



EAST YORK INKLINGS

Newsletter of the East York Historical Society

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A MESSAGE FROM *President Pat...*

Greetings and many thanks to all our Renewed & New Members, and Other Supporters of the East York Historical Society your continued support and help is greatly appreciated.

Our General Meeting on the evening of March 27 with main Presenter: Mr. Richard Fiennes-Clinton and welcome speaker Miss Mave Pestonji was well attended also our Afternoon Discussion meeting on Wednesday, April 25 with Presenter Ulana Baluk. Thanks to all who attended during the rain.

Month of May 2018:

- On behalf of the East York Historical Society we wish everyone "Happy Mothers Day" Sunday, 13th May;
- **MAY 19, 2018: Article on the Nuptials of Prince Harry (Henry) & Miss Markle on page 5;**
- **Doors Open Toronto at Todmorden Mills on May 26 and 27.** East York Historical Society needs volunteers to help from 12 noon until 5 pm both days at our Archive Display Tables. Please contact Margaret McRae at 416-429-7821;
- **May 21, Victoria Day. Enjoy!**

On May 29 EYHS Refreshment Convener **Kay Horiszny** will end her many years of service in this position along with Joyce Crook. One of our board members has come forward to help but we need at least one more person to assist. Any member(s) interested in volunteering in this position starting in September 2018 are encouraged to talk to Kay, any other members of the board or myself for further information. Thank you!

29th May General Meeting Presenter for the evening will be: Mr. Paul Farrelly, Chair of the Toronto and East York Community Preservation Panel will present on Topic: "Frank O'Connor House" Please bring guest(s). Admission is Free! Refreshments will be served.



NAME TAGS: Please wear your name tags during the meetings so we can better acquaint ourselves with each other. Thank you!

CANADA DAY, July 1, 2018...East York Historical Society will participate (walk) in the parade to Stan Wadlow Park. Please meet us at Dieppe Park at 9:30 am. EYHS will display our Archives at the Park.
East York Historical Society has books for sale (donations to EYHS)...photos of books...**pg. 2**

SISTEMA Toronto performers at EYHS January 2018...photo page 3

TRENDING NOW: Mrs. Winni Mandella, Barbara Bush and June 7, 2018

TREASURER: Mr. Val Dodge> New & Renewed Memberships and donations can still be made at our May meeting.

I look forward to see you at our General Meeting on the evening of Tuesday, 29th May, 2018 and on Canada Day Sunday, July 1, 2018 and at Doors Open Toronto at Todmorden Mills on May 26 and 27.

SUGGESTION:

In the meantime please wear bright colours when traveling late evenings and at night time.
Keep cool during the summer. EYHS next East York Inklings Newsletter of the East York Historical Society will be published in September 2018.

Sincerely,

Pancheta (Pat) Barnett
President of the East York Historical Society
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JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING>>>

Tuesday, May 29, 2018
Refreshments at 7:00pm ~ Meeting Starts at 7:30pm
John S. Ridout Auditorium at the S. Walter Stewart Library
170 Memorial Park Avenue
Special Guest Speaker: Mr. Paul Farrelly
Topic: The Frank O'Connor House

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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 with all three former Mayors of East York were in attendance: David Johnson; Alan Redway & Michael Prue as well as Councillors: Mary Fragedakis, Janet Davis and Ray White who serves as Chair of the East York Foundation.

Several former Borough of East York Councillors were in attendance.

