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**Newsletter of East York Historical Society**  
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## MR. CHRISTOPHER JOHN KAY SALMOND

The Late and Former East York Historical Society Executive Board of Director who peacefully passed away at home of natural causes at age 80 R.I.P.

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Join us for our Zoom Virtual Platform  
with Telephone Access 

Tuesday, Sept 28, 2021 @ 7:30 PM

**SPEAKER: KAREN FRASER**

TOPIC: Quote from Policyperson –

"Leave Your House Now. You Have 5 Minutes. A Serious Crime has been Committed and Bruce McArthur has been arrested"



# EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT PAT'S SPOTLIGHT

## MR. CHRISTOPHER JOHN KAY SALMOND

April 18, 1941 - June 10, 2021



Nomination received July 15, 2021

Expression of Condolence for  
Christopher John Kay Salmond by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Councillor Paula Fletcher  
Seconded by: Councillor Brad Bradford

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Christopher John Kay Salmond on June 10, 2021.

Chris Salmond was a beloved local historian in East York and was a member of the East York Historical Society since 2010. Further, Chris was on the Executive Board of Directors and was an avid supporter of the East York Community. His enthusiasm will be missed especially during the Poppy Campaign. Chris could always be found during the campaign with his box of poppies supporting Veterans. He was also a member of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 345.

Chris Salmond was known for his generosity and friendly waves when he passed by neighbours' homes. His warm demeanor was highly recognizable during his 20+ years as a crossing guard at Coxwell Avenue and Mortimer Avenue. Chris ensured that community members were safe crossing the street.

Chris' commitment to East York was deeply appreciated by his neighbours, family, and affiliates. He arrived in Canada from Scotland in 1947, and completed primary and high school in the east end.

Chris leaves behind his wife Aileen of 47 years, his younger brother and sister, as well as his nieces and nephews.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Chris' community and family.

**September 1, 2021 @ 7:45 pm Pat Barnett, Ron Chamberlain & Margaret McRae held a moment of silence in memory of the late Director Christopher Salmond and his Family at the Cenotaph EYCC.**

Christopher, during his years in the Society participated in all of our outreach programs and was regular in attendance at Society meetings. Surely he will be missed by the Board, Society members, his family and everyone who knew him and for this, we say, *Thank You Christopher for everything that you've done for East York Historical Society!* -PB

**Thank you, Pat. Here is what I would like to say about Chris:**

"While I didn't know Chris prior to my joining the EYHS board of directors, I came to respect and admire his intimate knowledge of East York and its history. His insights will be missed. Ron Brown, vice-president, EYHS"

Many thanks to Messrs: Justin Van Dette & Ron Chamberlain delivery of flowers to Mrs. Salmond. - PB



Christopher & Aileen (McCaffray) Salmond were married April 11, 1974 at Don Mills United Church by Rev. James McDonald. Photo submitted Mrs. A. Salmond



Don Mills United Church 126 O'Connor Dr. The church, which was first registered in 1819. In 1950, the smaller church was demolished to build the larger church as it now stands today.



Christopher Salmond  
Canadian  
Red Cross i.d.



Flowers of Condolence delivered to Mrs. Aileen Salmond. Photo Credit>Justin Van Dette for East York Historical Society.





Dear members of East York Historical Society, Greetings! How have you all been keeping and doing these past few months?(March 13, 2020 to date) I sincerely hope all is well with you and your caring ones. You

are always in my thoughts of care.

This has been a memorable hot summer 2021 but all in all I am still able to be grateful for each new day and having something to do makes the days worth my while.

Labour Day (Sept. 6, 2021) has just passed & I hope everyone had an enjoyable time well spent.

East York Historical Society and its Executive Board of Directors have been keeping a constant watch over our Society's ability to keep up the good work for its ongoing prosperity and is looking forward to in person meetings to resume.

Many thanks to our EYHS members who continue to keep their membership up to date. To our members who may have forgotten to renew their membership.

I asking you kindly to consider renewing your membership with the Society today as all our members counts and is integral/vital to the ongoing success of East York Historical Society.

Payments can be made by mailing your cheque to the address listed below or by e-transfer...Thank you so very much.

