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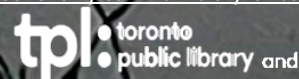
East York Inkings

Newsletter of East York Historical Society Volume 20 Issue 3 May 2024



This photo of the April 8, 2024 Eclipse of the Sun in Canada was taken via Dawes Road Library towards and on the Danforth.
Photo Credit Maria Akopyan upon request of P. Barnett, President East York Historical Society www.astronomy.com/a-history-of-solar-eclipses

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024 DOORS OPEN @ 7PM
PRESENTER: LIANNE HARRIS
ON TOPIC: BAD ADVERTISING FROM THE PAST



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



PRESIDENT PAT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all our East York Historical Society Members. We are still enjoying a great Spring time weather and I do hope your

Mother's Day was well spent with your loved ones as I did mine.

Happy Victoria Day wishes to you and your loved ones.

A special reminder that Doors Open Toronto at Todmorden Mills Heritage Site and Arts Centre will be held on Saturday, May 25 & Sunday, May 26, 2024 from 10am 5pm both days.

Volunteers are needed to help with East York Historical Society Archive Display tables.

Can you help, please call EYHS Secretary Justin Van Dette at 416-697-5832. Thank you!

East York Historical Society extends a Welcome to our new Member: Mrs. Angela Kennedy...see page 14 East York Observer Dec 2015

https://torontoobserver.ca/digitalpaper/pdfs/eastyork/Observer_EastYork_121115.pdf

Maureen Lindsay

Angela Kennedy (TCDSB)

New memberships are welcome all through the year.

NB: East York Historical Society Board does not Sell, Share or Source your name or personal information to anyone.



Many thanks to our March 26, 2024 Presenters Messrs Sandy Drysdale & Phil Spencer on topic: "A Glimpse Inside the Model Railroad Club of Toronto" Excellent Display and Presentation.

Also many thanks to both of you for waiting on me until after I drove out of the TPL parking lot that night. Noted!

East York Historical Society Welcomes our May 28, 2024 Presenter Lianne Harris on topic: "Bad Advertising from the Past" ...page 3

Special Feature in Memory of our beloved and dedicated Founder & past President East York Historical Society Mr. John Stirling Ridout (1980-2003)..pages 12 - 14

7 pm	Doors Open. Meet & Greet Light Refreshments Served
7 ³⁰ pm	President Pat's Welcome & Remarks
7 ⁴⁵ pm	Presenter Lianne Harris
8 ⁵⁰ pm	EYHS Meeting Wrap-Up

East York Canada Day Festival: Get Involved

Get ready for the 68th Annual East York Canada Day Festival! This year is extra special as it includes East York's centennial celebration.



Visit eycdc.ca/get-involved to get involved as a volunteer, sponsor, vendor or parade participant. Canada Day Committee Maureen Ballentine & Colleen Peacock presents for 5 minutes at our May 28, evening general meeting briefly on Canada Day/East York 100 celebration July 1, 2024.

April 16, 2024 evening of, I visited with Mrs. Louise Redway and learned of the passing of her eldest daughter Kim Redway (Feb/Mar.2024). Then on April 21, 2024 daughter Andrea Redway passed away. Please keep Mrs. Redway (widow of the late Alan Redway and the mother of their 2 children) in our thoughts and prayers...page 8

ANDREA REDWAY MEMORIAL:

Visitation at Humphrey's on Friday evening, 24th May, 2024 from 5pm-8pm
Leaside United (822 Millwood & McRae)
Saturday morning at 11:00AM-

East York Historical Society sends our deepest condolences to the family, friends and staff of Councillor Jaye Robinson who passed away on the night of Thursday, 16th May, 2024...page 17

Do you have a story you would like to share/published within East York Inklings Newsletter of East York Historical Society? Please call or e-mail me...I would love to hear from you. PB.

<https://www.blogto.com/city/2024/04/what-market-space-toronto-honest-eds-will-look-like/>
<https://www.blogto.com/travel/2024/04/go-train-expansion/>

Thank you for listening and remember, "Keep on keeping on, doing your best best"

PBarnett

P. Barnett



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.

<http://www.eastyorkhistoricalsociety.com/>

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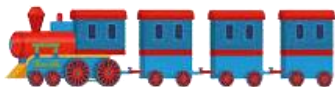
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East York Historical Society remembers
East York Township 100th 1924 - 2024

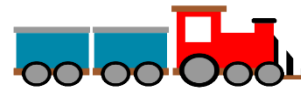




Phil Spencer
Volunteer President
& Board Chair
Toronto Railway
Museum



THANK YOU!!



Sandy Drysdale
Model Railroad Club
of Toronto Member
since 1977

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



EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES TUESDAY EVENING

MAY 28, 2024 7PM MEETING PRESENTER Lianne Harris

On Topic: Bad Advertising From The Past

Lianne Harris

was a former Social Studies / History Specialist with the Toronto District School Board, and curriculum advisor for Upper Canada College, having taught over 100,000 teachers and students (usually in authentic period clothing). She has been involved in various initiatives such as the Freedman Bank Records for the Smithsonian Institute in Washington and with entrepreneurial artists and business start-ups in India. In 2003, she was selected by W.O.M.A.D. as one of Toronto's Women of Influence and in 2009 was invited to be a contributing author of the Canadian best-seller business/self-help book, 'The Power of Women United'. Appearing on TV and being interviewed on the radio many times, she is always happy to have a live audience.

ABSURD! **Unsafe!** **Untrue!**
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"Bad Advertising From The Past!"



We may squirm and chuckle as we explore these eye-popping, head-shaking, bad advertments from the past. Though easy to dismiss by today's standards as laughable, it is an important barometer to gauge what social values were important at the time and by comparison, judge what future generations will think of us! Join Lianne Harris for this enlightening 1-hour presentation.



