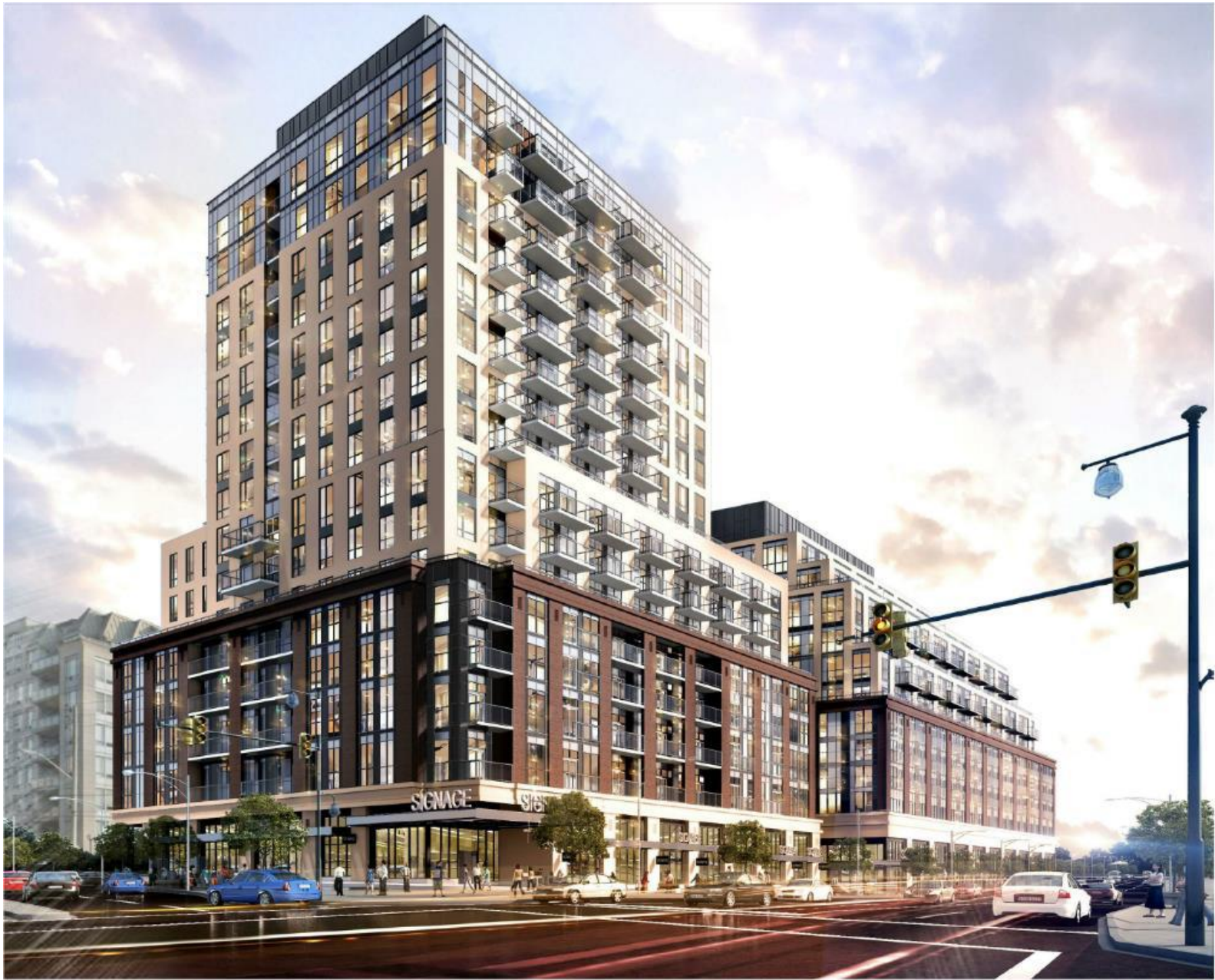




# East York Inklings

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Message Page 2

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TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024 DOORS OPEN @ 7PM