The mailing address is:  
EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY Treasurer  
Mr. Val Dodge  
c/o 107 Cambridge Avenue  
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Your membership is important to the ongoing functions of the Society. In the mean time we are still looking forward to a bright future and the time when our meetings resumes at the S. Walter Stewart Library in the John S. Ridout Auditorium. Please stay tuned for updates from TPL.

East York Historical Society regret to announce that one of our Executive Board of Directors Mr. Christopher John Kay Salmond passed away peacefully at home of natural cause. Christopher was 80 years old (April 18, 1941 - June 10, 2021) More story on cover pg. & pg.2

Please note our next evening General Meeting of East York Historical Society will be held on 28th September, 2021 on ZOOM Virtual Platform via web and telephone access. All our Society members are encouraged to attend. KAREN FRASER will be our special presenter on Topic:- Quote from policeperson

"Leave Your House Now. You Have 5 Minutes. A Serious Crime has been Committed and Bruce McArthur has been arrested Karen shares this URL with East York Historical Society Members.

<https://paeproduction.wistia.com/medias/684a1hugzi> The password is: **Bruce**

Please save all your questions for Karen during Q&A. Thank you.

The Province's [proof of vaccination system](#) comes into effect on Wednesday, September 22

East York Historical Society Facebook page welcome our members to become active on the page by posting historical and recent events pertaining to East York Leaside and its surrounding regions.

Special Greetings for a good Thanksgiving Day on 11th October, 2021 and Happy Halloween on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Unveiling of Plaque in honour of Mr. William "Billy" McKay EYCC centre 12 noon September 11, 2021 Please turn to page: 6.

Thank you for listening and have a good day Please remember to keep on keeping on; doing your best best". Pancheta Barnett

*P. Barnett*

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Pancheta Barnett



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# EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES OUR PRESENTER FOR THE EVENING General Meeting on 28th September, 2021



## KAREN FRASER

-Quote from policeperson

TOPIC: **"Leave Your House Now. You Have 5 Minutes. A Serious Crime has been Committed and Bruce McArthur has been arrested".**

Karen Fraser has pioneered programmes on adapting successfully to sudden work and lifestyle change for decades.

The accuracy of her predictions and her entertaining soft-sell approach to challenging information has made her a popular speaker in corporate, community

and academic settings. Her book **Women Like Me, The Women's Business and Networking Directory** was a national bestseller for 9 editions. She was the co-host of **Writing a Small Business Plan** on TVO for four years.

She also applies her innovation skills to emerging community and social justice issues. She was the **Agnes Macphail Award** recipient in 2019.

On January 18th 2018 at 10:35 a.m. sudden change knocked on her door. To survive the global media storm, the largest forensic police investigation in Toronto's history and the unfolding horror of serial killer Bruce McArthur's crimes she applied the theories and skills that she has espoused.

The challenge of a lifetime - she took her own advice.

For more: <https://www.missingpersonsreview.ca/report-missing-and-missed>  
The judge's name is Gloria Epstein.

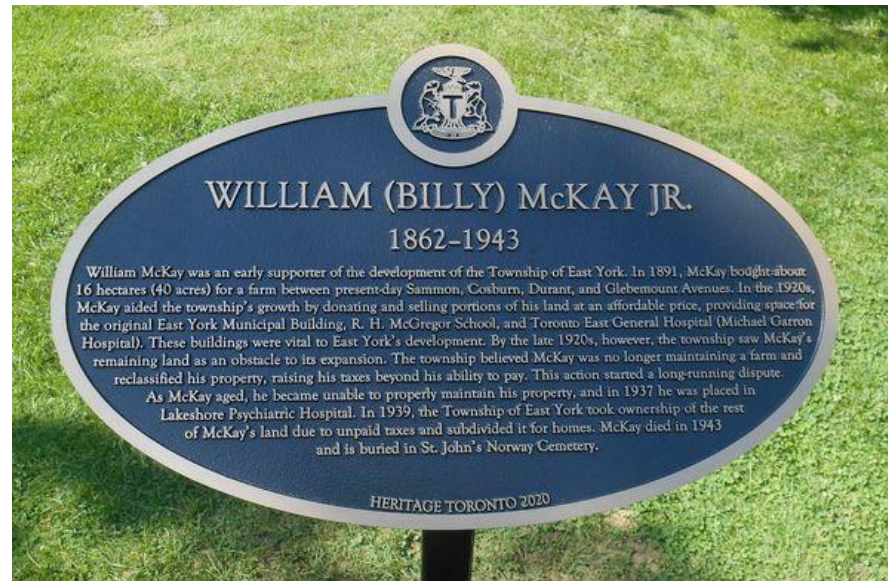
<https://pae-production.wistia.com/medias/684a1huqzj> The password is: **Bruce**