2024 AGNES MACPHAIL AWARD WINNER SUSAN SCANDIFFIO

Susan was nominated for the award
by East York Foundation

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



2024
Agnes Macphail Award
Ceremony

Sunday, March 24, 2024
7:00 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
1860 - 1934

<https://www.toronto.ca/news/community-champion-susan-scandiffio-wins-the-2024-agnes-macphail-award/>



On Sunday, March 24, 2024, Community Champ Susan Scandiffio was presented with the 2024 Agnes Macphail Award (by Mayor Olivia Chow) in recognition of her longstanding commitment to community leadership and passion for mobilizing support for vulnerable residents in East York. **You can read more about Susan [here](#).** Doing good, and delivering impact, Scandiffio's volunteer work has had a positive influence on a wide range of issues affecting local residents. Notably, she was instrumental in establishing the Thorncliffe Food Collaborative, which serves more

than 2,000 individuals in Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park. As part of this work, Scandiffio collected food and toiletry donations on her own doorstep and rallied substantial community and corporate support.

Scandiffio is a champion for women's needs, working on initiatives such as the Fill a Purse for a Sister Campaign that donates purses with personal necessities to domestic violence shelters, women's shelters, rape crisis centers and social services that support women.

A passionate advocate for children, Scandiffio worked as a city liaison for the Remembering Georgia Walsh charitable organization to support a fundraising campaign that raised more than \$1 million to renovate a local children's playground. She also helped to collect more than \$400,000 in toys and in-kind support for the Leaside Community Toy Drive, which provides Christmas gifts to more than 6,000 children in the Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park neighbourhoods. [Click links above for full story.](#)

East York 100th Happy Anniversary, East York!!

This year's award ceremony also celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Borough of East York, which was incorporated on January 1, 1924, before amalgamation with the City of Toronto in 1998. A preview of the special web exhibit by Toronto Archives to commemorate the milestone was shared at the event. The web exhibit can be accessed in the coming weeks on the [Toronto Archives webpage](#).

More information on the Agnes Macphail Award and a full profile of the 2024 Award recipient is available on the [City of Toronto's Awards webpage](#).

Photo Left is East York 100th cake cutting Peter Tabuns MP, Lorna Krawchuk, Councilor Paula Fletcher, East York Historical Society President Pat Barnett, Mayor Oliva Chow and Councilor Brad Bradford. The event was held at East York Civic Ctre concurrent with the 2024 Agnes Macphail Award March 24, 2024



HAPPY 100th BESSBOROUGH SCHOOL!

Bessborough School's 100th Anniversary (contd.)



Individual classrooms were dedicated to specific decades. These student admission cards are from the 1970s.

Pancheta (Pat) Barnett of the East York Historical Society and LHPS member Ted DeWelles



Wall display - Edith Ave (later Bessborough Dr.) houses, 1930.

Above: Page 12 of LHPS 2024 Spring Newsletter, EYHS Pres. PBarnett & LHPS member Ted DeWelles.

Below, The Toronto Star Nov 12, 1943 article p. 8 recognizes the outstanding graduates who were awarded the HH Horsfall Shield.

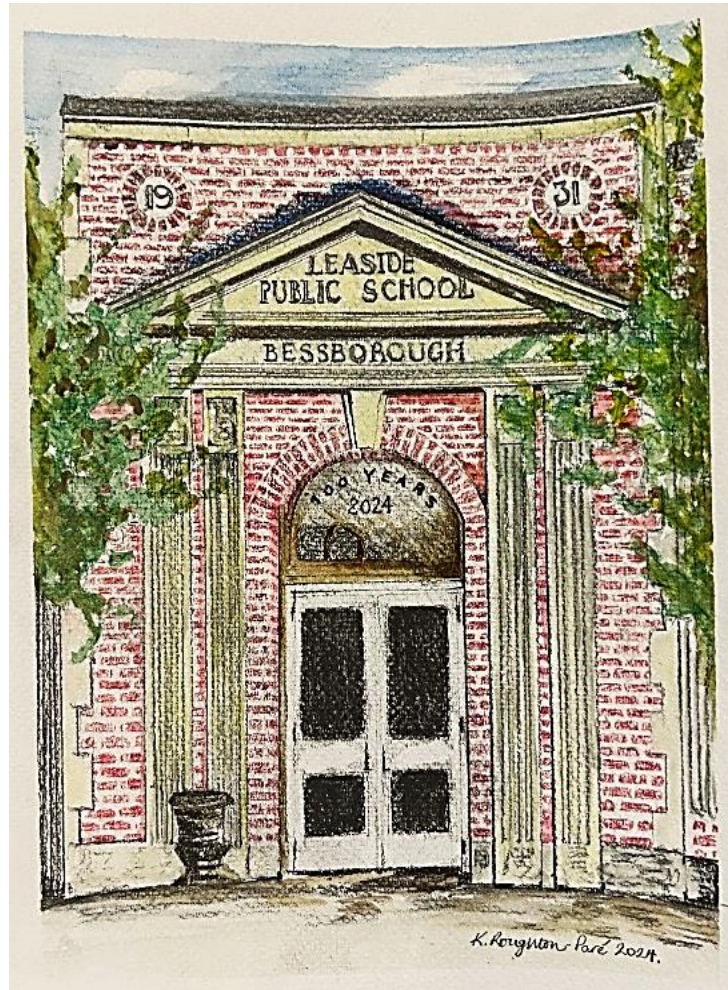
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ANNIVERSARY
APRIL 18 2024
EVENT 5PM TO 8PM



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BESSBOROUGH PUPILS ARE GIVEN DIPLOMAS

Leaside, Nov. 12—Diplomas were presented to 42 graduates and awards were made to three of the leading pupils when the annual commencement exercises were held last night in the Bessborough public school.

The H. H. Horsfall shield for the highest standing in the entrance examinations of last year was awarded to Nancy Wilkinson, the presentation being made to David Brown, chairman of the public school board. The Wilkinson general proficiency shield was presented by ex-Mayor G. H. Wilkinson to Joan Baker. Third award was the Home and School proficiency medal, won by June Davidson and presented by Mrs. H. V. Shaw, president.

Inspector H. A. Halbert made the presentation of diplomas. The valedictory address was given by Donald Stoll, a representative of the graduating class.