PRESENTERS: **MODEL RAILROAD CLUB OF TORONTO**

**PHIL SPENCER** VOLUNTEER PRESIDENT &  
CHAIR TORONTO RAILWAY MUSEUM &

**SANDY DRYSDALE** LONG TIME MRCT MEMBER SINCE 1977

ON TOPIC: A Glimpse Inside the Model Railroad Club of Toronto



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public library and



East York Historical Society Meetings are held at S. Walter Stewart Library in the John S. Ridout Auditorium  
@ 170 Memorial Park and Durant Avenues



**Greetings to all East York Historical Society Members** (friends) of East York Historical Society.

I hope you are all enjoying the balmy weather since February, we haven't had too much of a winter. I did enjoy a little bit of skiing recently on the Bunny Hills.

I haven't for a couple of years so I decided to take it easy skiing.

**Our January presenter** Sheila White on Topic: "In Black and White" was well received by a well attended meeting.

Several copies of her new book (related to her topic) were sold along with many good comments about her presentation. Thank you, Sheila for a well done presentation.

**Presenters on the evening of Tuesday, March 26, 2024 will be:**

Messrs. Phil Spencer and Sandy Drysdale of the Model Railroad Club Toronto...see page 3

**A warm Welcome to our new member** Lionel Collier page 12

**Agnes Macphail Award Ceremony and the 100th Year of the Township of East York 1924-2024 will be celebrated on March 24, 2024**

**(Agnes Macphail's Birthdate) starting at 2 pm at the East York Civic Centre 850 Coxwell Avenue in True Davidson's Chambers.**

RSVP by clicking onto the link below...Thank you! [agnesmacphailaward@toronto.ca](http://www.eastyorkhistoricalsociety.com/agnesmacphailaward@toronto.ca).

"This important anniversary will be celebrated at the Award Ceremony in the following ways:

- it will be mentioned in the speaking remarks of the Mayor
- Toronto Archives will launch a digital exhibition on 100 years of East York on March 24th, with an archivist in attendance explaining the exhibit

- an anniversary cake for all to enjoy at the reception that takes place right after the Ceremony..."

<http://www.eastyorkhistoricalsociety.com/ey-100th--agnes-macphail.html>  
[agnesmacphailaward@toronto.ca](mailto:agnesmacphailaward@toronto.ca).

East York Historical Society will be exhibiting our Archival Display at this great event...see page 6

**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.

<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Doors Open. Meet &amp; Greet Light Refreshments Served</b>
<b>7<sup>30</sup> pm</b>	<b>President Pat's Welcome &amp; Remarks</b>
<b>8 pm</b>	<b>MRCT Presenters Phil Spencer &amp; Sandy Drysdale</b>
<b>9 pm</b>	<b>EYHS Meeting Wrap-Up</b>

**Doors Open Toronto** at Todmorden Mills Heritage Site and Art Centre will be held on May 25, and 26, 2024.

East York Historical Society once again will exhibit our Annual Archive Display on both days. All are welcome to attend these events. Volunteers are needed for both days. Please contact East York Historical Society Secretary Justin Van Dette at 416-697-5832.

**Letter of Expression of Condolence for the Honourable Alan Redway** by City Council Feb. 6, 2024 Please see page 8

<http://www.eastyorkhistoricalsociety.com/alan-redway.html>  
Hope to see and talk with you at our upcoming EYHS general meeting on the evening of Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

Suggestion, please keep in touch with each other as best you can. Have an enjoyable Easter.

*P. Barnett* 

Pat  
In ongoing service for East York Historical Pancheta Barnett  
President East York Historical Society  
Editor, Author/Writer & Publisher of East York Inklings Newsletter of East York Historical Society since Jan. 2014.

