby Church Street and Victoria Street during this period and another in Seaton Village closer to the Confederation period.

Many of those who came to call Toronto home — and their ancestors — would have passed through the ports of Ghana.

"It is not wrong to go back for that which you have forgotten."

Akan People of Ghana



Pat Barnett President of EYHS requested this article, written by Adam Wynne, for reprint in EY Inklings.



TRENDING NOW



John Edward Broadbent PC CC (Mar 21, 1936 – Jan. 11, 2024) died aged 87 years, was a Canadian social-democratic politician and political scientist.

Ed Broadbent, the former Ontario MP who was the longest-serving leader of the federal New Democrats He was leader of the (NDP) from 1975 -1989, and an MP from 1968 -1990 and from 2004 to 2006. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ed_Broadbent



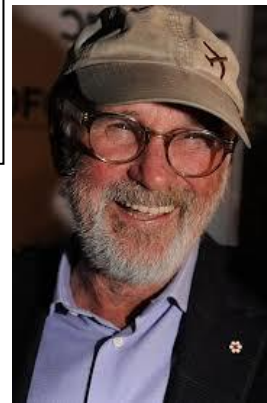
Nerene Virgin (Dec. 27, 1946 – Jan. 15, 2024) aged 77 years, daughter of Kathleen V. Toliver and Civil Rights Activist, Stanley G. Grizzle, was an East Yorker, a Canadian TV icon, journalist, actress, educator, author and television host, best known for her role as "Jodie" on the children's TVO series Today's Special, which ran from 1981 - 1987.

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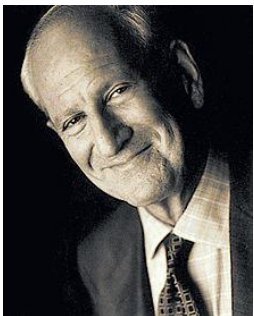
Henry Alfred Kissinger (May 27, 1923 – Nov. 29, 2023) died age 100 was an American diplomat, political scientist, geopolitical consultant, and politician who served as the [United States secretary of state](#) and [national security advisor](#) in the presidential administrations of [Richard Nixon](#) and [Gerald Ford](#) between 1969 and 1977. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Kissinger

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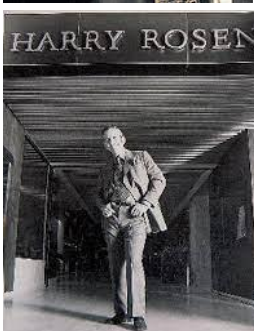


(July 21, 1926 – January 20, 2024) died aged 97, was a Canadian film and television director, producer. Jewison addressed social and political issues throughout his filmmaking career, often making controversial or complicated subjects accessible to mainstream audiences. In 1988 he founded the Canadian Film Centre. Jewison was born in Toronto, Ontario, the son of Dorothy Irene (née Weaver) and Percy Joseph Jewison (1890–1974), who managed a convenience store and post office.

He attended **Key Beach School** and Malvern Collegiate Institute.



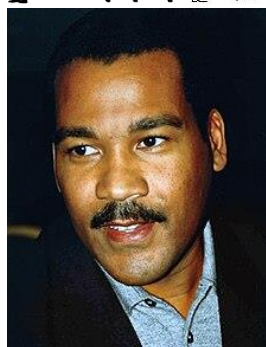
Harry Rosen CM (Aug. 27, 1931 – Dec. 24, 2023) died aged 92 years was the founder and executive chairman of the Canadian luxury men's wear store [Harry Rosen Inc.](#), which in 2015 was Canada's largest upscale menswear retailer. - As a teenager, he found a job at a men's haberdashery shop. There he learned about the composition of clothing and, more importantly, about men's shopping habits. After dropping out of high school he borrowed \$500 and opened a men's clothing store. With help from a family friend and connections in the cloth manufacturing the business, he opened [Harry Rosen Inc.](#), on Feb 4, 1954, in **Cabbagetown, Toronto**, with his brother Lou.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry_Rosen



Dexter Scott King (Jan. 30, 1961 – Jan. 22, 2024) aged 62 yrs was an American civil and [animal rights](#) activist, attorney, and author. The second son of civil rights leaders [Martin Luther King Jr.](#) and [Coretta Scott King](#) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dexter_King



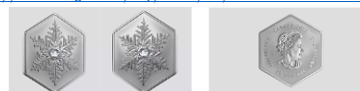
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East York Historical Society was formed in 1980 and incorporated in 1981 as a non-profit corporation affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society to bring together people interested in the diverse heritage of East York, to research, retain, preserve and present historical data pertaining to the region.

Meetings of East York Historical Society are generally held on the last Tuesday of January, March, May, September and AGM November at the TPL S. Walter Stewart Branch in the John S. Ridout Auditorium (170 Memorial Park Avenue and Durant Avenue) at 7:00 pm and include an illustrated presentation on a subject.

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