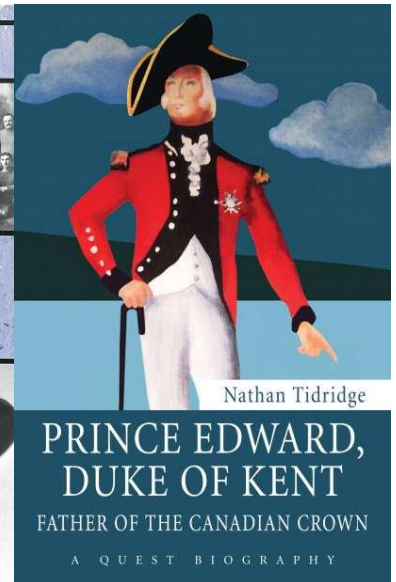
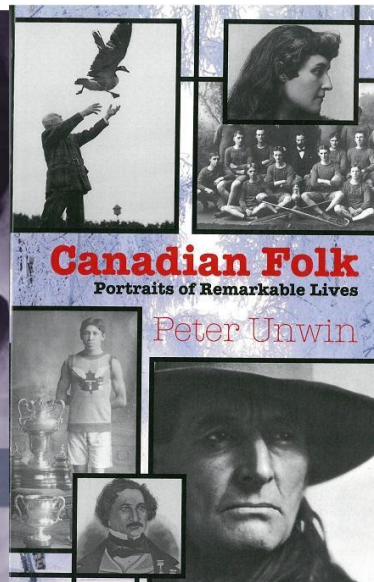
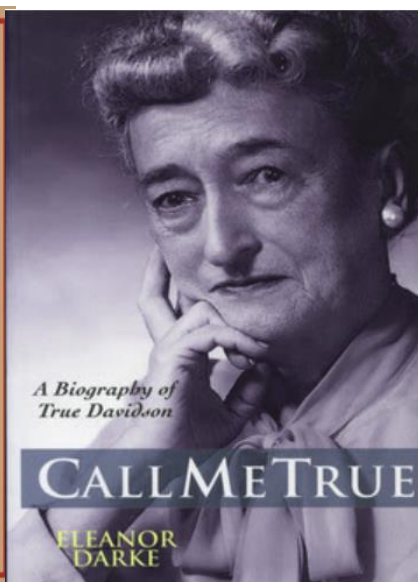
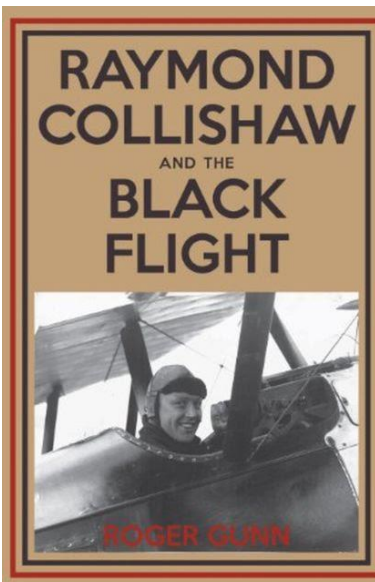
Missing from this special occasion regrettably was President Pancheta (Pat) Barnett of the East York Historical Society and Justin Van Dette, President of the EY Hall of Fame due to previous commitments on the date of the ceremony. EYHS Director Justin Van Dette was publicly thanked by Mr. White for his assistance in helping to organize the event.

Photo Credit: Ron Brown VP. EYHS and Justin Van Dette, EYHS



THE EYHS HAS BOOKS FOR SALE

Enquire with our Treasurer at the Membership Desk at our meetings



PRESIDENT PAT'S SPECIAL FEATURE

THANK YOU!

Left to Right: Ron & Karen with President EYHS Pat Barnett
Photo taken March 24, 2018 after Agnes Macphail Award Ceremony.

Karen Fraser and Ron Smith the home owners of [53 Mallory Crescent](#) would like to thank their community for the support, help and kindness they received following the arrest of Bruce McArthur on January 18th. While the couple is mindful that they are a mere sidebar in a story of pain and horror it was difficult for them to shift from a pleasant morning at home with plans for the day, to a search warrant with minutes to leave their home, to waiting for hours at 51 Division to be questioned to standing on the street in the cold with nowhere to go.

Friends and neighbours responded immediately. The couple soon had a place to stay and offers of several others. Ongoing offers of dinners, tea/ scotch with cakes followed.

A neighbour's home became the staging area for the high-end cat food donated to save pets trapped in one room of the house. They endured numerous strangers in rustling hazmat suits and cadaver dogs searching their home while their human guardians seemed to have abandoned them.

Nearby businesses demonstrated why we should all shop local. The Feathers family at Olde Yorke Fish and Chips slipped gift certificates into an order allowing the couple to enjoy their comfort food particularly when they returned home.

Under the circumstances the notes, emails and messages passed along from the residents of Thorncliffe and Flemingdon Park. were greatly appreciated.

The members of the Church St., Village were extraordinary. They rose above the terror and expanding nightmare hanging over their neighborhood to offer complete strangers welcome, hugs, kind gifts and notes, the use of a condo and help to repair the backyard at 53 Mallory.

When the couple encountered one extremely upsetting issue they reached out to Councillor Jon Burnside for help. He acted immediately and effectively. Even



vibrant community minded neighbourhoods need extraordinary elected representatives. The couple are appreciative of the ongoing supportive emails and phone calls from Councillor Burnside and Premier Kathleen Wynne.