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Twitter: @EYHistoricalSoc

<https://www.blogto.com/city/2024/03/toronto-bridge-demolished/>







**SHEILA WHITE**  
Author of *The Letters*



Photo Left in John S. Ridout Auditorium SWS Libr L>R: Counc PFletcher, EYHS President PBarnett, M-MMcMahon MPP, EYHS Sect'y JVanDette, author of *The Letters* SWhite and EYHS Dir. JValliere on Tues., Jan. 30, 2024 Meeting Celebrating Black History Canada

Thank you to EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Tuesday Evening January 30, 2024 7PM  
**Celebrating Black History Canada**  
Presenter Sheila White On Topic:  
"In Black and White"



**Comment re:  
Sheila White's  
Presentation**

Hi Pat,

March 15, 2024

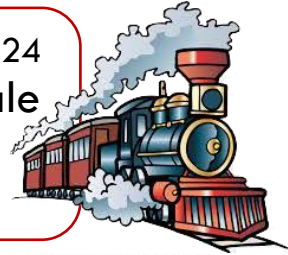
I don't know how Sheila managed to talk about her book without giving away all of the fascinating and devastating drama surrounding her parents' courtship and marriage, while keeping us still riveted, but she did. She was the perfect choice to start Celebrating Black History Canada. I enjoyed her talk. Thank you.



PS It was a great idea you had, to ask Sheila to play a song of one of Mr. and Mrs. Redway's favourite singer's Vera Lynn, in tribute to Hon. Mr. Alan Redway's passing. Sheila played "Till We Meet Again" with her usual gusto! Rhonda McK



EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY TUESDAY EVENING MARCH 26, 2024  
7PM MEETING PRESENTERS **Phil Spencer & Sandy Drysdale**  
MODEL RAILROAD CLUB OF TORONTO MEMBERS  
On Topic: A Glimpse Inside the Model Railroad Club of Toronto



**Phil Spencer**  
Volunteer President & Board  
Chair  
Toronto Railway Museum  
& Member of MRCT

Phil has been a Model Railroad Club member for 17 years. Phil is a mostly retired lawyer but still serves clients. Phil's interest in trains, which soon developed into a passion, started at the age of 5 when his Dad took him to see steam trains operating in downtown Toronto

Sandy's roots are in East York. He spent his formative years in the St. Clair/O'Connor area attending Selwyn Public School, St. Clair Junior High and East York Collegiate. Following this he attended the University of Waterloo and studied Civil engineering.



**Sandy Drysdale**  
Model Railroad Club of  
Toronto Member since 1977

He is now retired having spent his working career at Consumers' Gas and Ontario Power Generation.

Sandy's interest in railroads started at an early age and he has been active in numerous rail hobby endeavours over the years.

He enjoys many aspects of model railroading (track construction, structure building and scenery.) He is especially interested in prototypical operation.

Sandy is a long-time member of the MRCT joining the club in late 1977 and has served in a number of executive positions at the club.

near Union Station. His passion continues to this day. He has been a collector of O scale trains for many years.

He joined the club at the suggestion of fellow member Larry Barwick. He enjoys learning skills from fellow members and enjoys the club's annual shows, usually working at the large roundhouse on the club layout. Phil attends and is a volunteer at Saint Thomas's Anglican Church in downtown Toronto. He has volunteered with the Toronto Railway Museum since 2003 and has been volunteer President and Board Chair. Phil received the Ontario Museum Association Volunteer Service Award of Excellence in 2023.

## Death comes to Sunnybrook Plaza – When will new life appear?



**Geoff Kettel**  
Co-President  
Leaside Residents Assn

Alan Redway declared in the May 2020 issue of East York Inklings:

“Sunnybrook Plaza died March 20th, 2020”<sup>1</sup>.

Well, the stores closed and the parking was gone, the Plaza has sat, closed in with temporary fencing, for almost four years. Till this year - demolition started and is

now virtually complete, and the piles of steel, cement and wire removed to a place of rest. So what happens next? Will work commence on a tower development?

First, some history. In 2014, Sunnybrook Plaza’s owner, RioCan, submitted an application to the City for a proposed redevelopment with two towers of 19 and 13 storeys. That met with opposition from neighbouring residents on Bessborough, and from the condo north on Bayview. The Leaside Residents Assn (LRA) registered to become a Party at the Ontario Municipal Board. But the Parties, RioCan, the City, and the LRA agreed to mediation. During this time, further studies of some of the issues were conducted, for example, geo-hydrological studies - the Plaza long having experienced water issues, being located adjacent to the Walmsley Brook, an underground stream (and tributary of the Don River).

