



East York Inklings

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Newsletter of East York Historical Society
Volume 19 Issue 2 March 2023



TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023

DOORS OPEN @ 7 PM

MAIN PRESENTER: MR. ADAM BUNCH

ON TOPIC: THE TORONTO BOOK of the DEAD



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



PRESIDENT PAT'S MESSAGE
Greetings to all members of East York Historical Society.

I truly hope this East York Inklings Newsletter find you and your loved ones in sound health as it leaves my hand.

Today marks three years since our world as it was changed March 13, 2020.

I hope we have not forgotten our experience and continue to care about each other as best as we can. Pick up your phone and make that call you have been hesitating to do and "Keep on keeping on; doing our best best" -Pancheta Barnett


Canada is a great and very kind country for which we are a grateful people.

We have turned our clocks forward so Spring is soon upon us to be experienced.

Our hybrid March 28, 2023, Tuesday evening meeting is scheduled to open to in-person attendance; so please invite your family and friends to attend. Masks are still recommended.

East York Historical Society welcomes our Presenter: Mr. ADAM BUNCH on topic...pg.4

Our January 2023 East York Historical Society Celebrated Black History Canada and what a meeting this was with two great main Presenters on their amazing and interesting topics. Praises are still pouring in about it. Many thanks to Dr. Cathy Slaney and Ms. Dorothy Abbott.

Happy Belated Birthday March 11, 2023 to the Hon. Alan Redway...[Wiki](#) life member of East York Historical Society one of key instrumentals forming of the Society in 1980. 

East York Historical Society warmly welcomes our new members: Dr. Cathy Slaney, Ms. Dorothy Abbott, MPP., Mary-Margaret McMahan & Leo Gaspar ...page 8 

7:00 pm Doors open. Meet & Greet
Light Refreshments Served
7:30 pm President's Welcome/remarks
8:00 pm Presenter Mr. Adam Bunch
9:00 pm EYHS Evening Wrap Up

Agnes Macphail's Award Ceremony will be held on Sunday, 19th March, 2023 at East York Civic Center in - person. The Award Ceremony will begin at 2 pm. EYHS will have display Archive Materials. All East York Historical Society members are encouraged to attend...pg. 6

R H McGregor Elementary School -1922 named in honour for Robert Henry McGregor aka Silent Bob DOB>March 1, 1886-October 25, 1965...Celebrates 100 years of age May 27, 2023 (instead of 2022) page 9
PB visited Feb. 26, 2023> Model Railway Display. [prestongroup.ca](#) > project > 11-curity11 Curity – Preston Group | Innovation. Community. Legacy ...

DATES TO NOTE:

Doors Open Toronto returns for its 22nd year on Saturday, May 27th and Sunday, 28th May, 2023
Happy St. Patrick's Day greetings March 17, 2023.
Leaside 110 - May 7, 1913- May 7, 2023 & East York Jan. 1, 1924- Jan. 1, 2024

Renew your EYHS membership today by mailing your cheques/e-transfer.

Please see back page of this EY Inklings Newsletter of EYHS to do so. Please do not mail cash.

Many many thanks to the following for donations for EYHS Refreshment service:

McDonalds, November 2022 @ Pape and Cosburn; Serano January 2023 on Pape and Starbucks 2023 at Wicksteed and Laird.

Happy March Break March 13-17, 2023

We look forward to meet and greet you all on the evening of Tuesday, 28th March, 2023
TPL (S. Walter Stewart Branch) in the John S. Ridout Auditorium at:
170 Memorial Park Avenue and Durant Avenue.
In Service for and with East York Historical Society.
Thank you all for listening

 Pat

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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COMMENTS ABOUT OUR JANUARY 31, 2023 PRESENTERS:



PHOTO: L > R -EYHS PRESIDENT PAT WITH Jan. 31, 2023 PRESENTERS DR. CATHERINE L. SLANEY author of *Family Secrets: Crossing the Colour Line* AND MS. DOROTHY C. ABBOTT, all standing in front of MS. ABBOTT'S family quilt. Photo credit Shairose Kara office of MP., N. Erskine-Smith



DR. CATHERINE L. SLANEY

Topic: "The Past and Presented Here United"



MS. DOROTHY C. ABBOTT

Topic: "My Family History—Genealogy & Quilting"

Hi Pancheta,
It was my pleasure and honour to be able to meet you and your group. My sincere thanks for your gracious audience and interest in my topic. All the best in your future endeavors.
Dr. Cathy Slaney

Jan. 23, 2023

Dear Pat
Thank you for this wonderful newsletter.
I plan to join the Jan. 31 meeting by Zoom.
Jane W.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Pat,
Thank you so much for organizing a wonderful and very informative meeting. I really enjoyed listening to the compassionate presentations about Black History. It touched my soul. I look forward to continuing to attend your meetings and thank you and the board for the important work that you do. History matters!
Jean Vandette
Parkview Hills, East York

Pat, Just wanted to say what an informative evening. It's so important for historical associations like the one in East York to celebrate and also reflect on the difficult times that so many went through, Black history and the other cultures in our country truly makes Canada the most diverse country in the world.
Justin Van Dette

Secretary, East York Historical Society





EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

is inviting you to our

Tuesday, Evening Meeting, MARCH 28, 2023 @ 7 PM
S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY
170 MEMORIAL & DURANT AVES.