# MR. WILLIAM "BILLY" MCKAY PLAQUE UNVEILING



Photo Left to right: Liza Chalaidopoulos (Chair, Heritage Toronto Board of Directors), Justin Van Dette (President, East York Hall of Fame), Colleen Peacock (great, great niece of Billy McKay), Councillor Paula Fletcher (Ward 14 – Toronto-Danforth), Ray White (Chair of the East York Foundation), Pat Barnett (President of East York Historical Society). Photo taken September 11, 2021 at noon...(Photo Credit Heritage Toronto) EYCC corner of Mortimer & Coxwell. Thanks to everyone involved with this plaque project.



**The new plaque reads:** William McKay was an early supporter of the development of the Township of East York. In 1891, McKay bought about 16 hectares (40 acres) for a farm between present-day Sammon, Cosburn, Durant, and Glebemount Avenues. In the 1920s, McKay aided the township's growth by donating and selling portions of his land at an affordable price, providing space for the original East York Municipal Building, R.H. McGregor School, and Toronto East General Hospital (Michael Garron Hospital)...Click to read plaque in full here: <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10157812215585793&set=pcb.10157812215750793> Photo credit: Colleen Peacock.



**Billy McKay and his dog**

Mr. William "Billy" McKay former plaque unveiled June 25, 2005 erected by EYHS & reported missing around Remembrance Day November 2016 (maybe earlier during the repairs to the East York Cenotaph) <https://www.toronto.com/.../4801844-watchdog-remembering.../McKay-family-memorial> » [Chez PLJ](#)

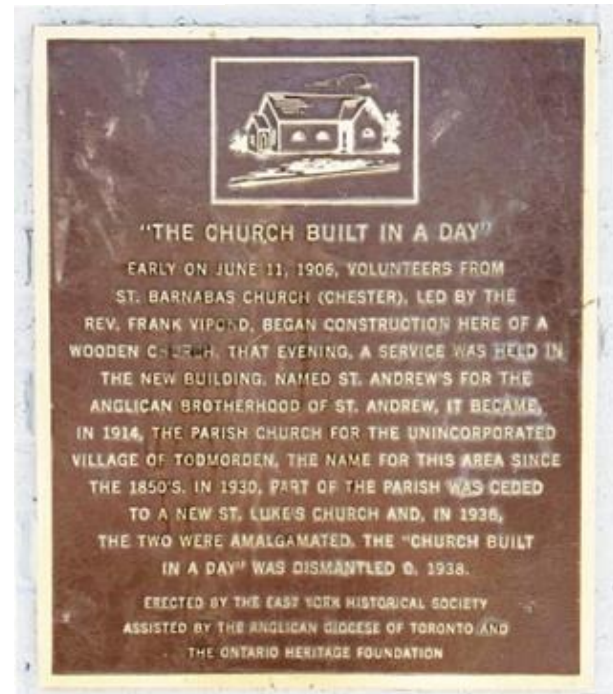


Photo: Judge Marilyn Churley, Colleen & former East York Mayor Michael Prue on **June 25, 2005** unveiling of William "Billy" McKay plaque EYCC. Plaque details: <https://readtheplaque.com/plaque/william-billy-mckay-jr-1862-1943-> (incorrect wording)



**McDonald's 1045 Pape Ave @ Cosburn** closed for renos (expand to have 30+ seats)

<https://www.blogto.com/eat-drink/2021/03/mcdonalds-toronto-closed-major-renovations-neighbourhood-isnt-happy/>  
Closed April 29, 2021 & re-opened August 16, 2021.