In December 2016, agreement was reached between the Parties for a project with two towers, with significantly reduced heights of 16 and 11 storeys. Plus a significant community benefits contribution of \$2.7 million, and parkland contribution to the City of 10% of commemorate the Sunnybrook Plaza as the first land value. The developer even agreed to shopping plaza in Ontario.

But of course at that time (not just that time!) work was ongoing across the road with the Eglinton Crosstown LRT, and the Leaside Station, so RioCan

was unable to commence their development. In June 2019 the Ford government passed Bill 108 which made extensive changes to the Planning Act and appeal process. Also in June 2019, the Province approved OPA 405 which allowed for heights of 20 to 35 storeys in the Bayview Focus Area, overruling the City Council adopted Yonge Eglinton Secondary plan which allowed for mid-rise development of 8 storeys! However, despite the new incentive, RioCan and its new partner, Concert Properties opted to maintain their building design, and to stick with their towers at 11 and 16 storeys. Concert assumed responsibility for complying with zoning conditions and finalizing the zoning by-law. In February 2020 Concert Properties made a presentation to update the Leaside Residents Assn and explained that “we chose to respect and reinforce the strong relationships built within the community and the parties to the OMB”.

So fast forward to 2024, we hope that construction on the Sunnybrook Plaza



**Sunnybrook Shopping Centre April 1952**  
660 Eglinton Ave East, North East corner Eglinton & Bayview Aves.

redevelopment will commence, now that the Eglinton LRT and the Leaside Station construction have been completed (even if the service is yet to start)!

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgxwHNVxDSHSJRXdQTGCmCpGvQKn?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

Articles and photos contributions upon request from East York Historical Society President Pat Barnett



# SUNNYBROOK PLAZA

Live photos contributed by Geoff Kettel Leaside



Two rendered photos diagonal left (both sourced from RioCan REIT and Concert). Architect rendering of proposed buildings at 660 Eglinton Ave East Sunnybrook Plaza Redevelopment: a proposed 16 and 12-storey mixed-use rental building designed by Turner Fleischer Architects for RioCan REIT and Concert Properties on the northeast block of Eglinton Ave. East and Bayview Ave.

[streetsoftoronto.com](http://streetsoftoronto.com) › [sunnybrook-plaza-condo-dealSunnybrook](#)



Photo above: The bridge over The Don tributary at Bayview Ave and Eglinton Ave. East.



[bayview-news.com](http://bayview-news.com) › [2023 › 12End of an era: Sunnybrook Plaza demolition has begun](#)



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# 2024 Agnes Macphail Award Ceremony

Sunday, March 24, 2024  
2:00 PM  
Refreshments to follow

True Davidson Council Chambers  
East York Civic Centre  
850 Coxwell Avenue  
Toronto, ON

RSVP at [agnesmacphailaward@toronto.ca](mailto:agnesmacphailaward@toronto.ca)  
Kindly indicate if you have accommodation needs.



Agnes Macphail  
1890 - 1954

<http://www.eastyorkhistoricalsociety.com/ey-100th--agnes-macphail.html>



## 2024 Agnes Macphail Award Winner SUSAN SCANDIFFIO

Susan was nominated for the award by East York Foundation

### The 30th Annual Agnes Macphail Award Ceremony

**2 p.m.**  
**Sunday, March 24, 2024**  
East York Civic Centre, 850 Coxwell Avenue



Join us for the presentation of the

**2024 Agnes Macphail Award to**

**Susan Scandiffio**

featuring the VOCA Chorus of Toronto

Presented by the Agnes Macphail Recognition Committee  
c/o 100 Queen Street West, Second Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2M2  
[agnesmacphailaward@toronto.ca](mailto:agnesmacphailaward@toronto.ca)