Another feature of the commencement exercises was a public speaking contest sponsored by the Leaside Lions club, in which seven students competed. The prizes were awarded the winners at the conclusion of the contest by G. A. Mason, Lions president.

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Celebrate Herbert Horsfall on August 22nd?



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/>

HERBERT HORSFALL

"Leaside Mayor Man of Many Interests 1923 - 1930"

The Toronto Daily Star article published Sat. Nov. 22, 1930



LEADING CITIZEN

Herbert Horsfall, mayor of Leaside since 1923, whose work in the little industrial town to the northeast of Toronto has been of inestimable value in its development.

LEASIDE MAYOR MAN OF MANY INTERESTS

Born in Sheffield, England,
Spent Early Years in
Montreal

Mayor of Leaside since 1923, and town councillor for four years previous, Herbert Horsfall is a man of many interests.

Born in Sheffield, England, on Jan. 27, 1880, he came to Canada at an early age and received his primary education in Montreal public schools, later attending McGill University.

Mr. Horsfall started business with the Dominion Wire Co. He worked up to the position of general superintendent of the Lachine firm in 1905. He remained in this position for five years and then moved to Toronto to assume the duties of managing the Canada Wire and Cable Co. During the war he was works manager of the Leaside Munitions Co., Following the armistice he became president and managing director of that firm, a position which he now holds.

Mr. Horsfall is a member of the Engineering Institute of Canada. His clubs are: National Yacht Club, Mississauga Golf and Country, Granite and Engineers.

The mayor of Leaside resides at 126 Forest Hill Rd. He was married to Lena J. Rilance in 1902 and has two sons.

He has decided not to run for office again this year.





Our Condolences to Mrs. Louise Redway

(Widow of the Late Hon. Alan Redway)

on the Passing of Their Daughters

KIM & ANDREA REDWAY



Photo center: Andrea Redway. Family Photos L and R of Andrea, feature: Andrea and her husband Michael, and their two children, daughter Sydney and son Thomson.



ANDREA REDWAY

Service

Saturday, May 25, 2024 11:00am

Location: Leaside United Church

Address: 822 Millwood Road,

Toronto, On

Get Directions:

[View Map](#) | [Text](#) | [Email](#)



Photo Above: Andrea's parents, the now late Hon. Alan Redway and Mrs. Louise Redway who is alive and in our thoughts and prayers. Photo Right: Andrea aged 9 yrs at her father Alan Redway's office.



Visitation: Fri, May 24, 2024 5pm - 8pm

Location: Humphrey Funeral Home

Address: 1403 Bayview Ave, East York, On

M4G3A8

Get Directions: [View Map](#) | [Text](#) | [Email](#)

Obituary

In Ottawa, Ontario after living courageously with lung cancer for nine years. Cherished by her loving husband and soulmate, Michael, beloved children, Thomson and Sydney, mother Louise (nee Harvey), and quiet, faithful companion, McLuhan ("Lu"). Predeceased by her father, the Honourable Alan Redway (d. 2024), and her sister Kim (d. 2024). Mourned by father-in-law, Paul Cayley, sister-in-law, Paula Cayley, and brother-in-law, Greg Fitch.

Andrea completed her Honours degree in Economics at Western (1990) and graduated from Dalhousie law school (1993). She was called to the bar in Ontario and California and practised with Blake Cassels Graydon, a large Toronto law firm.

From 1997 to 2000, she lived in China, establishing there one of the first Canadian law firm offices.

From 2001 to 2015, Andrea worked with the Canadian Bar Association, including as its Director, International Initiatives. In this role, she recruited select Canadian

lawyers and judges to work with partners in Asia and Africa to strengthen and reform local justice systems.

Andrea worked as a tireless advocate for patient-centered medicine, research, early screening and faster adoption of emergent therapies including with Lung Cancer Canada, the Canadian Cancer Survivors' Network and the Ottawa Hospital. She received great solace through co-founding the Ottawa region lung cancer survivors' group. In addition, Andrea served as a patient representative on the board of the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, and as a board member for the non-profit RETpositive, funding medical research for RET-driven cancers. In 2023, Andrea co-authored for publication in a medical journal, a case study detailing how her genetic profile correlated with the effectiveness of her immunotherapy.

Starting in 2018, Andrea co-lead a neighbourhood group that sponsored the immigration of a family of five from Africa.

While we are proud of her work as a cancer patient advocate and community

volunteer, Andrea was most proud of her two remarkable children. It is in them that she found her greatest joy.

The family would like to thank Andrea's lifelong Leaside friends, as well as her chosen Lindsay, China, Ottawa and Cobourg families, for supporting her with loving kindness throughout her illness.

Andrea long outlived her original prognosis due to the expertise of dozens of researchers and caregivers, internationally and across the Ottawa healthcare ecosystem. We thank them for every moment.

If desired, charitable contributions would be gratefully received by Lung Cancer Canada to see Andrea's page [CLICK HERE](#). Alternatively, reach out to support someone who is living with cancer.

A fundraiser celebrating Andrea's life will be held in June in Ottawa.

"A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others"

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

<https://www.mackeys.ca/memorials/andrea-redway/5412683/>



Canada Day July 1, 2017

The OBSERVER



The East York Canada Day parade starts at Dieppe Park at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 1, 2017. PHOTO: Submitted

Another year, another Canada Day celebration. But in East York, this year marks the anniversary of not one, but two birthdays.

While Canada celebrates its 150th year, East York is celebrating 60 years of, well, celebrating.

The Canada day parade and event has been taking place since 1957.

“This event holds so many memories for East Yorkers,” said Ward 31 councillor Janet Davis. “For 60 years, families have come to Stan Wadlow Park on July 1 to enjoy the tastes, the sounds, the fireworks, and to celebrate Canada day together. It’s a strong part of our East York history.”

This year, there are a number of family-friendly events and activities taking place all day.

The day begins at 10 a.m. with the parade which starts at Dieppe Park at 455 Cosburn Ave. and will feature former East York mayors Michael Prue and Alan Redway. The parade will wind its way through East York, eventually ending at Stan Wadlow Park.