In the JOHN S. RIDOUT AUDITORIUM

Adam Bunch is the author of *The Toronto Book of the Dead* and *The Toronto Book of Love*, the host of the *Canadiana* documentary series, and the creator of the Toronto History Weekly newsletter.

He teaches history at George Brown College and his writing has appeared in *The Toronto Star*, *Spacing Magazine* and *The Huffington Post* among other places. His work popularizing Canadian history was recognized with an honourable mention for a Governor General's Award in 2012.



EYHS MARCH 2023
EVENING PRESENTER:
MR. ADAM BUNCH
On Topic:
**THE TORONTO BOOK
of the DEAD**

The Toronto Book of the Dead & The City's Morbid Past

With grisly tales of war and plague, duels and executions, you can learn a lot about Toronto through stories whose endings were anything but peaceful. This talk about *The Toronto Book of the Dead* delves into those tales — from the murder of Toronto's first lighthouse keeper to the séances that grabbed headlines in the wake of the First World War — and how the city's shifting attitudes toward death have impacted the way Toronto sees its own history.

- 7pm Doors Open. Meet & Greet
Light Refreshments Served
- 7³⁰ pm President Pat's Welcome & Remarks
- 8pm Presenter Adam Bunch on Topic



COMPLIMENTS to PRESIDENT PAT BARNETT

EDITOR, WRITER, AUTHOR & PUBLISHER

OF East York Inklings Newsletter of East York Historical Society since JANUARY 2014



Jan. 25, 2023
DEAR PAT,
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE LATEST ISSUE OF INKLINGS. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE YOU IN PERSON. I ESPECIALLY ENJOYED THE ARTICLE ON HENRY BOX BROWN AND HIS CONNECTION WITH EAST YORK.

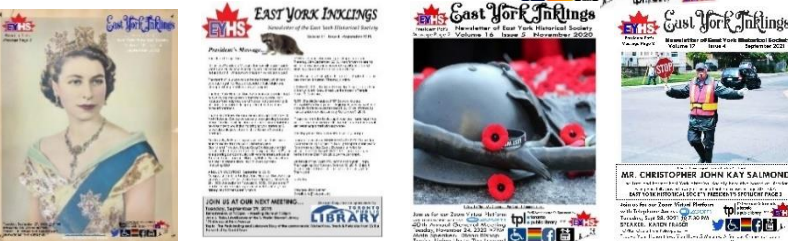
WARMEST REGARDS
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Jan. 25, 2023
Pat,
You and Rhonda sure does a great job of the newsletter. Thank you
Ron Chamberlain

January 24, 2023

Hi Pat,
As usual, a great newsletter. I really enjoyed Judy Stevenson's description of her early life, fascinating, and so courageous. I hope you're doing well.

Thanks,
Jim Hartley



The first speaker I booked for EYHS was Edith George September 2013



East York Inklings can be found at our website: <http://www.east-yorkhistoricalsociety.com/newsletters.html>

**2023
Agnes Macphail Award
Ceremony**

**Sunday, March 19, 2023
2:00 PM
Refreshments to follow**

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

RSVP at agnesmacphailaward@toronto.ca
Kindly indicate if you have accommodation needs.



Agnes Macphail
1890 - 1954

Congratulations

DR. SHAKHLO SHARIPOVA –

NAMED 2023 AGNES MACPHAIL AWARD WINNER

CEREMONY SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 @ 2PM

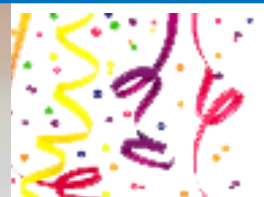


Photo taken
January 15, 2023
- **New Year's** Levée
and Queen Elizabeth
II Platinum Jubilee
Awards. Dr. Shakhlo
Sharipova was one
of the recipients

Photo L>R: MP., Rob Oliphant, Dr. Shakhlo Sharipova, and MPP., Stephanie Bowman. Dr. Sharipova has been named the 2023 Agnes Macphail Award Winner.- Rob Oliphant/Twitter photo By Rob Oliphant Twitter photo

Dr. Shakhlo Sharipova, who founded the Thorncliffe Park Autism Support Network (TPASN), has been named this year's Agnes Macphail Award winner.

The city's annual Agnes Macphail Award is presented to an individual in East York for their volunteer leadership in community-building and social justice issues.

On Sunday, March 19, the City and the Agnes Macphail Recognition Committee will host an awards ceremony to recognize Sharipova's contributions to the East York community.

A skilled ophthalmologist specializing in the treatment of glaucoma, Dr. Sharipova came to Canada from Tajikistan in 2009. A mother of

four and grandmother of two, she has lived in East York since 2010.

Dr. Shakhlo Sharipova Named 2023 Agnes Macphail Award Winner - Ceremony this Sunday.

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The public is welcome to attend.

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Dr. Sharipova founded the Thorncliffe Park Autism Support Network (TPASN), which stemmed from her experience as a mother with a child diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. TPASN provides information and inclusive activities for children living with autism and their families. During the pandemic, she organized outdoor and inclusive camps for children living with autism with special needs and their siblings, providing respite opportunities for families.

Dr. Sharipova supports her community by organizing a toy drive for low-income families and the Ramadan Free Hot Meal Project. With a team of volunteers, she has provided 4,240 meals since the program started, delivering meals door to door during the pandemic. Dr. Sharipova also fundraises to provide food and supplies to families and seniors in need. She is also dedicated to creating opportunities for youth to engage in community development.