#### Recipients of the Agnes Macphail Award

- 2024 Susan Scandiffio
- 2023 Shakhlo Sharipova
- 2022 Kam Babulal
- 2020 Paula Davies  
Raymond White
- 2019 Karen Fraser
- 2018 Carol Burtin Fripp
- 2017 Rev. Jim Parker
- 2016 Patrick Rocca
- 2015 Muhammad Masood  
Alam
- 2014 Sheila Lacroix
- 2013 Alan Redway
- 2012 Alice Carriman
- 2011 John Carter
- 2010 Bill Pashby
- 2009 Patricia Moore
- 2008 Geoffrey Kettel
- 2007 Lorna Krawchuk
- 2006 Shamsh Kara
- 2005 George Hurst
- 2004 Vi Thompson
- 2003 Dorothy Rivers-Moore
- 2002 Bob Hart
- 2001 Grace Stephens
- 2000 Audrey Tobias
- 1999 Barbara Thompson
- 1998 Elisabeth and Robert  
Lister
- 1997 Ruth Goldhar
- 1996 Marjorie Lewsey
- 1995 Eileen Morris Adams
- 1994 J. Edna Beange

#### East York Agnes Macphail Recognition Committee

"Think globally, act locally."



#### Invitation

**2024 Agnes Macphail Award Ceremony**  
**Sunday, March 24, 2024**  
**2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**  
**East York Civic Centre**  
**580 Coxwell Avenue**

Dear friends,

We hope you will be able to attend this special event, happening on Agnes Macphail's birthday this year.

The recipient of the 2024 Agnes Macphail Award is Susan Scandiffio. Susan is a passionate and driven community leader, actively supporting issues that were important to Agnes Macphail. Some of her efforts have been assisting those in need through the St. Vincent de Paul organization, being a founder of the Thorncliffe Food Collaborative, doing major organization for the Fill a Purse for a Sister campaign and a long-time Terry Fox Run fundraiser.

Susan has chosen to support the Red Door Family Shelter as the recipient of donations made to The East York Foundation in her honour, either using the attached donation form, or to the East York Foundation through Canada Helps.

The award ceremony will be followed by a small reception that will also mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Township of East York, which, along with the town of Leaside, became the Borough of East York in 1967. Arrangements have been made for those observing Ramadan.

Kindly confirm your attendance at [agnesmacphailaward@toronto.ca](mailto:agnesmacphailaward@toronto.ca) and please indicate if you have accommodation needs.

Sincerely,

*Lorna Krawchuk*

Lorna Krawchuk  
Chair, Agnes Macphail Recognition Committee  
[LTKrawchuk8@aol.com](mailto:LTKrawchuk8@aol.com) 416 425 4431



# 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

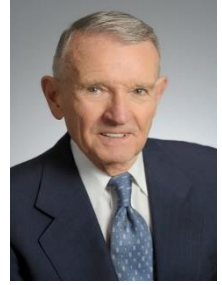
A Special tribute:

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

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



# *Expression of Condolence for Alan Redway by Toronto City Council*



**Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow**

**Seconded by: Councillor Brad Bradford,  
Councillor Paula Fletcher, and  
Councillor Jaye Robinson**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the Honourable Alan Redway, PC, KC – fourth Mayor of the Borough of East York and former Member of Parliament who passed away on January 4, 2024, surrounded by family, at the age of 88.

A lifelong East Yorker, Alan dedicated his career to serving the residents of East York, in elected office and as a community advocate. He was elected as an Alderman, representing the Leaside neighbourhood from 1972 to 1976. He later became Mayor of East York, serving three consecutive terms from 1977 to 1982.

Alan was a tireless champion for the area and its residents, even establishing the borough's very own flag. As mayor, he hosted a civic competition to design the East York flag. The flag helped to symbolically unify residents in the area and remains an important symbol that is still displayed throughout the area.

Following his time as mayor, Alan was elected as a Member of Parliament, representing the riding of York East from 1984 to 1988, and later representing the riding of Don Valley East from 1988 to 1993. While in office, he served as Minister of State (Housing) under Prime Minister Brian Mulroney from 1989 to 1991. He was instrumental in overseeing the building of housing in Toronto from 1989-1993. This work continues to benefit the residents of Toronto today.

Alan remained devoted to East York and active in the community even after retiring from public life. He served on many community organizations, including on the Board of Directors for Flemingdon Community Legal Services and was Chair of the Daily Bread Food Bank. He also served on the East York Foundation, the East York Hall of Fame and was a founding member of the East York Historical Society. In his later life, Alan also became a published author who wrote about East York and Toronto as a whole.

