

THE BEACH AND EAST TORONTO
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual Report

2017-2018

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Beaches Branch, Toronto Public Library, 1916 Queen Street E.
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2017-2018 fiscal year was another very busy one for the Beach and East Toronto Historical Society (TBETHS). The Board of Directors election at the Annual General Meeting was followed by the Executive and functional appointments:

- President: John Ellis
- Vice-President: Uwe Sehmrau (HCD Committee Chair)
- Treasurer: Mary Campbell
- Secretary: Deborah Livingston-Lowe
- Membership Secretary: Barbra Myrvold
- Program Convener: Glenn Chadwick
- At Large: Clyde Robinson (Website Committee Chair)
- Honorary Adviser: Gene Domagala

We held nine board meetings, the annual general meeting in May, ten public meeting events, and:

- We formed a Website Committee chaired by Clyde Robinson and further developed our website (tbeths.ca), assisted by Pete Richardson, President of Tayson Information Technology, a local company;
- We added a section for local history studies, the first being about pioneer hotelkeeper, Clem Dawes, prepared by Melanie Milanich and John Ellis;
- We led adoption of revised Constitution and By-laws;
- We maintained membership and revenue;
- We attended a Heritage Conservation meeting and called for identification of historic sites in Wayfinding;
- We are developing a plan for making heritage conservation a city-wide election issue in 2018;

- Uwe Sehmrau, Chair of our Heritage Conservation District (HCD), addressed the City Planning and Growth Committee to express concern over Heritage Preservation Services lack of staff resources to adequately process HCD nominations; in particular, our own submission for Queen Street East in the Beach;
- We developed a plan for plaques on historic sites, and restored the Glenn Gould plaque on Southwood Dr.;
- We continued work on a Board Handbook to define policy and functions;
- We filed required reports with the Ontario Historical Society and the Ministry; and
- We maintained membership in the Ontario Historical Society and in the Toronto Historical Association.

Public Programs

2017

- **April 11:** David Fuller; *100th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge*
- **May 09:** Mike Filey; *Toronto Then & Now*
- **May 30:** John Ellis; *Woodbine Racetrack: Impact on the Beach Neighbourhood*
- **July:** Gene Domagala Walks;
 - *Kew Beach*
 - *Ashbridge's Bay*
 - *Beach Homes*
- **October 10:** Joanne Doucette; *Daniel Tim Daniel O'Sullivan, The Fighting Irishman of Norway Village*
- **November 02:** David Fuller; *Sports in the Canadian Expeditionary Force During WWI*
- **December 05:** Muriel Lennox; *Rivers of Gold (Old Woodbine Racetrack)*

2018

- **February 13:** Eric Malsten; *Celebrating the Beach Chess Club*
- **March 06:** Peter Vronsky; *Ridgeway 1866; The Last Battle Fought in Canada and Canada's First Modern Battle*

In conclusion, your Board of Directors encourages you to invite friends, family and neighbours to become members.

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 strengthening The Beach and East Toronto Historical Society. This will enable us to continue planning and development of programs to expand and share the history and heritage of our treasured Beach and East Toronto communities.

We give special thanks to the Beaches Branch of the Toronto Public Library for co-sponsoring our programs, to the Beaches Lions Club for a generous donation, and to you, our loyal members, for your support.

I, personally, thank the directors who made my role easier.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,



John Ellis, President

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

At the end of the 2017 calendar year, the Society had 34 members, compared with 59 for 2016. The reduced number is due to delay in launching the membership campaign. For the 2018 calendar year the total is already 34 and is projected to equal the 2016 result by December 31st.



Barbara Myrvold, Membership Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

APRIL 01, 2017 - March 31, 2018

Balance as of April 1, 2018\$2,674.35

INCOME

Memberships\$800.00

Donations.....210.00

Total Income.....\$1,010.00

EXPENDITURES

Bank Charges..... 24.65

Administration/Supplies..... \$363.20

Gifts/Honoraria..... 138.77

Glenn Gould Plaque Repair..... 295.50

Jennifer Cline Memorial.....100.00

Membership (OHS¹)..... 55.00

Printing, Postage, Office.....167.46

Total Expenditures.....\$642.61

Balance as of March 31, 2019.....\$3,041.74

BANK BALANCE (March 31, 2018).....\$ 2,831.74

Cash on Hand (March 31, 2018)..... 210.00

TOTAL ASSETS (March 31, 2018).....\$ 3,041.74



Mary Campbell, Treasurer

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in and to preserve the natural, built
and documentary heritage of the
east end of Toronto*

¹ OHS: Ontario Historical Society