A group thank you to those who emailed, honked and flashed the peace sign and stopped the homeowners on the street to offer kind words.

At last on February 8 it was time to return home. One family had a welcome home event and others brought flowers Then the weary homeowners were told that the main drain had to be dug up and taken away. The city workers deserve a big thank you for their kindness and for being angry on the residents behalf.

A thank you also to the East York Historical Society under President Barnett for the help offered answering a question about the background of the property at 53 Mallory.

The officers of Toronto Police Services have the thanks, gratitude and admiration of the two residents. While meeting the rare challenge of a serial killer, working staggering hours under increasing pressure and facing down expanding horrors they managed to keep the couple's welfare served and protected.

When asked for their reaction to the upsetting series of events. Ron and Karen offered lines from a song of worship sung at the church vigil "in the end All that matters Is how we treat each other"

Article of Thanks d/d March 28, 2018 @ 1:04 pm. KFRS @ the request of Pres.PB. EYHS. Article published May 2018 .

Photo from our January 2018 General meeting of SISTEMA (Jane & Finch) TORONTO performed at EYHS Black History in January 2018. A BIG THANK YOU for your excellent performance.

Photo Credit; Ron Brown, EYHS



SUMMARY OF OUR EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

On Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Pat Barnett, President of East York Historical Society opened the meeting with special acknowledgement of new members who joined the society since the previous meeting.

Pat also announced that Kay Horiszny will be relinquishing the role of hospitality convener and will be looking for someone to replace her.

She then called upon the members to share any important announcements about upcoming events.

Ron Chamberlain, Director, announced that volunteers are needed to help at the following events and dates:
March 24 Agnes Macphail Community Service Award @ 7 pm
May 26 & 27 Doors Open Toronto @ Todmorden Mills – 10 am to 5 pm
July 1 Canada Day Parade and event @ Stan Wadlow Park
September 23 Todmorden Annual Harvest Festival – 12 pm to 4 pm

Ron also announced that he continues to collect pop tabs, plastic bags in support of various initiatives.

The meeting opened with guest, Maeve Pestonji, who presented her winning speech at the 2018 Agnes Macphail Speaking Contest on the evening of February 15, 2018. Maeve is a grade 8 student at St. Anselm Catholic School. The title of her speech was “Me Too – The Words that Changed Everything.”

Next up was our special guest presenter, Mr. Richard Fiennes-Clinton, who is a well-known speaker, tour guide, and author on anything related to Toronto History. His topic was Toronto in the 1950s.

The meeting was hugely attended by many members of EYHS, guests, and, of course, Maeve’s family to support her wonderful, thought-provoking performance.

Submitted by Jeffrey Brown, EYHS Secretary

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday and Sunday May 26 and 27 the East York Historical Society will have a table at Todmorden Mills from 10 to 5 both days to talk to people about the history of East York and our Society. If you would like to join us to help please advise Margaret McRae at 416-429-7821 or marg.mcrae@gmail.com and let her know what time you would like to be there.

Saturday May 26th at 1 pm Paula Davies will lead a TFN walk through the Todmorden Mills Wildflower Preserve to see the work done by the stewards and all the native plants there. EYHS members are welcome to join us on this walk.

We will also be walking in the Canada Day Parade on July first starting from Dieppe Park at 9:30 am. We welcome people to walk with us in the parade or to help staff our table at Stan Wadlow Park. Please let us know if you can join us.

Sunday, July 15 at 1:30 pm Margaret McRae will lead a circular walk to view the historic homes in Todmorden Village. We will meet in front of Don Mills United Church at Pape and O'Connor for a 2 hour walk.

REST IN PEACE TO OUR DEAR FRIEND BILL WELDON

Bill passed away on April 3, 2018. As an EYHS member, Bill always enjoyed attending the EYHS and actually the last outside activity he did was attend the meeting in March. He had completed chemo and was in remission but died suddenly of heart failure. The EYHS would like to extend our sincere condolences to his wife Connie and his entire family. We will miss him!!!

WE RECYCLE>>>

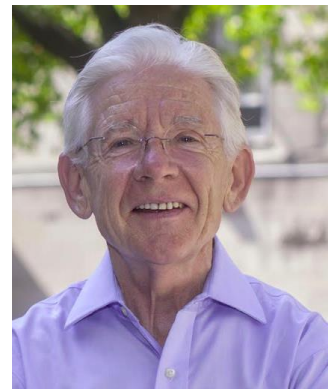
The EYHS recycle all its EY Inklings Newsletters of the EYHS by returning to the meetings or passing on to neighbours and friends



Introducing our guest speaker for May 29, 2018...