# UPCOMING EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS FOR 2021 AND 2022



**TUESDAY  
EVENING  
7:30PM MEETINGS**

September 28

November 30

**TUESDAY  
EVENING  
7:30PM  
MEETINGS**

January 25

March 29

May 31

September 27

November 29

**WEDNESDAY  
AFTERNOON  
2 PM MEETINGS**

February 16

April 20

October 19

## EMANCIPATION DAY

This year, Canada officially designated August 1st as Emancipation Day. It was on August 1, 1834 that slavery across the British colonies was abolished. Celebrations to commemorate the anniversary of the Slavery Abolition Act will take place across Canada, and the Ontario Black History Society will mark the occasion online on August 1 from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. Please see further details about this free event at

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2021-emancipation-day-celebration-tickets-161102326395>

The Emancipation Festival in Owen Sound was established in 1862. This year's virtual experience will be on Sunday, August 1st at noon with the topic Preserving a 159-year legacy to honour black ancestors. For more information

<http://www.emancipation.ca/>





**EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBER MR. BARRY PENHALE Special Tribute to:  
(A FATHER SPEAKS OF HIS DAUGHTER AND TIMES PAST August 8, 2021)**

# **Nancy Ellen (Penhale) Hopkins (1960–2021)**



Nancy Penhale was born on January 22, 1960, at the Campbellford Hospital in the Northumberland County town of Campbellford. This delightful community with its rich past is located on the Trent Waterway and was named in honour of the Campbell brothers, military veterans who forded the Trent River and whose arrival along with other early pioneers was the impetus leading to a fledgling settlement.

At this point Nancy would be rolling her eyes and exclaiming — “Dad, I thought this was to be about me.” While at the same time she would not be at all surprised that her father would slip in a wee bit of Canadian history in the tribute to his beloved daughter. But back to Nancy whose full name is Nancy Ellen Penhale. For the record, her mother, the late Joyce Watson, was born on September

28, 1929, and is buried within her birthplace, Kincardine, Ontario.

Photo: Nancy at five years, four months, 1965

She unfortunately lost her battle with cancer in 1995. Nancy’s father now in his 90<sup>th</sup> year (that’s me), was born at Grace Hospital in Toronto, on March 31, 1932. My parents, Cliff and Beatrice Penhale, were much loved by their two granddaughters, Nancy and her sister Nora who was also born in the Campbellford Hospital but on June 30, 1961. In return, Mom and Dad simply adored their granddaughters and were to be a positive influence in their lives. Quite early on both girls could swim like a fish, encouraged by Grandmother Bea who was a

strong swimmer with a lifeguard background. Dad on the other hand was an ardent fisherman and naturalist, who lovingly shared his knowledge of the out-of-doors with the girls. Memories remain of baiting their hooks using dew worms for bait at a tender age, followed by casting lessons played out on either dock or shoreline, always under Grandpa Penhale’s watchful eye. The girls’ initial casting practice involved long bamboo poles with colourful bobbers attached.

There is a tendency in many family circles to recall and recycle certain stories *ad nauseum*. This particular father is no exception and probably far too often than necessary, Nancy and Nora have heard me describe the dramatically opposite weather conditions under which they came into this world. In Nancy’s case, she arrived during one of the stormiest of winters with record snow accumulations touching the small upper crossbar on rural hydro poles. Transporting Nancy, her mother, and myself as driver to our home upon leaving the hospital

was, as anticipated, a dicey affair. But fortunately, both vehicle and driver were up to the challenge. Thanks in no small part to tires wrapped with chains and considerable ballast in the rear consisting of cement blocks, a big tub full of sand and a strong shovel — all essential to remote winter driving back then. Most fortunately on that memorable occasion with newborn Nancy well and truly bundled, she and her anxious parents got home safely. And here I am more than sixty years later to tell the story one more time.