Games, bingo, and live music and entertainment by bands including the Jenny James Band, East York Barbershoppers, and hip hop dance group, STOMP, will all be a part of the celebration during the day with the event ending with a fireworks display at 10 p.m.



CANADA DAY IN YEARS GONE BY!

The Toronto Star June 30 1983 page 31
East York Canada Day Parade Announcement



East York

In East York, the Canada Day parade is expected to cause relatively minor traffic snarls between 9 a.m. and noon.

The procession will snake its way east on Millwood Rd. at Hanna Rd., across the Leaside Bridge, south on Donlands Ave., east on Memorial Park Ave. to Dieppe Park, north on Greenwood Ave., east on Cosburn Ave., south on Coxwell Ave., east on Sammon Ave., north on Woodbine Ave., turning east on Ventnor Ave to finish in Cedarvale Park.

The borough is making ready with hot-air balloons, bands and fireworks to entertain Canada Day revellers.

OPP skywatch to keep eye on holiday traffic

By John Keating/Toronto Star
It's going to be a LOUD day in East York on Monday, July 1, as the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will be on hand to help manage the parade route. The OPP will be on hand to help manage the parade route. The OPP will be on hand to help manage the parade route.

Highly efficient
The OPP's parade route will be highly efficient. The OPP will be on hand to help manage the parade route. The OPP will be on hand to help manage the parade route.

Parade highway
The parade route will be a highly efficient highway. The OPP will be on hand to help manage the parade route. The OPP will be on hand to help manage the parade route.

Hot and busy
The parade route will be a highly efficient highway. The OPP will be on hand to help manage the parade route. The OPP will be on hand to help manage the parade route.

Blood donor clinics for Friday
The parade route will be a highly efficient highway. The OPP will be on hand to help manage the parade route. The OPP will be on hand to help manage the parade route.

Day-long bash greets new city

By Bob Mitchell/Continental
Thousands of people gathered in the new city of Markham on Monday to celebrate the opening of the new city. The event was a day-long bash that included a parade, fireworks, and a concert.



Day-long bash greets new city

Man, 60, faces charge after 16 chickens die
A 60-year-old man is facing charges after 16 chickens died in his backyard. The man is accused of neglecting the birds.

Dentists set up hotline for holiday weekend
Dentists in the area have set up a hotline for patients during the holiday weekend. The hotline is available for emergency dental care.

East York gets set for Canada Day revelers
East York is getting ready for Canada Day revelers. The borough is making ready with hot-air balloons, bands, and fireworks.

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Free Parking
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Adults: \$15.00
Students: \$10.00
Children (12 & under): Free

For more information
tickets@eastyorkconcertband.ca

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH
Spring sale
SAT. June 8th - 8:30am-3:00pm
904 COXWELL AVE.
(RAIN DATE June 15)

Pancake breakfast from 9 - 10:30
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East York's sleepy and the residents love it just like that

By John Brehl Toronto Star
Miss Toronto is an East York girl!

— news item.

A fellow who works downtown says he's afraid to drive through East York because "I fall asleep."

In 1965, when former MP Bob McGregor died, obituaries said that in 26 years in Parliament he made only one speech. That was to thank party leaders for wishing him a happy birthday. "If some of you fellows talked a lot less, you'd be here a lot longer," he told other MPs. McGregor was, of course, a native of East York and its MP.

When Leaside and East York merged, some called it "Least York." It's the smallest component of Metro, though bigger than Peterborough, for instance, and has about as many people as Prince Edward Island or Grenada. It just seems smaller. It has the highest percentage of senior citizens in Metro. It's the only "borough" in Canada, now that all its Metro partners have embraced the title of "city". East Yorkers said leave us the way we are. The way it is, some say, is a sleepy village.

No bus tours here

Aldermen in Scarborough and North York recently organized bus tours to show off the marvellous things their cities have, like shopping plazas. Nobody is running sight-seeing tours in East York.

Still, there are people who live there and love it. One is John Ridout, an Ontario Hydro engineer and president of the East York Historical Society. Another is this reporter.

Ridout has heard the jibes. "Well, what's wrong with being a 'sleepy' place?" he says, remarking on "the commercial wastelands in places like Scarborough."

But East York is starting to express its heritage.

A couple of weeks ago the historical society put up its first plaque, to mark the Taylor family cemetery next to Don Mills United Church at O'Connor Dr. and Pape Ave.

The Taylor family owned all the land thereabouts at one time. The church more than a century ago was a Methodist outpost served by a saddlebags preacher who rode circuit on horseback. After all, it must be 10 kilometres (6 miles) or so from the old village of York.

Ridout, incidentally, has strong ties to York. His great-grandfather, Thomas George Ridout, was a brother of John Ridout, a law student who died at 18 in 1818, the loser in Toronto's last duel. There's a Ridout St. in Toronto's High Park area. A distinguished first cousin is composer Godfrey Ridout.

The present John Ridout lives near St. Clair Ave. E. and O'Connor Dr. He wears long sideburns, sort of mutton chops, and chin whiskers.

At any rate, the society put up its first plaque and plans another in December, to mark the site of William Lea's home called Leaside, at Millwood and Laird, near the Leaside arena. Lea, a justice of the peace, held court in his octagonal house, perhaps the first eight-sided residence in Ontario. Built in 1854, it burned down in 1913.

Next year the society will dedicate the 143-year-old Taylor house, at 20 Beechwood Cres., East York's longest-standing home. John Taylor, his wife and seven children came to Upper Canada in 1821. The family operated three paper mills and a brick mill in the Don Valley.

Dizzy pace

Three plaques in two years may seem a pretty dizzy pace.

East York already had two historic sites dedicated by the province: Todmorden Mills, on Pottery Road, where a mill was first built in 1794, and the place where the Leaside airport used to be, at Eglinton Ave. E. and Laird Dr.

A former manifestation of the historical society put together Todmorden Mills as the borough's centennial project in 1967. The present society was only constituted in 1980. That's why it is just starting to dash around marking things.

Next year Ontario is marking what it says is its 200th year, Toronto its 150th, and East York its 60th as an incorporated municipality.