Topic: "The Frank O'Connor House"

Paul Farrelly was persuaded by an old friend Mary Fay to join the board of O'Connor Irish Heritage House with a goal to restore the 1931 colonial revival style estate house and coach house. In his illustrated talk he will describe over a decade of tenacious effort to identify the cultural heritage value and secure restoration and re-use of the property and the recovery of archival material profiling the life and times of Frank P. O'Connor.



Paul Farrelly left Ireland in his 20s in the early 70s and since lived in downtown Toronto. He was an operator of early computers which led to work in company administration but all the while engaged in theatre pursuits. This led to a decade at the Ireland Fund of Canada working to support peace and reconciliation for community projects there. Over the last decade, turning his interest to local community, he co-founded Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association, was the neighbourhood co-sponsor of the Historic Yonge Heritage Conservation District. As Chair of the Toronto and East York Community Preservation Panel he is a member of Toronto Preservation Board.



History was made on May 19, 2018

Officially, Harry will be His Royal Highness, the Duke of Sussex, and Markle shall be referred to as Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Sussex.

[Meghan and Harry: The Royal Wedding in two minutes - MSN.com](https://www.msn.com/en-us/video/peopleandplaces/meghan-and-harry-the-royal-wedding-in-two-minutes/vi-AAxvVKE)

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Royal Wedding: A recap of the nuptials from the famous guests, the incredible fashion, the grand processions, the vows, the kiss and the speech by ...



IMPORTANT REQUEST TO OUR MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY OF EAST YORK

The East York Historical Society is still looking for a nice permanent home in East York for its growing Archives. Contact us at EYHS e-mail eyhs@eastyork.org

TRENDING NOW>>>



Andrea Horvath, Doug Ford and Hon. Kathleen Wynne – (3 Canadians)
Ontario Provincial Election Date
Thursday, June 7, 2018



First Lady Barbara Pierce Bush (June 8, 1925-April 17, 2018) at aged 92, American. Wife of former President George W. H. Bush.



Mrs. Nomzamo Winnifred Zanyiwe Madikizela-Mandela (September 26, 1936-April 2, 2018) aged 81 of South Africa.
Ex-wife of former President Nelson Mandela.

From Heritage Toronto E-news

DUNDAS-CARLAW: PLAQUE PRESENTATION ANNOUNCED

On June 17, join us as we unveil 10 historical plaques featuring a unique heritage district, the Dundas-Carlaw neighbourhood. In our last issue, we highlighted the area's industrial history based on our research for the plaques and an accompanying historical walk.

For this project, Heritage Toronto has collected the stories of the iconic buildings, businesses, and moments in the history of the neighbourhood. We have learned about, and from, the people who lived, worked, and sometimes played in the area: couples who met while working at the Carlaw factories, and entire families who were employed in the neighbourhood. They have told us about corporate Christmas parties, the Carlaw Softball League games that attracted hundreds, and much more.

"The day they made Doublemint and Spearmint it would clear your sinuses. There's sugar in the air so all the people at Wrigley's most of them had false teeth. Because, like my mum, it rotted all your teeth."
Denise White

This project is part of the Dundas Carlaw Public Realm Improvements. This community initiative, championed by Councillor Paula Fletcher, will highlight the unique sense of place created by the industrialization of Dundas-Carlaw and the adaptive re-use of its iconic factory buildings for residential and commercial uses.

Major upgrades to the public outdoor space in the neighbourhood are being implemented with the renovation of the Badgerow Parkette, and creation of several public art pieces that integrate historical structures, features, and storylines identified in a heritage study. When complete, the Carlaw + Dundas Community Initiative will rival other post-industrial revitalization projects like the Lachine Canal National Historic Site in Montreal and the Pearl District in Portland, Oregon. Cities around the world are looking to their past to build a brighter future: GQ Magazine and the Wall Street Journal recently ranked Dundee, Scotland, among their hot destinations for the city's post-industrial renaissance spurred by a billion-pound revitalization plan that includes a new Victoria & Albert (V&A) Museum.