This award was established as a tribute to Agnes Macphail, Canada's first woman elected to Canada's House of Commons and Ontario's Legislative Assembly as the MPP for the old riding

of York East (which included the Borough of East York). She championed causes such as women's rights, fairness for seniors, criminal justice reform, access to housing, health care and education.

Award recipients designate a charity to receive donations from the Agnes Macphail Fund, which the East York Foundation manages. This year's charity is [The Neighbourhood Organization](#).

More information, including past recipients, is available on the City's [Agnes Macphail Award webpage](#).



Friends of the South Grey Museum present
Happy Birthday
Agnes Campbell Macphail
1890 - 1954
Sunday, March 26, 2023

Annesley United Church, Markdale
Doors open at 1:30 pm. Start time is 2:00 pm.
Admission by free will donations.

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Also register at:
Annesley United Church, Susan's Deli
and Artemesia Cheese & Fine Foods



East York Historical Society
Welcomes
New Members!

2023
TUESDAY
EVENING
7PM MEETINGS
JANUARY 31 ✓
MARCH 28
MAY 30
SEPTEMBER 26
AGM NOVEMBER 28

DR. CATHY SLANEY
MS. DOROTHY ABBOTT
MPP., MARY-MARGARET McMAHON
LEO GASPAR



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.

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY R. H. MCGREGOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

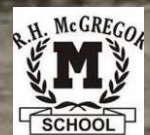


R. H. McGregor
Public School,
Coxwell Ave. SW
corner of Sammon
Ave. East York.

(R.H. McGregor
will celebrate its
100th year on May
27, 2023 instead
of 2022). PB



Hon. Robert
Henry McGregor
b. 1 Mar 1886 -
25 Oct 1965
(aged 79)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/11544772/robert-henry-mcgregor>



R.H. McGregor Celebrates 100 years of Age!

In September 1922, our school doors first opened to welcome neighbourhood children. While the original building has been replaced, and the landscape and population has changed drastically in one century, local kids have continued to be welcomed each September into a caring environment where they continue to learn and grow. We're excited to share that we will be celebrating our 100th anniversary on Saturday, May 27, 2023 in the after noon. You will have an opportunity to learn about the school's past, reflect on this land's history, connect with the broader school community, and spark thoughtful discussions as we chart our course

into the future. Calling all RH McGregor parents, staff, alumni, former staff, and community members! We have prepared a brief [survey](#) to collect your memories, artifacts and/or photos as well as to see if you're interested in helping with the celebration! We ask that parents and staff send this survey to anyone who may have a connection to RH (e.g., neighbours, family members). Also calling all historians, curators, and archivists! We have school publications, photos, and more dating back to the 1920s. If you are interested in volunteering to create an exhibition for display, please contact: 100YearsofRH@gmail.co

Credit Betsy V. for Article & Photo Requested by EYHS President PB

TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ITEMS

2023-24 Going to be a Challenging Budget Year

- Structural deficit – the board is budgeting to spend more money than it is receiving in grants
 - Grants are based enrolment. Enrolment is decreasing.
 - Costs are increasing and there is no corresponding increase in grant revenue. Examples include:
 - Sick leave costs
 - Statutory benefits
 - Additional costs to support student safety
- The pandemic had a negative impact on the budget for which we have not recovered:
 - Decreased enrolment
 - Decreased permit, tuition and continuing education revenue
 - \$70M in costs that were not funded by the Ministry

TDSB 2023-24 BUDGET:

\$31 million in staffing cuts!

ONTARIO
EDUCATION
WORKERS
UNITED

78 Caretakers
200 Lunchroom Supervisors
28 Office Clerical
15 Child and Youth Counsellors
48 School-based Safety Monitors
35 Child and Youth Workers
45 Elementary Teachers
20 Secondary Teachers
5 Virtual School Administrators
16 Social Workers
38 Vice-Principals



Sign the Petition * Make a delegation to the Board * Call your Trustee!



JOHN TORY RESIGNS AS MAYOR OF TORONTO FRIDAY, FEB. 15, 2023

John Tory has resigned as Mayor of Toronto.

In a shocking and swift turn of events, Tory stepped down after admitting to having an affair with a former member of his staff. Tory's announcement came during an evening press conference at City Hall. He took no questions but made a brief statement to members of the media who were present. Tory, who is married to his wife Barbara Hackett of 45 years, blamed the affair on a "serious error of judgment" and asked for privacy as he takes time to spend with his wife and family. Here's Tory's full statement:

I want to update Torontonians on a difficult personal matter.

During the pandemic, I developed a relationship with an employee in my office in a way that did not meet the standards to which I hold myself as Mayor and as a family man. The relationship ended by mutual consent earlier this year.

During the course of our relationship sometime ago, the employee decided to pursue employment outside City Hall and secured a job elsewhere.

I recognize that permitting this relationship to develop was a serious error in judgment on my part.

It came at a time when Barb, my wife of 40-plus years and I were enduring many lengthy periods apart while I carried out my responsibilities during the pandemic.

As a result, I have decided I will step down as Mayor so I can take the time to reflect on my mistakes and to do the work of rebuilding the trust of my family.

I will be working with the City Manager, the City Clerk and Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie to ensure an orderly transition in the coming days.

While I deeply regret having to step away from a job I love, in a city I love even more, I believe in my heart it is best to fully commit myself to the work required to repair these most important relationships.

As well, I think it is important for the Office of the Mayor not to in any way be tarnished and not to see the City government itself put through a prolonged period of controversy, arising out of this error in judgement on my part, especially in light of the challenges we face as a city.