Alan received the Agnes Macphail Award in 2013 in acknowledgement of his dedication to the residents of East York and for his outstanding contributions to the community. In

**2023, he was inducted into the East York Hall of Fame. He will be remembered for his leadership, dedication, and lifelong service to the Borough of East York and its residents.**

**The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Alan's wife, Louise; his children, Andrea, and Kim; his grandchildren, Thomson, and Sydney; to the residents of East York, and to all those he impacted throughout his life.**

**February 6, 2024**



# Celebrate Herbert Horsfall on August 22<sup>nd</sup>?



I nominate Herbert Henry Horsfall, British-born Canadian, January 27, 1880 – August 22, 1955.  
Son Douglas Horsfall – (CWCC Ltd).



On February 11, 1911, Herbert Horsfall, Roderick Parke, Emil Wallberg, Frederick J. Bell and Alfred Bicknell established Canada Wire and Cable and successfully obtained a contract to supply hydro wire for 14 municipalities, including Toronto. Wallberg had independently purchased approximately 16 acres of land in November 1912 in Leaside to meet the space requirements for the factory and 100 homes for the employees.

Before the plant could open, WW1 had broken out! The plant was renamed the Leaside Munitions Factory and became the largest and fastest producer of shells in North America.

Normal production of wire and house building resumed when the war ended in 1918.

No other businesses or house builders came to Leaside. The bankrupt Canadian Northern Rail with its rail yards and Canada Wire were the only occupants of the town.

Each of the Town's two Mayors, Randolph McRae and Robert Phipps Ormsby, racked up high debt with no progress of a town. So, Horsfall and Wallberg and their company decided to undertake the Leaside affairs. Leaside's water supply, hydro, road maintenance, public school and 68 C.W.C. homes were taken over directly by the company.

In 1919, Horsfall became directly involved in town affairs by becoming a Councillor whose voice and advice graced various committees for the next four years.

When Railway Mayor Ormsby resigned in 1923, Horsfall replaced him as mayor for the next six years. By running the town like a business, Leaside began to grow.

Horsfall sat on many committees and by the late 1920s had established a new area of 160 homes off Bayview Ave., between Millwood and Parkhurst and south to Bessborough Drive. Leaside Publicity News Paper ads helped to fill the industrial area with quality enterprises. By 1930, the area was becoming so populated that the town would cancel the airport to build a new industrial area from Wicksteed to Eglinton.

The East York Leaside Bridge, which opened in 1927, would allow the Toronto Bus Service and cars to pass through Leaside to Yonge St.

A small shopping area on Millwood close to the Canada Wire Homes was created, and part of Bayview between Millwood and Fleming Cres. became a shopping area for the new homes.

Bessborough School was now able to accommodate all students.

The Volunteer Fire Department expanded and was now partially paid.

Money was set aside for a town park. The town became home to the Great Gatineau Power Station site, large enough to service Toronto and Leaside. Horsfall provided land for the North Toronto Sewage Disposal site for Toronto and Leaside. With the sudden death of Wallberg on March 30, 1929, Horsfall resigned as Mayor to replace the president of Canada Wire Cable from 1929 to 1944. Upon his resignation in Feb., 1944, he was asked to accept the title of chairman of the board so he could continue to be associated with the company in an advisory capacity. Because of ongoing ill health, in 1949 Horsfall terminated his association with the company as director and chairman. Today, Leaside is flourishing because of Mr. Horsfall's leadership and commitment. He was definitely a doer.



*Originally written and published in Leaside Life April 2021*  
Pancheta Barnett is the President of East York Historical Society.  
<https://leasidelife.com/celebrate-herbert-horsfall-on-august-23rd/>



## CANADA BLACK MUSIC ARCHIVES



In attendance at the opening of Canada Black Music Archives 255 Spadina Road in celebration of Black Music Friday late afternoon (4pm-8pm) February 23, 2024. L-R Dorothy Abbott (EYHS Member & OBHS), our Friend Sunset Roach (daughter of the late Charles Conliff Mende Roach, Canadian Civil Rights Lawyer), Pancheta Barnett (President East York Historical Society & TEYCPP Member).