***If you cannot make it to the June event, the Leslieville Historical Society are also creating a self-guided walking tour that will allow residents and visitors to dig deeper into the area's past. A print pamphlet will be available at local libraries and businesses. A digital tour will be developed and launch in 2019.

East York Tidbits

Presented by the East York Historical Society Historical Society

THE NAMING OF DIEPPE PARK

In the early morning of August 19, 1942 about 6,000 Allied troops embarked on 250 vessels from southern England on a daylight raid on the German occupied French resort town of Dieppe. Almost 5,000 of the troops were young Canadian men. They were well trained, but lacked battle experience. Along with the Canadians were British and French commandos and American Rangers, the first Americans to see action in Europe in the War.

The aim of the raid was to land on the beaches in and around Dieppe, occupy the town for about 12 hours and withdraw to England with as many German prisoners as possible. Another explanation for carrying out the raid was to test German defences for an upcoming Allied invasion of Europe. The raid on Dieppe was a failure. Of the 5,000 Canadians who embarked on the raid, almost 4,000 were killed, wounded or taken prisoner. Only a few of the men who landed on the beaches of Dieppe made it into the town. Of the 1,000 men who returned to England, 600 of them were wounded.

They brought back with them a handful of German prisoners. Inadequate information about German fortifications and poor Allied planning and equipment are two main reasons for the failure of the raid. No matter the reasons for failure, the fact remains that the failed raid on Dieppe is remembered with sadness about the lost of young Canadian men who, without hesitation, faithfully served their country.

About 4 months after the raid on Dieppe, on January 11, 1943, East York Township Council named the park site on Cosburn Avenue Dieppe Park, in honour

of the brave men who participated in the raid. The Council passed the following resolution. "WHEREAS East York Township's manpower have responded to the call of the Country in this time of War. And Whereas East York men were present at the Battle of Dieppe which was the opening Battle of the Allied offensive, and Whereas we have several park sites set aside in East York Township as yet unnamed. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East York Council name the park site that has been known as the Smith Property to Dieppe Park in honour of our men who fought the gallant battle also to those men who gave their lives, and at some future time a suitable plaque be placed in the park setting forth this purpose. And the Seal of the Corporation be hereto affixed."

The naming of Dieppe Park is a significant chapter in East York's long and proud history of supporting the men and women who served our country. A plaque at Telscombe Cliffs, East Sussex, England has the following poignant inscription dedicated to the Canadians who fought in the raid on Dieppe: "Is it nothing to you, all ye who pass by A tribute to the memory of those gallant goodhearted Canadian boys who passed on fighting for us on the Dieppe Raid.

August 19, 1942, knowing what ought to be done and doing it at all costs. They were worthy of their country. They shall be greatly remembered for God proved them and found them worthy of himself."

Prepared by John Michailidis - Reprinted from June, 2006

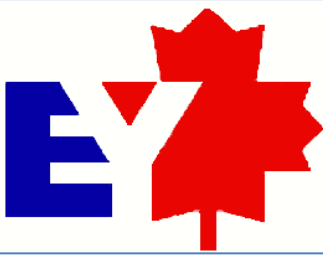
New Ward Boundaries for Toronto

The City of Toronto's 2018 municipal election will be conducted using a new 47 ward boundary model for Toronto, a change from the current 44 ward model. This new 47 ward model will take effect on December 1, 2018 when the new 2018 – 2022 term of City Council begins.

Many City Council ward boundaries have changed as a result of the new model. In some cases, entirely new City Council wards have been created, with only 7 City Council ward boundaries remaining the same. To help residents and businesses find their new ward, the City has created the [MyVote app](#) which provides Torontonians information about City Council wards based on an individual address and the candidates that will be running in that ward in the 2018 Municipal Election.

A Ward Boundary review was conducted as Toronto's population had grown significantly since the last review in 2000. Some City Council wards had grown 30 per cent to 45 per cent above the average ward population. The City was concerned that the value of a resident's vote may not be equal across all wards if this trend continued. Information on the changes and process can be found on the [Ward Boundary Review](#) web pages. The 47 ward boundary model is designed to last for four election cycles before a new ward boundary review is required (2018, 2022, 2026, and 2030).