I am deeply sorry and apologize unreservedly to the people of Toronto and to all those hurt by my actions including my staff, my colleagues and the public service.

Most of all, I apologize to my wife Barb and my family, whom I have let down more than anyone else.

I hope the privacy of all of those impacted by my actions can be respected and that includes me.

I think as you know I am a naturally private person notwithstanding some of the jobs I have had and I hope you will respect that, and the privacy of everyone else as well, especially my wife and family.

I have made the Integrity Commissioner aware of the relationship and asked him to review it. I want to thank the people of Toronto for trusting me as Mayor.

It has been the job of a lifetime, and while I have let them and my family down in this instance, I have nonetheless been deeply honoured by the opportunity to serve the people of this wonderful city and I believe I did some good for the city I truly love particularly during the pandemic.

I'm usually known for taking as many questions as you want, but on this occasion I'll let my statement speak for itself.

Thank you



<https://www.blogto.com/city/2023/02/john-tory-steps-down-mayor-toronto/>

John Tory can be seen above on Feb. 16, 2023, in his office reading a newspaper with news of his resignation on the front cover (CP24)



STATEMENT FROM DEPUTY MAYOR JENNIFER McKELVIE

Story by RJ Johnston Feb. 16, 2023 Updated Feb 23, 2023



The following is a statement released today Feb. 16, 2023 by Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie:

I would like to extend my thanks to Mayor Tory for his years of service here at City Hall — working together we’ve been able to accomplish a great deal on housing, on transit, and other priorities that matter most to residents. I wish him and his family well in the months ahead and fully respect his calls for privacy at this time.

My top priority, and the priority of all of Council, is the continued operations of local government for our residents. I was honoured to be appointed Deputy Mayor at the start of this term, and I am

completely committed to fulfilling the duties and obligations of that role. As Deputy Mayor, I will oversee the operations of the Office of the Mayor from the moment Mayor Tory’s resignation is formally effective, until a new Mayor is elected by residents.

Residents can rest assured that my entire focus at this time is ensuring a smooth transition and continued good governance. It is in that spirit that I must clarify that I will not be seeking to run for Mayor in the upcoming by-election. Representing the

residents of my ward, and ensuring a smooth, stable transition until a new Mayor is elected, requires my full attention. I appreciate every resident who has reached out asking if I would run — my love for representing them and for my role, are why I won’t be moving forward with a campaign for Mayor.

I sincerely appreciate the ongoing collaboration of my Council colleagues, and hardworking City staff who continue to demonstrate the utmost professionalism running our City services.

TORONTO MAYORAL ELECTIONS SET FOR JUNE 26, 2023



The date for the Toronto mayoral election to replace John Tory has been announced

Photo: Parviz Foto

Full Story Here:

<https://www.blogto.com/city/2023/02/toronto-mayoral-election/>

The date for the Toronto mayoral by-election has been announced. We will be heading to the polls once again on June 26 to elect our next mayor.

On Thursday, City Clerk John D. Elvidge [released the dates for the by-election](#), which is subject to City Council declaring the vacancy and passing a bylaw during its meeting on March 29 to 31.

The City Clerk has set the following Mayoral by-election dates:

- Nominations will be open Monday, April 3 at 8:30 a.m.
- Nominations will close Friday, May 12 at 2 p.m.
- Advance voting will take place Thursday, June 8 to Tuesday, June 13
- **By-election will be held Monday, June 26**

During its March meeting, City Council will consider recommendations from the City Clerk to formally declare the Office of Mayor vacant and to pass a bylaw requiring a by-election be held to fill the vacancy, as is required by provincial law.

Toronto City Clerk sets mayoral by-election for Monday, June 26

News release: <https://t.co/aNenXGuT8w> — City of Toronto (@cityoftoronto) [February 23, 2023](#)

PRESIDENT'S MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: MRS. MELANIE MILANICH

Who was Clem Dawes? Early Development of the East End

By: Melanie Milanich



Melanie Milanich-East Yorker

It was Edgar A. James, the first engineer of the Toronto and York Roads Commission, who suggested that Dawes Road got its name from Clem Dawes who kept a hotel at the northwest corner of Danforth and Dawes in the 1840s. Historians have repeated this with little actual data to accompany it. In fact, according to Ancestry, an online genealogical source, Clem Dawes came here as an infant in 1833 from Micheldean, Gloucestershire County with his father William and mother Jane Lodge. It is unclear which of his five siblings would have come with them at that time; however Clem's older brother Thomas became a minister in London, Ontario. The family had a long history of tavern keeping and farming.

It would have been William who would have established the tavern in the 1830s and been running it in the 1840s. The intersection became known as Dawes Corners. Lot 2, Concession 2 from the Bay, York Township where the Dawes Tavern was located was at that time King's College land (providing funds for the new university that became the University of Toronto). The family would have leased land for their hotel/tavern. Ownership of the land then came into the possession of Sarah Ann Boulton of the Grange, (the historic house now part of the Art Gallery of Ontario, where she was known for her grand parties). It appears that Thomas Smith took possession of the land at the corners in 1852, then the land passed to William Smith in 1871.