## EYHS & LT. GOV. OF CANADA EDITH DUMONT



Photo L: RSadler, Lt. Gov. of Ont. EDumont, Rev. Holmes and EYHS Pres. PBarnett

Annual Commonwealth Sunday, with Royal Commonwealth Society participation inclusive. Reception Hall of Yorkminster Baptist Church March 10, 2024. Photo L: EYHS President PBarnett & Lieutenant Governor of Ontario Edith Dumont.

## HENRY BOX BROWN UN-BOXED!

East York Historical Society President Pat Barnett attends Henry Box Brown Lane and North Star Way Naming Feb. 1, 2024 12pm – 1pm. Photo L>R: EYHS President Pat Barnett, Adam Wynne, and Local Historian Coralina “Cory” Lemos outside site of Henry Box Brown’s home.



Photo L: Councillor Chris Moise, Adam Wynne, Kristyn Wong-Tam MPP, East York Historical Society President Pat Barnett, Local Historian Coralina “Cory” Lemos and Deborah Williams TDBS Trustee.



Photo R: The grand unveiling!

### Who is Henry 'Box' Brown and why is a Toronto street being named after him?

A public ceremony Thursday Feb 1, 2024 to rename a Corktown lane honours a man who used a unique method to escape slavery in the U.S. (Photos Chris Moise Offc). Toronto Star article by Emily Fagan. See link for full article

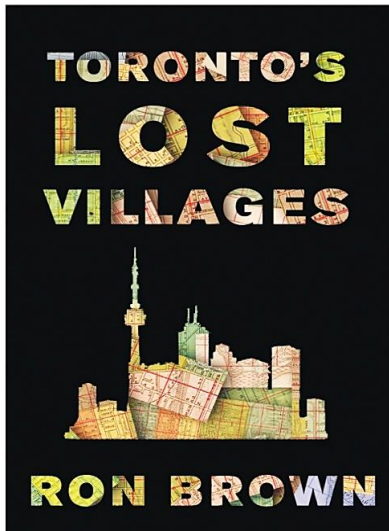


- <https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/who-is-henry-box-brown-and-why-is-a-toronto-street-being-named-after-him/article>
- <https://toronto.citynews.ca/2024/02/01/toronto-unveils-two-new-street-signs-honouring-black-and-indigenous-history/>
- <https://toronto.citynews.ca/video/2024/02/01/city-of-toronto-unveil-new-laneway-signs-for-black-history-month/>



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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
THE BEACHES SANDBOX

PRESENTS  
AUTHOR, HISTORIAN & TRAVEL WRITER  
RON BROWN



AT THE BEACHES SANDBOX 2181 QUEEN ST. E.  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 20, 2024, 7 - 8:15 PM

ADMISSION FREE - ALL WELCOME  
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# BESSBOROUGH 100TH ANNIVERSARY APRIL 18 2024

BESSBOROUGH IS CELEBRATING ITS BIG MILESTONE OF  
100 YEARS IN THE AMAZING COMMUNITY OF LEASIDE!  
COME JOIN US: TOURS, ARTIFACTS, PERFORMANCES!  
EVENT 5PM TO 8PM



211 BESSBOROUGH DRIVE



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YOUR BESS MEMORY TO SHARE AT THIS  
EVENT!



## MEMORIAL FOR SUSAN SERRAN

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO COUNCILLOR PAULA FLETCHER



SUSAN  
SERRAN



**Susan Serran's Memorial** held Feb. 9, 2024 from 6 pm at THE DUKE at 1225 Queen Street East in East Toronto (Leslieville). EYHS President P. Barnett was in attendance. As a prominent East End Historical landmark, The Duke has been part of the Leslieville landscape since **1870** and was originally named The Morin House Tavern. This 19th century solid brick building was originally a restaurant and pub with an Inn on the second floor with rooms to rent when the area was named St. David's Ward. Can you find the photo of Paula, John and Pat singing on stage?