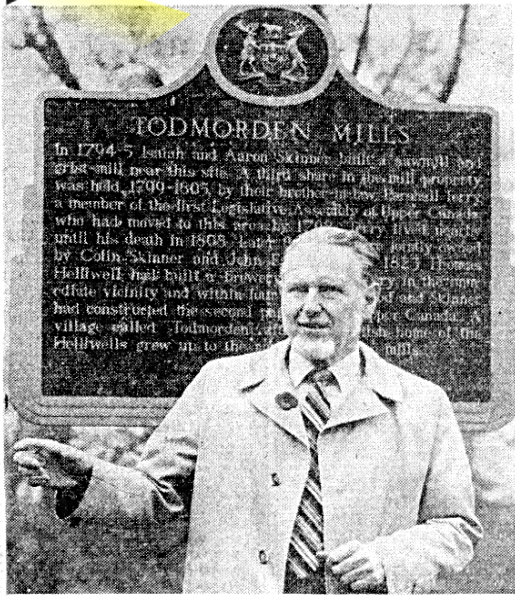
Silent Bob McGregor was the first deputy reeve. A story goes that he got into politics when the local school board, unable to get a quorum together, saw young Bob hoeing his market garden and swore him in as a trustee. He and John Diefenbaker were at Plains Rd. school together as boys.

Doris Tucker, former municipal clerk, remembers a councillor she called the Medicine Man. He made up cure-alls and sold them at fairs. He worried whether civic employees took too much time off work and would stand in front of the office at noon hour, watch in hand, "timing us as we returned from lunch."

Ridout's favorite, though, is the late Mayor True Davidson. "She put East York on the map. Everyone knew her."

"Once she researched a paper for the Bootmakers, Toronto's society of Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts, which proved conclusively that Sherlock Holmes was a woman."

A lot of things go on in East York. You'd be surprised.



True East Yorker: John Ridout, president of the East York Historical Society and East York fan, stands at one of the borough's historical sites, Todmorden Mills, on Pottery Rd.

JOHN STIRLING RIDOUT

The Toronto Star article published Sunday, November 6, 1983 p. 3 features Founder and President of East York Historical Society, John S. Ridout at Todmorden Mills Plaque on Pottery Rd. The article recognizes the achievement of the Society's first plaque, The Taylor Family plaque. We regularly remember and are grateful for the heartfelt service and dedication of Mr. Ridout who served as President from 1980 – 2003. Read the article to learn about the Ridout family's roots and contribution to East York.

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AND FORMER EYHS PRESIDENT JOHN S. RIDOUT**

It's 'get tough' time at library



By Christie Blatchford Toronto Star

Metro's troubled reference library, plagued by theft, vandalism and loitering panhandlers who sometimes defecate in the hallways of the \$30 million building, isn't going to take it any more.

Twice in the past month, frustrated staffers have pressed charges against people caught in the act of stealing library material — the first time such charges have been laid.

As part of a new "get tough" policy, library officials are proposing an anti-nuisance bylaw that would make prosecutions easier.

"I think we have to get tough," John Ridout, vice-chairman of the Metro Library Board, said in an interview. "Nothing else has worked."

The bylaw, which would take away the onus of prosecution from staffers, goes before the board next month, and would affect only the Yonge St. reference library.

Police reluctant

Now, either police or individual staff members must press charges, and Ridout says police are often reluctant in cases where damage is minor.

"But even if there's not a lot of money involved, it's still very frustrating, both for the user and the staffer, to find half a dozen pages missing from a book," Ridout said.

In two cases now before the courts, senior security staff had to appear before a justice of the peace to lay charges formally.

In one case, they say a man was caught carrying 20 pages torn out

from an expensive film book. In the other, a man allegedly ripped out 35 pages from a \$10 science book.

Gutter barons

But vandalism and theft to books and magazines — \$250,000 worth last year — are just part of the problem, library spokesman Margaret Chartrand said yesterday.

"Gutter barons," as staffers call the 30 to 40 vagrants who regularly use the library as a shelter from the weather, have been known to urinate in the potted plants, defecate in the aisles between book stacks, and expose themselves when asked for identification.

Chartrand said things are so bad that the "favorite chairs" of the panhandlers "are sprayed with disinfectant and deloused every night."

She said police from Metro's nearby 52 Division are called in "about 10 times a week" to remove trouble-makers or break up fights.

Chartrand said that in the old College St. building, staffers expected to find "pages torn out of Playboy magazine." But vandals now damage or steal "anything they can get their hands on."

"Film books, car manuals, schematics for electrical appliances, sections of encyclopedias, pages of telephone books, music scores — they'll take anything," she said.

Chartrand and other library officials place most of the blame for the problems on simple mathematics — since the library opened its doors more than three years ago, the num-

ber of people using it jumped by 400 per cent.

Average daily attendance ranges from 3,000 on a slow day to about 10,000 on Saturdays.

As well, the new building is dramatically different in design — many books that once had to be signed for are now available on open shelves, and the library is filled with quiet corners where vandals are unseen.

A people place

Ironically, the building that was designed as a "people place" by renowned architect Raymond Moriyama seems to have succeeded too well.

And library staffers are hoping the proposed bylaw — which has already been criticized by Alderman Ying Hope, a board member, as being too harsh — will be approved to alleviate some of the problems.

"We're not going to be kicking out people who fall asleep over a book or anything like that," one library official said yesterday.

"But we have to be able to do something with people who steal, or cause a disturbance, or use the library as a hostel, hospital or hotel. It's a public building, but it deserves to be treated with some respect."

The Metropolitan Toronto Library Board announces the election of its new Chairman, John S. Ridout, P. Eng. Mr. Ridout has been a member of the Library Board since 1970 and served as Chairman of its Finance Committee since 1975.

Active in community work, Mr. Ridout has been Chairman of the East York Library Board, the East York Historical and Arts Board and of Yorklea Children's Lodges. He is a former alderman in East York and has been very active in the Anglican Church of Canada, particularly with Anglican Houses and national committees including the Task Force on Churches and Corporate Responsibility.