Nancy and Nora's first home was north of Campbellford at what many felt to be a somewhat isolated site on Crowe Bay. It was here in this picturesque location that I had joined my parents and become part of the operation of the summer resort/fishing camp still operating today, and known as Coles Point Resort. Upon the arrival of warm weather, Nancy first and then Nora when her turn came along, would be placed outside in their prams to the great delight of countless Coles Point guests there on their

annual vacations. Both girls have to be among the most admired and photographed babies ever. And they were still being recalled in letters received from Ontario and American holidayers, long after the Penhales had sold Coles Point and moved on. Oh yes, Nora, it needs be pointed out, was born during a record scorching heat wave, and I put on hold a trip to await her arrival and to know that she was healthy before departing for Richmond, Virginia. It was something of a shock upon arrival in that delightful southern city to find it

cooler than the heat-oppressed Ontario I had left behind. This was a crossroads point that found me embarking on a different chapter in my life and I was there for training, as I had just been chosen to become the first executive director of the Christian Children's Fund of Canada. Shortly after returning home, I commenced working from Toronto offices doing comparable work to Oxfam and other similar agencies. But I digress and can again hear Nancy and Nora saying — let's get back on track. Enough already!

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## MEMORIES

My darling daughter Nancy was from the start a beautiful baby with a sunny disposition. The warm caring person that so many came to know and love in her all too short lifetime. Her loyalty to family and friends was

unwavering and in countless ways she was to have a special part to play in many lives. Be it of a personal nature or business-related, Nancy was always both genuine and generous in her dealings with others. Among others her loyal creative Country Roads team will mourn her passing for they each

came to know and appreciate her many admirable qualities. Unquestionably, the magazine serving Hastings County and beyond that she co-founded in Stirling with her husband, John Hopkins, will remain an important part of the legacy Nancy leaves behind.

Today we face as bravely as possible a future without Nancy. It will not be at all easy to accept the stark reality that the Nancy we each have loved so much will not be around to hold or to take a call and exchange emails. But those of us who knew her — be it family or friend — will draw comfort in the countless memories we have of a particularly lovely human being. One who, in recent years, was called upon to face daunting health challenges and did so with admirable courage.



If a father has any rank, I would like to use mine now in order to furnish a selection of some of Nancy's major interests. Coincidentally, some of her interests were also mine. Perhaps a logical starting place would be to speak of her love of poetry. Nancy herself wrote many poems beginning in her childhood. Not surprisingly the writings of Leonard Cohen delighted her and he was indeed one of her personal favourite poets. Many know that Nancy loved music and perhaps even before she was of

editorial contributors and marvelled at the consistent

legal age, she would delight in the music played by Toronto's best bar bands — almost always in the company of sister Nora and their lifelong friend, Heather Wakeling. Knowing the importance of music to her father, it was Nancy's habit on returning home to shout the praises of her favourite Toronto musicians, David Wilcox and Eugene Smith frequently being mentioned. It was later on when recordings by Cat Stevens came to mean so much to Nancy and she was ever so pleased in recent years to discover that the noted singer songwriter had ever so professional writings

resumed his career. Staying with music, Nancy was introduced to the piano by one of our author friends and soon she was playing at home on a lovely sounding Amherst piano. Getting the piano into our townhouse is a story for another time. But Nancy with minimal lessons enjoyed playing and was delighted when a neighbour introduced her to the haunting music of the composer Saté. Nancy loved words. Reading and certain books gave her great pleasure. As publisher of *Country Roads* she was proud of her

skill they possessed. It mattered greatly to me

to see the high standards associated with the magazine and I was more than delighted when Nancy suggested that her father write an article for each edition. Nancy and John deserve enormous credit for having founded and published such an exceptionally fine Canadian magazine that greatly filled a niche. The relationship with her colleagues, advertisers, and many readers meant the world to Nancy, and *County Roads* will long be remembered as one of her major accomplishments.

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Nancy, as some will know, loved butterflies and she also loved the gemstone amethyst. She delighted in her home on the Moira River and enjoyed the seasons and equally delighted in reporting special sightings of animals and birds to family and friends. Finally, it must be said that our loving

Nancy knew her greatest happiness in the company of her very special partner in life, John Hopkins, her husband. Their love has inspired us all. August for a variety of reasons is a significant month for Jane

and myself. With Nancy's passing peacefully this morning, August 8, 2021, the month has become even more so. Parting is not at all easy. But we give thanks back to Nancy for all she has given to us.