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



*Lionel Collier*



### 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.



**THANK YOU, SERANO BAKERY**  
(830 Pape Ave., East York)  
for your generous donation of freshly baked refreshments!

### East York Historical Society



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



**THANK YOU, STARBUCKS**  
(65 Wickstead Ave)  
for your generous donation of refreshments!



### MELANIE MILANICH

15th Nov.1945 – 16th Oct. 2023  
former member of East York Historical Society passed away at MGH.

14-Storey Affordable Rental Proposed on Danforth near Donlands Station

Full story by Anthony Teles March 8, 2024  
<https://urbantoronto.ca/news/2024/03/14-storey-affordable-rental-proposed-danforth-near-donlands-station.55396>



Melanie wrote several articles for EY Inklings Sept 2016, May 2017, Sept 2017 and Jan 2018 Newsletters. Thank you for your contribution to EYHS, Melanie!





## Former Prime Minister of Canada, The Right Honourable Martin Brian Mulroney PC CC GOQ

(b. March 20, 1939 - Feb 29, 2024) died aged 84 years, was a Canadian lawyer, businessman, and politician who served as the 18th prime minister of Canada from 1984 to 1993.

The state funeral will be preceded by a lying-in-state in Ottawa, Ont., Mar 19<sup>th</sup> pm to Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> and a lying-in-repose in Montréal Mar 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> open for public to pay respects. The funeral ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at the Notre-Dame Basilica of Montréal (110 Notre-Dame Street West), in Montréal.

PM Justin Trudeau, Caroline Mulroney, Wayne Gretzky and Pierre Karl Péladeau are among those who will offer eulogies at the funeral.

([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian\\_Mulroney](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian_Mulroney))

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**Eleanor Collins** (born Elnora Ruth Procter; November 21, 1919 – March 3, 2024) aged 104 years, was a Canadian jazz singer, television host, and civic leader. She was known as Canada's First Lady of Jazz. Collins was the first woman in Canada to have her own TV show and the first Black Canadian to host their own TV show. Her parents were of black and Creole Indian heritage and were originally from the State of Oklahoma. They were drawn to the area by a 1906 advertisement to purchase a quarter section (160 acres (65 ha)) of land for \$10, among more than 10,000 black homesteaders who did so.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eleanor\\_Collins](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eleanor_Collins)

No Frills store in Toronto closing next month and building will be demolished



On June 4, 2018, EYHS President PBarnett attended the Lifetime Achievement Award of The Rt. Hon Brian Mulroney at The Canadian Club of Toronto. "I sat at Table 29 (circled in blue) with 9 others where we discussed the PM's great presentation," remembers EYHS President PBarnett.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/cdnclubto/4800932694/2/in/album-72157708953358448/>

## We'll Meet Again

Following the state funeral ceremony at Notre-Dame Basilica in Montreal, Saturday, March 23, 2024, former prime minister Brian Mulroney's casket was carried out to a rendition of the song "We'll Meet Again" a recording sung by Mulroney himself, fulfilling a final wish of his.

<https://globalnews.ca/video/10380253/well-meet-again-recording-of-brian-mulroney-singing-played-at-funeral/>

A No Frills location in Toronto is officially shutting down to make way for a new subway station. [News of the impending demolition](#) at the Carlaw and Gerrard No Frills in Leslieville first caused waves in the neighbourhood back in 2022, and, with the closure date of the store finally confirmed, debate about the closure has started up once again. Click link for the complete story: [https://www.blogto.com/eat\\_drink/2024/03/no-frills-toronto-carlaw](https://www.blogto.com/eat_drink/2024/03/no-frills-toronto-carlaw)

## Lillie Johnson invested into the Order of Canada



## Lillie Johnson lauded as a dedicated public health advocate at Order of Canada investiture

Centenarian Lillie Johnson (b. March 16, 1922) — who founded the Sickle Cell Association of Ontario and will celebrate her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday on March 16 — has been lauded for her advocacy for sickle cell disease in Ontario.

At a special ceremony held at Extendicare Rouge Valley, the long-term care residence where she lives in Scarborough, Ontario, on February 27, 2024 Johnson was invested into the Order of Canada by Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Click link for full story. <https://thecaribbeancamera.com/lillie-johnson-order-of-canada-public-health-advocate/>

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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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