Mr. Ridout is manager of program planning and services in the system planning division of Ontario Hydro.

The Metropolitan Toronto Library Board, one of the 14 regional library boards in Ontario, is autonomous and responsible to the Metropolitan Toronto Council. It is the only regional board that operates its own library — the Metropolitan Toronto Library — and in addition, shares with the other regional library boards the responsibility to encourage co-operation and co-ordination throughout its region and to provide back-up services for the libraries within its region.

Left Column article Board The Toronto Star Feb 7 1978 p. 28 Announcement John S. Ridout as Chair of Metropolitan Toronto Library. Top article The Toronto Star April 16 1981 p. 14 It's 'get tough' time at library, interviews JS Ridout who was then Vice-Chair of Toronto Metropolitan Library.

Below, The Toronto Star article May 9 1959 p.8 Recall of Jarvis-Ridout Duel...Read on for some Ridout family roots in Muddy York

Recall of Jarvis-Ridout Duel Still Sparks Lively Debate

By WILLIAM MAEGERCHEN

What prompted the two young men—sons of two of Muddy York's leading families—to meet a gunpoint that wet, thunderous dawn in July, 1817?

The meeting, the last duel to be fought in Toronto, was to end in death for one of the young men; for the other it brought a charge of murder and a rash of tongue-wagging, finger-pointing and name-calling which even today—142 years later—still persists.

Some say a woman's honor brought John Ridout, 17-year-old son of Surveyor-General Thomas Ridout, and Samuel Jarvis, 25, an of Provincial Secretary William Jarvis, out from their neighboring homes on Duke St. in the hour before dawn to square off at eight paces in a field behind Judge Elmley's place (now the northwest corner of Yonge and College Sts.).

Others say a woman's tongue—an ill-considered bit of backbiting gossip—touched off Upper Canada's most controversial and celebrated "accidental."

Still other place the blame on a bit of mud thrown up from one of Muddy York's streets—purposely or accidentally, depending on whether the encounter's ancestors are Ridout or Jarvis—into the face of young Ridout's mother, Mary Campbell Ridout.

Other again say money and a resulting domestic squabble was the root of the unfortunate incident.

Professional jealousy is also mentioned. Ridout and Jarvis and almost everyone else involved in the duel, including both seconds and a number of witnesses, were members of the legal profession.

An item in last Saturday's Star gave the most romantic reason for the duel. Ridout, in a tavern near King and Jarvis Sts., overheard Jarvis make a disparaging remark about the young lady he intended to marry, challenged him to a duel and was killed.

This version, says Mrs. Lyons Felloves (the former Evelyn Ridout, a grandniece of one of the participants), "is the romantic tradition in fact. It was dreamed up, she claims, by an amateur

historian with more interest in entertainment than in accuracy. Mrs. Felloves' version of the duel and its causes, combines assorted ingredients from other existing versions—family squabble, a woman's tongue and a blob of mud.

She cites a brochure dealing with early duels in Upper Canada, published in the middle 1800's by Mr. Justice Ridout, for events leading to the actual duel:

In 1816, it appears, Samuel Peter Jarvis took his young sister to a boarding school in Quebec. A young daughter of Surveyor-General Ridout went with them. In Quebec, the girls were left in the charge of Miss Ridout's brother, George, a lawyer.

Somewhat, Mary Campbell Ridout got the idea her son had been called upon to pay Miss Jarvis' tuition fees and commented upon the matter, rather caustically, it is presumed (she had a quick tongue), "we are never proud of her tongue," says Mrs. Felloves.

Eventually, the gossip reached the ears of Samuel Jarvis and he demanded an explanation. George Ridout wrote in reply: "For any imaginary injustice received from any of my family I am ready to answer."

Jarvis said he must apologize or fight and a meeting was arranged. George Ridout was unable to keep the appointment, the duel was called off and a second meeting arranged. This second meeting, according to "An Account of the Jarvis-Ridout Duel" by Rev. John Carroll, a contemporary of the participants, was arranged for Niagara Falls.

Dr. Carroll writes that the two were "prevented from satisfying their injured honor by arbitration by justice" when their vessel was becalmed outside Gibraltar Point and "officers of justice" caught up with them in a row boat, brought them

back to town and bound them over to keep the peace.

Yet another duel was arranged between George and Samuel but in this time Bishop Strachan stepped in and effected an uneasy peace between the two families.

Here the matter rested, says Mrs. Felloves, until one day the next summer when Sam Jarvis came galloping up King St. on horseback, passed Mary Campbell Ridout and splashed her with mud. "I don't know if he did it purposely or not," says Mrs. Felloves. "Perhaps he did, perhaps he didn't. There was a great deal of mud on King St. in those days. Even to-day, it's not uncommon to get splashed on King St., especially in the winter or spring."

This time George's brother, John, then 17 and a student-at-law, took up the cause. Mrs. Felloves lets Dr. Carroll tell the story:

"On the fatal day of July 11th, Samuel Jarvis called John Ridout into his office and, after some altercation, told him to leave or he would kick him out."

"The same day they met on the street and the younger man (being larger and stronger) inflicted chastisement on the other." (Mr. Justice Ridout's account says that the older Sam with a cane and broke the fingers in his right hand.)

"For the further and fatal issue of the quarrel, they both were answerable...."

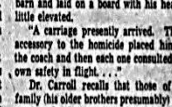
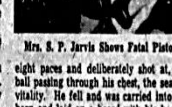
"Jarvis obtained John Henry Boulton as his second and Ridout secured James Z. Small as his second. As the account of the duel and the duel itself, both were legal men. Boulton was solicitor-general and Small was an able pleader at the bar; and both of them afterwards were judge's ermine."

"The story told of the duel was that Ridout, being young and nervous it was his 18th birthday) had fired by mistake at Jarvis' second, but instead of waiting for the full count of "three...fire." His ball cut the neck ruff of the other. Seeing his mistake, he rubbed forward to his antagonist and exclaimed: "I hope I have not hurt you."

"What a pity that at this stage of the deplorable business there could not have been some means employed to prevent the

matter from going further and the loss of a prominent youth life prevented. But, alas, no! They were all cowardly afraid to infringe the injunctions of a barbarous code of law."

