

# THE BEACH AND EAST TORONTO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Annual Report

Presented to the members

Tuesday, May 06, 2014

### THE BEACH & EAST TORONTO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### 2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The East Toronto and Beaches Historical Society was founded in 1974 and incorporated by the Ontario Historical Society in 1978 (Corporation #467609). In the 1990's, the Executive Committee chose to reflect the preference for "Beach" over "Beaches" and to place that identifier first. The adopted 'operating name' is The Beach & East Toronto Historical Society. (*We now must officially register this change of name as a condition of continuing to use it – something that will be dealt with at the 2014 Annual General Meeting.*)

Mary Campbell was a founding member and served as Co-ordinator until the first election of an Executive Committee. Barbara Myrvold was an early member of the committee, and she and Mary served as President and Vice-President over the intervening years. The objectives of the Society were, and are, to:

*Arouse interest in and preserve material and information relating to the history of the east end of Toronto, specifically from Coxwell Avenue to Victoria Park Avenue and from Lake Ontario to the boundary of the former Borough of East York.*

After more than thirty years of service to the community, energy began to flag. Older, long-time members passed on or moved away, and the Society became dormant.

In January 2013, a group of local residents met to discuss rejuvenating the Society. In February and March, 2013, our Councillor, Mary-Margaret McMahon, convened two public meetings at the Beaches Library to explore interest in implementing historical programs of interest to the community. Lists of interested residents and topics of interest were prepared. We're delighted with the number of you who attended these meetings and are now members.

In August, a group of local residents met again to discuss next steps in breathing new life into the Society. We heard a report from former

Vice-President, Barbara Myrvold, to get a good understanding of the platform from which we could launch a reinvigorated historical society. We learned that:

- The Society needed to catch up in its Ontario Historical Society membership dues;
- There were sufficient funds in the bank account to cover immediate needs; and,
- There was a Constitution and Membership List that needed to be updated.

A Board of Directors was appointed:

- President: John Ellis
- Vice-President: Uwe Sehmrau
- Past President: Mary Campbell
- Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Wayne Clutterbuck
- Secretary: Patrick Shipton
- Program Convener: Glenn Chadwick
- Legal Adviser: Martin Gladstone
- Advisers: Barbara Myrvold, Gene Domagala

Since then, we have held six board meetings, and moved on several fronts:

- Adopted a new, annual, membership fee of \$20, and led a Membership Drive, generating new members and income;
- Up-dated membership in the Ontario Historical Society;
- Joined the Toronto Historical Association (one benefit being low-cost event insurance);
- Launched a search for member benefits at no additional cost;
- Began planning of a newsletter and web site;
- Began drafting of a revised Constitution and By-laws, completion of which will require a Special Members' Meeting in the fall;

- Adopted Nominating Committee Terms of Reference, Elections Policy, and Resolutions for consideration by the members;
- Called five public meetings – in 2013: October with Jane Fairburn presenting highlights from her excellent book *Along the Shore*; November with a rich array of photos and anecdotes from our own story-teller, Gene Domagala; and this year: In February with Carole Stimmell providing rich evidence of how historical designation can and sometimes doesn't work, in March with renowned local historian Jean Cochrane; and in May with our own esteemed historian, Barbara Myrvold, and librarian Martha Baillie, on the rich collections in the Beaches Library; and,
- Planned the 2014 Annual General Meeting, with Board elections.

In conclusion, your Interim Board of Directors encourages you to recruit more members by inviting friends, family and neighbours to do so. With the decisions you make at the Annual General Meeting, your new Board of Directors will be able to continue the important work of further stabilizing The Beach and East Toronto Historical Society, and building a strong bank balance to enable planning and development of programs to expand and share the history of our treasured Beach community.

Special thanks to the Beaches Library for providing space for our meetings, and thanks to you, our loyal members.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,



John Ellis, President

## Membership Secretary Report

as of Monday, March 31, 2014

There are 32 paid Members.

## Treasurer's Report

as of Monday, March 31, 2014

### INCOME

#### Opening Balance (April 01, 2013)

TD Bank, Queen & Lee ..... \$600.00

#### 2014 Membership Fees (April 01, 2013 – March 31, 2014)

Scotiabank, Wineva & Queen ..... \$640.00

Miscellaneous Cash ..... \$10.00

**TOTAL Income** (April 01, 2013 – March 31, 2014)..... **\$1,250.00**

### EXPENSES

1. Monthly Service Charge of \$2.50 x 3 months (to-date) \$ 7.50  
2. Statement Preparation Fee on March 31, 2014..... 3.50  
3. NUANS name-checking fee..... 34.70  
4. Postage Fee for First AGM Notice ..... 28.82  
5. Printing AGM Notice (including HST) ..... 76.28  
**TOTAL Expenses** (April 01, 2013 – March 31, 2014) ..... **\$150.70**

**NET Income** (March 31, 2014)..... **\$1,099.30**

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Clutterbuck,  
Membership Secretary & Treasurer

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historical heritage of the eastern area of  
Toronto*