The Dawes family never owned land at the corner of Dawes and Danforth Avenue, according to land registration records in the Archives of Ontario. To get some idea of land values and appreciation (or possibly corruption of the Family Compact) we can consider Sarah Ann and her husband D'Arcy's 100 with the radical reformer, William Lyon Mackenzie as the mayor. The town of Markham had been settled in 1794 and the village of L'Amoureux at Victoria Park and Finch was established in the first decades of the 19th century. Norway, an unincorporated village just east of Kingston and Woodbine had a steam sawmill

acre park lot at the Grange that was purchased in 1808 for 350 pounds from the estate of the late Solicitor General Robert Gray who drowned on the schooner the Speedy. In 1828 D'Arcy sold the north half of the lot, 50 acres, to Kings College for 1,250 pounds. About which Samuel Peter Jarvis who conducted the sale and also the equivalent sale of William Dummer Powell's land wrote, "I cannot suppose you will think the rear 50 acres of your lot badly sold" D'Arcy Boulton, who was Auditor General of Land Patents, received the crown patent land grants for the adjacent lots north and east of the location of Dawes' hotel/tavern. According to records in the Boulton papers held in the AGO library, D'Arcy Boulton and Sarah Ann Boulton had acquired over 2,000 acres of land including lots in Whitchurch, Gore, King and Vaughan townships.

Then, as now, land was being held for speculation and causing social problems. Land held for crown and clergy lands was also a cause of strife among the early settlers as it affected roads, travel, access to water and settlement patterns. It was the policy that the first concession, from Queen to Danforth, and the broken front along the harbor would have no crown or clergy lands designated; thus the second concession would be given a double dose of these aggravating land holdings. This would have affected Clem in the second concession. To put the area in the context of the 1830s, immigration was increasing rapidly from the British Isles, and farms, sawmills and roads in the greater Toronto area were growing by leaps and bounds. Although water transportation was still a critical means of transit, Kingston Road was being planked and by 1839 there were daily stage coaches all the way to Kingston, Ontario. Railways were being constructed in Quebec and in the Niagara area. Talk of a railway was in the air.

Dawes Road had been a native indigenous trail for hundreds of years and was used by early settlers from the north, using the boundary line of York and Scarborough Townships (the present Victoria Park Avenue) then turning down through Dawes Road as a route to the Market Square, what is now our St. Lawrence Market. Dawes Road connected at that time to Kingston Road. Dawes and Danforth was a rural hinterland of the new city of Toronto, population just under 10,000, in 1834, operating since 1835 at the intersection of the present Queen and Kingston Roads. Further up the road at the five mile painted post just east of Victoria Park and Kingston Road was the Painted Post Inn, built about 1835. It was a hangout for supporters of Mackenzie's Rebellion of 1837, and run by a character named

Ballard. By the 1840s the tension from the Rebellion and the economic downturn from the world-wide recession that lasted from 1837 into the 1840s was ebbing and new spurts of growth were taking place. The Guarantee Act of 1849 encouraged railway investment and speculation. The Baldwin-Lafontaine government achieved responsible government in 1849 in the province of the united Canadas and the Baldwin Act of 1850 established elected municipal government in the townships. The Boyds, Martins, Chapmans and Moffats had settled in the area along the present Dawes Road by the late 1840s or early 1850s. The Boyds were farming, the Chapmans farmed, then ran brickyards, the Moffats ran a hotel, the Royal Oak Inn from 1845 one-quarter of a mile north of St. Clair. Wexford at Lawrence, with St. Jude's Church nearby, was being settled in the 1840s. Clem Dawes would have seen Dawes Road road become an "official" highway through a by-law of the Home District in 1848. Victoria Park, the surveyed town line, the boundary between Scarborough Township and York Township, was not used between Kingston Road and St. Clair because of the deep ravine by Taylor Creek. According to records in the Hope United Church Archives and a map in Barbara Mryvold's book, Dawes Road, itself, was called the "town line" through the 1870s. The highway from Kingston Road to Steeles Avenue (both the present day Dawes Road and Victoria Park Avenue) became known as (Old) Dawes Road in the 1880s at a time when more roads were being built and named. The present Victoria Park Avenue assumed its name in the 1950s. The 1848 by-law stated that the surveyed road began at the [four mile] painted post along the Kingston Road. The posts, painted red for visibility, designated the mileage from the Market Square. At the eastern end of the province red cedar posts were inserted every mile along the Kingston Road for the same purpose. Opening the road as an official highway was petitioned by the residents and involved some straightening and adjustments as well as widening the road to 40 feet throughout. The opening of the road was not without its challenges, however. John Chapman who in 1847 bought 5 acres of land where he found clay on Lot 2, Concession 2 from the Bay, was compensated 35 pounds for damages to his land. He was also asked to convey part of it to the County which he refused to do. The Committee of Roads and Bridges then recommended that he not be required to convey the land and recommended the Council provide "payment to Charles D. Maginn of the sum of 6 pounds 6 shillings, being the expenses incurred in the prosecution of the said John Chapman for stopping up the said road and for removing the nuisance therefrom as shewn by the vouchers hereto annexed." Charles, it should be stated, was a justice of the peace near Wexford. Would Clem or his father have had any concerns about the widening or adjustments to their intersection? How would it have affected the tavern or the volume of travelers We