"The poor victim was put back at his



Mrs. S. P. Jarvis Shows Fatal Pistol

mind at the time.... There is reason to believe that Jarvis was never able to acquit himself of the bar of his own conscience from the cry of his brother's blood and that he lived and died an unhappy man."

Certainly, however Jarvis was arrested and tried for murder and acquitted the later married the daughter of the judge who tried him. Mary Campbell Ridout never forgave either Jarvis or his second, Solicitor-General Boulton. Every Sunday, the story goes, she would walk in the porch of St. James cathedral and curse them as they came out from the service.

The surviving contestant went on to become a participant in the Press Riots and in 1837, as Col. Jarvis, commanded the right wing of the Royalist militia in the attack on Montgomery's Tavern. The city's Jarvis St. was named after him.

For years, the duel was a topic of conversation in the parlors and pubs of Upper Canada. Even nine years later, it was still hot enough to set off front page headlines and two more murder trials.

In 1826, a scathing letter appeared in the Freeman, a somewhat radical Toronto newspaper, purportedly written by "A Relative" of John Ridout, giving a libellous account of Jarvis' part in the duel.

The writer charged that Jarvis, just before the fatal shot, cursed: "Go back to your ground, damn you," and when he fired, "Damn you."

Mr. Ridout, the letter continues, fell to the ground crying, "Ah, you have killed me; it was foul play," and at this moment the skies opened, a clap of thunder rolled the countryside and a bolt of lightning struck near the spot. The writer goes on in like vein at considerable length and ends with an accusation that Jarvis "solicited-general, but 'solicited or stirred Ridout's body with his foot after he was supposed to be dead."

Somewhere in the letter, too, was a comment to the effect that Jarvis, in the 48 hours preceding the fight which led to the duel, got now drunk in the sun.... I remember seeing the grief-stricken with the victim's death made a strange and vivid impression on my own childish heart and

Jarvis went to great lengths to answer the charges and get affidavits from the second, and various other witnesses, denying most of them. The editor of the Freeman was haled into court on libel charges and promptly blasted the sitting judge for "sitting on the case when one of your best friends (Solicitor-General Boulton) is running around loose even though guilty of crime which the English law says constitutes an offence to a murder."

Subsequently, Boulton and Ridout's second, James E. Small, were both tried for murder but acquitted. It is interesting to note that Small's father, first clerk of the executive council of Upper Canada, was the successful participant in Upper Canada's second most famous duel.

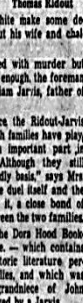
In that duel, which took place on Jan. 3, 1800, at Front and Berkeley Sts., Small shot and killed John W. Boulton, first attorney-general in Upper Canada's history.

In this duel a woman's honor was actually the originating cause. Thomas Ridout—Small overheard. While some disparaging remark about his wife and challenged him.

Small was charged with murder but was acquitted. Oddly enough, the foreman of the jury was William Jarvis, father of Samuel Peter Jarvis.

In the years since the Ridout-Jarvis duel, members of both families have played ed—and still do—an important part in Toronto's history. Although they still argue — "on a friendly basis," says Mrs. Felloves — about the duel itself and the events leading up to it, a close bond of friendship exists between the two families.

A bedroom — the Dora Hood Bedroom on Spadina Ave. — which contains a great deal of literary literature pertaining to both families, and which was established by a grandniece of John Ridout, is now managed by a Jarvis.



Decision reserved on East York seat

Mr. Justice Donald Keith reserved judgment yesterday on former East York councillor Royden Brigham's claim he was improperly denied a vacated council seat.

Brigham claims he should have been chosen to fill the council seat vacated by Alderman James McConaghy who retired. Instead, council voted in John Ridout.

Brigham claims that council split 4-4 between himself and Ridout at a pre-meeting caucus. Mayor True Davidson, he said, should then have cast her vote at the formal meeting which followed and the tie would have been broken. But when the formal meeting was called, the vote went for Ridout.

Brigham claims a caucus

vote before the final one—which went four votes for him, two for Ridout and one each for two others—should then be considered binding.

Aldermen Jack Irwin and Norman Maughan said they thought the first vote was a formal one but Mayor Davidson and the other councillors said they didn't think it had any official weight.

Court denies plea to oust alderman criticizes loser

An Ontario Supreme Court judge today dismissed an application to remove Alderman John S. Ridout from East York Council and severely criticized another alderman for breaching the "confidence" of a closed session of council.

Ridout was appointed in October to fill a vacancy left by retiring Alderman James McConaghy last August. Lawyer Royden Brigham challenged the appointment on the grounds that a majority of council had voted in caucus to name himself to the position.

Mr. Justice Donald Keith said that "those attending (the caucus) are not bound by what they may have expressed in caucus or by any consensus that may have become apparent."

FRESHMAN TOLD

He chastized "freshman" Alderman Jack Reid Irwin for telling Brigham afterwards what went on during the closed session.

"I regard it as unfortunate that caucus meetings, which are a well-recognized and legitimate method of securing and exchanging views on subjects that are sufficiently delicate . . . may have been put in jeopardy in East York," he said.

"Caucus meetings . . . can only be effective if members scrupulously respect their nature and hold the views expressed by those attending in the strictest confidence."

Mr. Justice Keith said Brigham's action was directly the result of "the fail-

ure of one alderman (Irwin) to recognize this fundamental requirement."

NO MEETING

He ruled that there was no meeting of council in progress when the names of six candidates were discussed.

During testimony, however, Irwin and Alderman Norman Maughan claimed the caucus had been a formal meeting with a chairman, formal nominations and a formal vote.

On the first ballot, Brig-

ham received four votes. Ridout got two and Rev. Ken Maxted and Helen Effer one each. By a process of elimination only the names of Ridout and Brigham remained but because a agreement wasn't reached it took Mayor True Davidson's tie-breaking vote in an open session of council later to elect Ridout.