# SPECIAL NOTIFICATION:

....tell your friends who don't have internet and only use the telephone that there are a lot of fraudulent phone calls/emails pretending to be from CRA, Service Canada, Financial Institutions and other authorities that threaten punishments like being arrested for illegal actions due to unpaid taxes, illegal activities connected with your SIN identification, with banking information, credit card information etc.

CRA AND SERVICE CANADA or the Police DO NOT telephone you. They will send you a registered letter or



mail to get in touch with you if they need to. The police will simply show up in person and will never have someone call to tell you that you are going to be arrested. Even if someone shows up at your door claiming to be a police officer, ask to see their badge and ask their precinct and call their precinct to ensure that they are who they say they are.

**These crooks are taking advantage of people who are trusting and those of us who have been conditioned and taught to obey authority without question. Times have changed!**

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Due to the fact that these criminals are recording what we say in response to them, **never say or use the word "Yes!"** as they will use the recording of your voice and the word "Yes!" to sign you up for purchases etc. Even if the caller asks "Am I speaking to (and they say your name, **DO NOT say "Yes!"**". Ask who is calling? Tell the person that you are busy and will call the department back later. Don't use

their number that they give you or call display as it can be false. Look up the number from credible sources or call 411.

**Do not give out any of your personal information. Stay vigilant and stay safe!**

If you get these calls on your cell phone or land line you can simply keep blocking such calls and you may report them to the Canada Fraud center.

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**Information on virtual intruders in Zoom meetings** [Click here for information & tips on preventing virtual intruders, AKA "Zoom bombers", from compromising the security of your online meetings.](#)

# TRENDING NOW

**BILL DAVIS**  
*Nation Builder, and Not So Bland After All*



**William Grenville Davis**, PC, CC, OOnt, QC

(July 30, 1929 – August 8, 2021) died age 92 years, was a Canadian politician who served as the 18th Premier of Ontario from 1971 to 1985. Davis was first elected as the MPP for Peel in the 1959 provincial election where he was a backbencher in Leslie Frost's government. Under John Robarts, he was minister of education. He succeeded Robarts as Premier of Ontario and held the position until resigning in 1985.

In Memoriam "Remembering William G. Davis, 1929-2021" by Steve Paikin published on <https://www.tvo.org/current-affairs/tag/in-memoriam> [Davis] won four straight elections. He was the second-longest-serving premier Ontario's ever had. But more than that, he was a decent man and a great Canadian." by Steve Paikin (authored biography on the brilliant Bill Davis in 2016)."

## ELECTIONS CANADA September 20, 2021

Candidates: Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, left, Conservative Party of Canada Leader Erin O'Toole, centre left, NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh, centre, Bloc Québécois Leader Yves-François Blanchet and Green Party Leader Annamie Paul. (Andrej Ivanov/AFP/Getty Images, Adrian Wyld/The Canadian Press, Patrick Doyle/Reuters, Patrick Doyle/Reuters, Sean Kilpatrick/The Canadian Press)

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/federal-election-call-1.6141189>



### Garage fire in lane at Sutherland/Eglinton rings 2nd alarm

September 6, 2021



Toronto Fire extinguished a two-alarm blaze in a garage in the lane that runs behind the stores on the north side of Eglinton Ave Monday afternoon. The raging fire was seen by G Coleman from Sutherland Drive before the TFS arrived. [His Twitter post is here](#). Below is video from 2016 when a police-sponsored graffiti paintathon took place in the lane. It was called Go Big or Go Home

This name of the lane is  
**Barbers Lane**

<https://bayview-news.com/2021/09/garage-fire-in-lane-at-sutherland-eglinton-rings-2nd-alarm.html/>

VIDEO LINK:

<https://youtu.be/BIHy4V2n6yg>



# ABOUT EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MISSION

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 7:00 pm and include an illustrated presentation on a subject.

AS OF 2020, EYHS MEETINGS ARE HELD ON ZOOM VIRTUAL PLATFORM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



## INTERESTED IN EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CONTACT US

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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 Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**New members and guests are always welcome. The fees for 2021 are:**

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

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