find our Clem was assuming responsibility for the tavern early in his life as a young lad. When Clem was 19 and his father in his late 60s, Clem was listed as the head of the household on the 1850 List of Inhabitants of York County. Clem was also enumerated as the head of household in the 1851 Census. Could this mean his father had become disabled or ill or just that Clem became more outgoing in running the tavern? The earliest map that clearly shows a tavern on the corner is J.O. Browne's map of 1851 (although the tavern appears on the northeast rather than the northwest corner). It was at this time that Dawes Road, the "town line", attracted attention as an official public highway and major route taken by the farmers. Efforts were made to further improve it. The Church newspaper reported on a meeting held on April 4, 1851 at Smith's Inn on Kennedy Road to consider a proposed York and Scarboro' Plank Road. "The road commences at the Four Mile Tie [post] on the Kingston Road, along the Town Line to the 1st Concession of Scarboro' near St. Jude's Church, thence along said 1st Concession to its junction with the Danforth Road." Planking didn't last long and wasn't the solution to the bad roads. It was also quite expensive. While Danforth Avenue (then known as the Don and the Danforth) was planked in the 1850s from Broadview to Danforth Road, it's not clear that Dawes Road was planked. Meanwhile, as Clem was growing up, within a mile down the road in Scarboro' lived Margaret Armstrong, born in 1835 on the Armstrong homestead Lot 35, Concession B Scarboro Township. Perhaps they went to school together at the Scarboro SS #10 where school teacher William Skelton taught from 1839. He tells us in his reminiscences it was " a log school house near where the old Danforth Road crossed the Kennedy Scarboro Road, within one and a half miles of the Painted Post and six miles from Toronto." In any case, a romance between Clem and Margaret developed, probably with a courtship of sleigh rides, dances, picnics, barn raising "bees" and church functions. In 1854, the neighboring couple, Clem at age 22 and Margaret, age 19, were married. Would this have meant that Margaret brought in a dowry that could have assisted the couple financially? Also at this time, in 1854, Clem's father died at the age of 72, leaving Clem at an early age not only the head of the household but also a new husband. At this point in our story the Grand Trunk Railway makes its entrance in 1856 just south of Danforth, with a flag stop named "York" (later to be called Little York). Rail traffic soon replaced much of the lake cargo transit and for Clem a trip to Whitby that had appeal for him, would have been much quicker. Although rail transportation would have also have lessened, to some extent, the need for road transportation, the exploding growth of Toronto would have provided a growing market for wheat and produce. The first actual reference that I have found to "Dawes Tavern" was in an article in the Globe in 1857 where the "road to Dawes tavern" is given as a description of the road going from Kingston Road north. The year 1857 was also the

beginning of a recessionary period after the financial crash in New York and London. It lasted until the American Civil War. This may have influenced Clem's life and decisions as well as a possible decrease in tavern and hotel customers. Yet our ambitious Clem, still in his twenties, had been assuming other business operations (maybe going overboard financially). We next hear of this enterprising young man from an ad in the Globe, March 1859, when he, as the "occupant" or owner was involved with the power by sale of Norway House Hotel at the corner of Woodbine and Kingston Road. This was described as a "well known oldestablished tavern stand" with a stable, driving shed and other outhouses. Wragg and Company, ironmongers who built the steam sawmill, provided plans of the land involved and Wakefield and Coate were the auctioneers. It also was during these years in the 1850s around Dawes Road that Margaret gave birth to three daughters and two sons. Now, our story gets puzzling at this point. The 1861 Census finds Clem in Whitby, a thriving harbor town of 2,648 people. Here, Clem and Margaret's son William dies in 1862. When did they resettle here? And what attracted them? Clem is listed in Mitchell's Canada Gazetteer and Business Directory as the owner of Ontario House Hotel in Whitby in 1864. In a map of 1868 prepared by U.S. military engineers, the corner of Dawes and Danforth is labeled "Smith's Corners". William Smith had a tavern on the south west corner. The northwest corner has the label "Victoria Inn" (this was the name of George Empringham's first hotel some twenty years later). The northeast corner is designated Rising Sun Inn. It appears that there is growing usage of this route. Then, in 1869, more puzzlingly, Clem is listed as "gentleman" in Dundas, Ontario. Did he purchase land here? Back again on Dawes Road the County of York Directory in 1870 lists Clem as the owner of Dawes Hotel (listed under Norway as the closest post office). Did Clem Dawes have his hand in owning and juggling several properties? In Whitby, apparently their base now, tragedy strikes the family. Sadly, the move to Whitby was not so beneficial for Margaret. Three babies are born that die as infants in Whitby in the 1860s. Then on March 6, 1872, Clem's beloved Maggie dies. The Whitby Chronicle reported " the announcement of the unexpected event startled the entire community..Mr. Dawes and his young family are thrown into deepest grief by their loss. Mrs. Dawes' remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of people, many of whom were from a distance". In her short life of 36 years Margaret had eight children four of whom died as infants or were stillborn. Those who lived to adulthood were: Jennie who married Robert Fraser, Sarah who married J. W. Meharry, Mary who married R.J. Wright, and Thomas who married Minnie Wheeler. Later that year, back at Dawes Road, the Markham Economist reported on December 5, 1872: As Mr. William Derry, farmer on the Kennedy Road, Scarboro' was returning from the city last week, he thought he could accomplish the crossing near Dawes Tavern before the approaching train could cross,