ONLY WITNESS

Irwin was "the only witness who attempted to put a different complexion" on the events of the pre-council meeting," Mr. Justice Keith said, "and in my opinion because he has been influenced by Brigham, an aspirant to the office."

Brigham has been defeated three times in bids to unseat Mayor True Davidson.

Ridout, who has never held political office, is an engineer with Ontario Hydro and until his appointment as alderman, was chairman of the East York Library Board.



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Toronto Star article *Victoria Day: Anatomy of a holiday weekend* published Mon. May 19, 2003 page 1 continued lower R with *Some disagree with Monarchy*

Victoria Day: Anatomy of a holiday weekend

Spare a thought for the monarch today Long weekend marks royal birthdays

NECO COCKBURN
STAFF REPORTER

Garden work, cottage work, fire-works – or just an excuse for a big party – the long weekend in

May can be many things. But it's likely that a reflection on our national heritage isn't one of them. Perhaps it's time for a little fresher course. Just what are we

celebrating this weekend?

Lesson 1: History

You can thank Queen Victoria for the holiday.

She reigned over Canada from 1837 to 1901, and her birthday was declared a holiday by the Legislature of the Province of Canada in 1845, according to the

federal government's Canadian Heritage Web site.

But today, Victoria Day is also the official celebration of the birthday of the current Queen, said John Aimers, dominion chairman of the Monarchist League of Canada.

It happened like this:

★ After Confederation, Queen Victoria's birthday was celebrated each May 24 (or the next day, if the 24th was a Sunday).

► Please see *Victoria*, A14

► Fine holiday weather filled Toronto streets, B1.

Some disagree with monarchy

► Victoria From A1

Queen Victoria died in 1901, and the federal government established a Victoria Day holiday each year on May 24 (or the next day, if the 24th was a Sunday). In 1952 it was changed to the Monday before May 25.

★ The birthday of Queen Elizabeth II was officially celebrated on Victoria Day starting in 1953 and has been Canada's permanent official day to mark the Queen's birthday since 1957.

Lesson 2: Geography

The British don't have a day off today. So why don't they celebrate Victoria Day?

Like Canadians, the Brits mark the Queen's birthday, but not in May. Queen Elizabeth II's birthday is actually in April, but the public celebration isn't until June. The festivities are held off for a couple of months, waiting for better weather.

Other countries in the Commonwealth also mark the occasion on different days. Most of

Australia celebrates in June, while Western Australia waits until September. And New Zealand celebrates in June.

Maybe the different birthdays lead to more presents.

But don't feel too sorry for the British. They celebrate two bank holidays this May – that's two possible long weekends.

Lesson 3: Politics

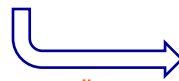
Not everyone agrees with today's celebration.

People within the Republican movement – who want the Queen removed as Canada's head of state—are among them.

They don't necessarily want to get rid of the day off, but don't want the monarchy imposed on Canadians, said lawyer Charles Roach, who speaks today at an event held by the Citizens for a Canadian Republic.

Roach and others will instead recognize the 1837 Patriot's Rebellion. They will gather at 10 a.m. at the statue of William Lyon Mackenzie behind Queen's Park.

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(1962/1963 — May 16, 2024) died aged 61 years was a Canadian politician who served as a member of the Toronto City Council from 2010 to 2024. She was the chair of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) from 2018 to 2022. Robinson represented Ward 15 Don Valley West. She died in office on May 16, 2024.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jaye_Robinson
<https://nationalpost.com/news/toronto/jaye-robinson-toronto-city-councillor-has-died>

Robinson was the director of special events for the City of Toronto. It says that in that role, she helped introduce popular programs such as Summerlicious, Winterlicious, and Nuit Blanche.

Jaye Robinson

was a fourth-generation Torontonian; her great-grandfather, John R. ("Black Jack") Robinson, was editor of the Toronto Telegram.



Photo Left, L >R: Hon. Alan Redway, Jaye Robinson after her presentation & Pat Barnett EYHS President at J.S. Ridout Auditorium of TPL > S. Walter Stewart Branch



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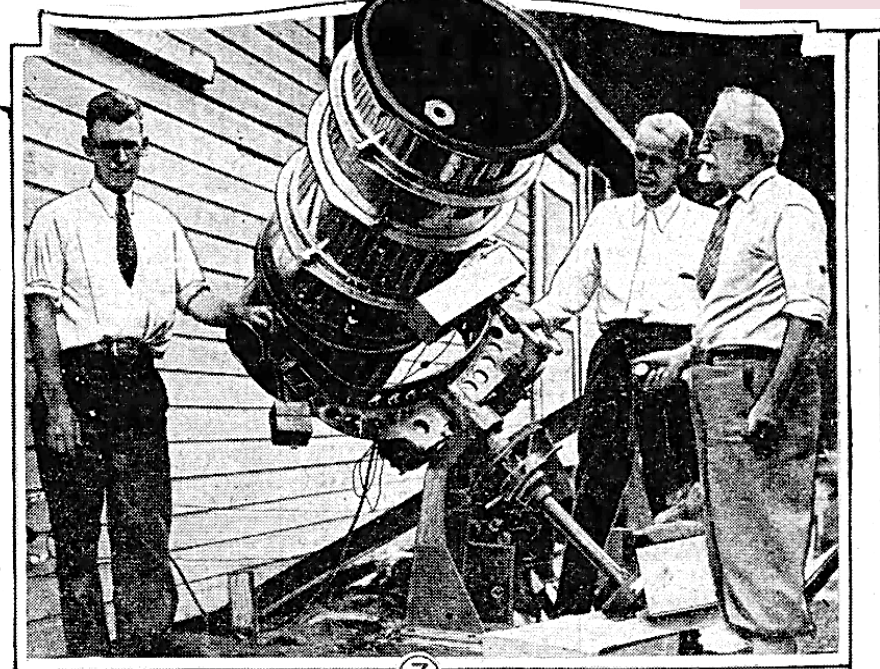
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East York Historical Society was formed in 1980 and incorporated in 1981 as a non-profit corporation affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society to bring together people interested in the diverse heritage of East York, to research, retain, preserve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