[View individual maps](http://www.toronto.ca/city-government/elections/) of Toronto's new ward boundaries at www.toronto.ca/city-government/elections/



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THE EYHS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR 2019 MEETING DATES

February 20, 2019 @ 2 pm
Speaker & Topic TBA

April 17, 2019 @ 2 pm
Speaker & Topic TBA

October 16, 2019 @ 2 pm
Speaker & Topic TBA

January 29, 2019 Presenter/Speaker.
Ms. Sheila White
Topic: The Life and Times of Canada's
First Black Opera Singer - "PORTIA
WHITE".
Opened by COC Opera Soloist

March 26, 2019
Presenter/Speaker:
Dr. John Cooper, MA., EdD.
Topic: "His Family of East York"
Donated family Artifacts to EYHS

May 28, 2019
Presenter/Speaker Ms. Muriel Lennox
Topic: "HORSES..."

September 24, 2019
Presenter & Speaker Mr. Trevor
Parkins-Sciberras
Topic: "Transit Bricks"

November 26, 2019 (AGM)
Presenter: Mr. Rob Laverty, Executive
Director of Ontario Historical Society
Topic: TBA

SAVE THESE DATES: 2018

THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
IS PLANNING AHEAD. REFRESHMENTS
ARE ALWAYS SERVED

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 @ 7PM
Presenter: Artist Phil Cote MFA – Artist of
"The Gathering of the Clans, 2015" See
table outdoors at Todmorden Mills)
Topic: TBA

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 @ 2PM
Presenter: Sandra McNamara
Topic: Life and Times of United Empire
Loyalists

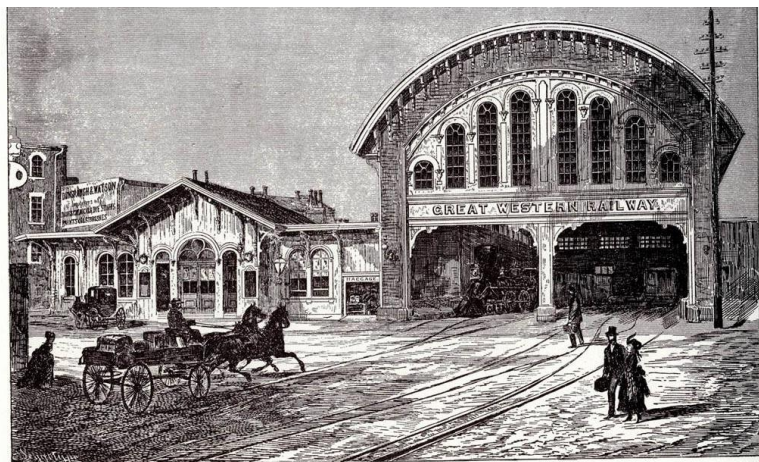
Tuesday, November 27, 2018 - AGM
Speaker: Hon. Alan Redway
Topic: His new book about
East York, 1924 to 1998

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Barry Slater
John Naulls

REMEMBERING OUR HISTORY...

On May 17, 1952, the old Great Western Railway station at the foot of Yonge St. was destroyed by fire. Built in 1866, the building was converted to a bonded freight depot after the Grand Trunk Railway took over the GWR in 1882. When the GTR opened their Simcoe Street freight yards in 1904, the structure became the Toronto Fruit Terminal and hosted long lines of refrigerator cars from Florida and California that were parked along the Esplanade. The fire broke out about 6 AM and the 200 workers in the building escaped injury. Workmen clearing the debris found two old Grand Trunk flat cars still mounted on tracks that had been used to shore up portions of the ramshackle structure. The fruit terminal was subsequently relocated to Mimico and the O'Keefe Centre for the Performing Arts opened on the station site in 1960.
Posting by Derek Boles, TRHA Historian.



GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY STATION, TORONTO.

ABOUT THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The 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 the 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 7:00pm and include an illustrated presentation on a subject of historical interest. Our meetings are co-sponsored by the Toronto Public Library.



East York Historical Society Board Members – 2018
Back row: Pat Barnett, President; Justin Van Dette, Director;
Chris Theofilogiannakos, Director; Margaret McRae, Past President;
Christopher Salmond, Director
Front Row: Ron Chamberlain, Director; Ron Brown, Vice President;
Val Dodge, Treasurer; Jeffrey Brown, Secretary

INTERESTED IN THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CONTACT US:

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Help strengthen the History of East York by becoming a member of the East York Historical Society. Provide us with your ideas and know more about the great community that we live in. Your membership helps us to keep you informed and organize events that educate the residents of East York.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone No. _____ E-Mail: _____

New members and guests are always welcome. The fees for 2018 are:

Single - \$15 Family - \$20 Student - \$7 Organization - \$50

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