but unfortunately the engine carried both him and the hay rack off and threw them on the cowcatchers. Medical assistance was immediately procured, Dr. Lizars being on the cars, but nothing could be done for him." Dawes Tavern was obviously still a well-known watering hole for the farm community. In Whitby, Clem doesn't stay a widower for long. The next year, 1873, Clem, probably still handsome and dashing at 41, marries Euphemia Mill, 23, originally from Edinburgh, Scotland. The marriage took place at the residence of the bride's father, William Mill by the Rev. Mr. Ballantyne on Saturday December 6, as the Whitby Chronicle tells us. Euphemia and Clem had three sons and a daughter, Charles, Frank, George and Lillie to add to the blended family. We next discover Clem in Port Perry in 1874. He has become "Captain" Clem Dawes of his steamship the "Ogemah" and is offering the Scugog Presbyterian Church parishioners chartered cruises on Lake Scugog from Port Perry. Then again on Dominion Day 1875 Captain Dawes is offering cruises to 1,100 excursionists who are coming by train on the newly built railway connecting Whitby and Port Perry. In July 1876 the celebrations were more elaborate "A moonlight excursion on board the steamer Ogemah left Port Perry wharf Friday night with an excellent Quadrille band providing music for dancing". Unfortunately, this was followed in November by a fire on the Ogemah, "quick work by Mr. Legare, a night watchman ...resulted in saving the steamship Ogemah from destruction by fire. Captain Dawes offered a \$50 reward for conviction of the parties who set the fire." Our multitasking Clem takes on politics as well. In 1877 he has become a member of Port Perry's city council and in 1879 is recognized as "one of our most energetic and respected townsmen". In 1879 Clem moves back to Whitby and is again (or continuing to be) proprietor of the Ontario Hotel on Brock Street, a photo of which is in the collection of the Whitby Library. Always taking on new challenges, Clem is listed in the 1881 Census with the occupation of auctioneer. Most likely that would have suited him well. After a full but relatively short life, Clem died in Reach, Ontario in 1886 and was buried at the Union Presbyterian Cemetery in Oshawa. He was 54. Euphemia outlived Clem and is cited in her obituary in the Port Perry Star as "formerly of Whitby, and for many years a respected resident of Port Perry..a very active member of the Church of the Ascension of Port Perry." Who was Clem Dawes? A talented, energetic, entrepreneurial, and creative man who remade himself many times, but spent a good portion of his life at the tavern/hotel at Dawes and Danforth for which he (and his father) have rightly been recognized by the name of Dawes Road.



"Many thanks Mrs. Milanich for this amazing article on Clem Dawes. Great writing!!!" ...EYHS President PB
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*Ontario Historical Society
Executive Director Announcement*



On behalf of the Ontario Historical Society Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to announce that, after an open and competitive hiring process, the Board has selected Mr. Daniel Dishaw for the position of Executive Director.

Daniel holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree from Ryerson University (now Toronto Metropolitan University) and a Masters in History from Trent University, specializing in Canadian political history. Daniel may be familiar to many of our members and affiliates as he has worked for the Society in the role of *Communications & Outreach Manager* since 2015. In that role, Daniel managed the Society's communications portfolio, overseeing and drafting the Society's reports, publications, and media releases. Daniel has led several of our flagship programs, including Honours and Awards and Heritage Conservation. Daniel also has experience traveling across the province to meet with OHS members and affiliates, as needed, to determine how the OHS can support their work.

Daniel has been instrumental in maintaining the historic John McKenzie House, working closely with the City of Toronto, overseeing all on-site conservation and restoration work, including project management, grant writing, and acting as the general contractor for the Society.

Daniel has also helped to foster new relationships and partnerships for the Society, including the OHS Student Placement Program, wherein the Society works with university faculty members across the Greater Toronto Area to provide valuable culture and heritage sector experiential education opportunities to university students. Further, throughout his career in the heritage sector, Daniel has successfully designed and/or supported public programming and education initiatives for other organizations as well as the OHS, including The Ward Museum (Not Just Numbers), Ryerson University (now Toronto Metropolitan University), and Heritage Toronto.

In addition to his outstanding personal and professional credentials, Daniel was able to clearly illustrate how his vision for the Society will carry it forward—continuing to maintain the incredible foundation and core operations developed over the Society's long history, but also incorporating new ideas and evolving the OHS to maintain its relevance, to attract new members, and to ensure the longevity of the Society into the future.

Daniel said, "My goal is to uphold the critical role of the OHS in preserving our provincial heritage and advocating on behalf of the public interest in Ontario. I have a strong working relationship with my colleagues, and our team is capable of doing great things together. I know I can deliver the integrity and consistency that this position demands, building upon the solid foundation left by the departing Executive Director, Rob Leverty."

Mr. Dishaw will begin in this new role, taking over from departing Executive Director Rob Leverty, on February 1, 2023. Mr. Dishaw can be reached at ddishaw@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca.

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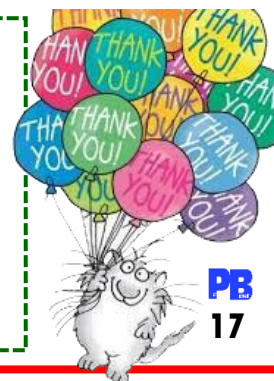
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EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY REMEMBERS THEM ALL THROUGH THE YEAR! CONNECTION WITH BARRON ROAD & SUNSHINE VALLEY IN EAST YORK Sourced from Hon. Alan Redway. Barron Rd runs north/south between Galbraith and Tiago Avenues and east of O'Connor. Is there a connection between Corporal Colin Fraser and Barron Rd? Yes!

Corporal Colin Fraser Barron

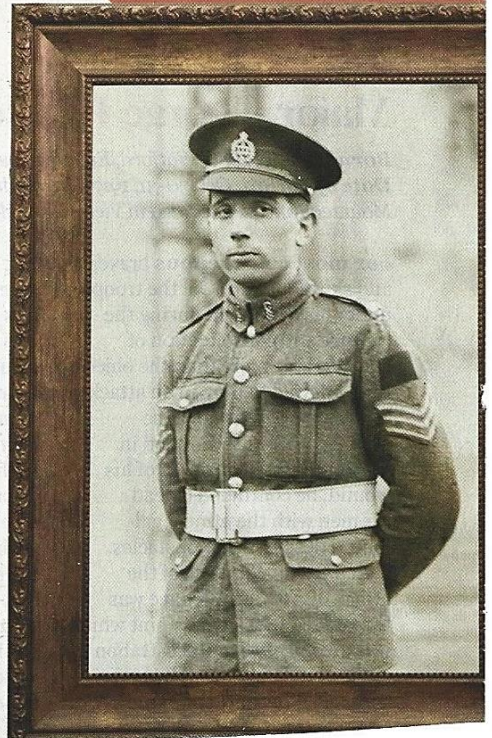
Born: Sept. 20, 1893, Baldavie, Scotland; moved to Toronto at age 16 **Date of action:** Nov. 6, 1917 **Unit:** 3rd Battalion **Fate:** died in Toronto on Aug. 15, 1958, at age 64

For conspicuous bravery when in attack his unit was held up by three machine-guns. Cpl. Barron opened on them from a flank at point-blank range, rushed the enemy guns single-handed, killed four of the crew, and captured the remainder. He then, with remarkable initiative and skill, turned one of the captured guns on the retiring enemy, causing

them severe casualties.

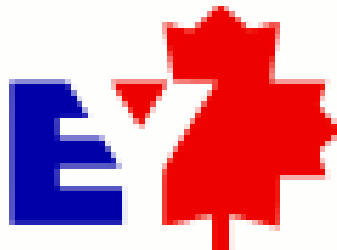
The remarkable dash and determination displayed by this N.C.O. in rushing the guns produced far-reaching results, and enabled the advance to be continued.

Barron served with the Royal Regiment of Canada during the Second World War. He was also among the Victoria Cross recipients at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953.



Barron Rd is indeed named in honour of [First World War](#) Victoria Cross recipient, [Corporal Colin Fraser Barron](#) <https://qormuseum.org/history/memorials/barron-road/>

FOLKS HAVE BEEN ASKING ABOUT THE EAST YORK FOUNDATION



Summary

The East York Foundation was originally created in April of 1965 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. This initiative was spearheaded by Reeve True Davidson.

The mission of the East York Foundation is; "To contribute to the historical, cultural and recreational enrichment of the people of East York, which encompasses the communities of East York and Leaside". The East York Foundation is dedicated to the ([...read more](#))

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HON. DAVID CHARLES ONLEY CM OOnt

Canadian TV Journalist, Broadcaster, Author and 28th Lieutenant Governor of Canada (b. June 12, 1950 – Jan 14, 2023) died age 72 yrs.

A funeral will be held for Mr. Onley at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 30, 2023. Limited seating is available for the public on a first-come basis beginning at 9 a.m. For those unable to attend in person, the funeral service will be livestreamed on the [Government of Ontario YouTube](#) channel and will be available with closed captions and ASL interpretation.

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1002665/members-of-the-public-invited-to-pay-tribute-to-the-late-honourable-david-c-onley>

Here are details about the funeral. I noticed that Sharon Beckstead is one of the musicians for the service. She was formerly the Music Director at Leaside United Church.

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/background/1002663/funeral-program-for-the-hon-david-onley> Sourced from: M. McLeod (Jan.28, diversions) Leaside...thank you, PB.



HAZEL McCALLION, CM, OOnt

(née Journeaux; February 14, 1921 – January 29, 2023) died age 101 years, was a Canadian businesswoman and politician who served as the fifth [mayor of Mississauga](#) from 1978 until 2014

McCallion was first elected in November 1978, and is the longest-serving mayor in the city's history, having served for 36 years at the time of her retirement in 2014. She was a successful candidate in twelve municipal elections, having been acclaimed twice and re-elected ten other times. Her supporters gave her the nickname "Hurricane Hazel" because of her outspoken political style with reference to the [Hurricane of 1954](#), which had a considerable impact.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hazel_McCallion#:~:text=McCallion%20was%20first%20elected%20in,%20Delected%20ten%20other%20times.



VOLUNTEER FOR DOORS OPEN TORONTO

Doors Open Toronto presented by Great Gulf returns Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28 for its 22nd year.

The City of Toronto is recruiting volunteers to assist with guided tours and engage with the public at various cultural institutions all over Toronto. Complete an online application and [learn more about volunteer opportunities at Doors Open Toronto.](#)



I saw a few of these installations on my way to view Myseum's Yesterday Saturday late afternoon as I was interested in the exhibits of East York, Thorncliffe Park and the areas surrounding these places.

This attached installation was sent to me by an acquaintance; thought I'd share it with you all.

Enjoy!
There's a new Black history installation (Celebrating Black Innovation and History in Ontario) being featured on the TTC trains. It shows many different Black Ontarians.



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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 November at the S. Walter Stewart Library (northwest corner of Memorial Park and Durant Avenues) at 7:00 pm and include an illustrated presentation on a subject.

Pat Barnett is the Author, Editor, Writer & Publisher of East York Inklings Newsletter of East York Historical Society since Jan. 2014

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