

THE BEACH AND EAST TORONTO
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual Report

2018-2019

Presented to the members

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

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Heritage Toronto Award won by TBETHS, October 29, 2018.
On display in the Local History Collection at Beaches Library.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2018-2019 fiscal year was one of the busiest and most productive in the 45-year history of The Beach and East Toronto Historical Society (TBETHS). A major highlight was receiving the Heritage Toronto Members' Choice award in the Community Heritage category on October 29, 2018.



John Ellis, Barbara Myrvold, Clyde Robinson, Glenn Chadwick accepting the Heritage Toronto Members' Choice Award, October 29, 2018

The Board of Directors election at the 2018 Annual General Meeting was followed by Executive and functional appointments:

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

We held seven board meetings, the annual general meeting, fourteen public events (a record!), and undertook several initiatives:

- Expanded and enhanced our website, aided by Pete Richardson, President of Tayson Information Technology, a local business

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- Increased membership and revenue
- Developed strategies to increase awareness of our history and preserve the built heritage of our catchment area:
 - Began work on a Facebook page
 - Agreed to join the Toronto Branch of the Architectural Conservatory of Ontario to enable the Society to add and revise records in TOBuild, an open-source database of images and information about Toronto buildings and structures (https://www.acotoronto.ca/tobuilt_new_detailed.php)
 - Identified sites for future heritage plaques
 - Investigated automation of a card index file in The Beach and East Toronto Historical Society Archives
- Prepared research and submitted nominations to the City's Heritage Preservation Services for several properties within our catchment area to be added to the Heritage Register. No action was forthcoming with one notable exception: The 19th century house at 292 Main Street will be incorporated into the redevelopment of the west side of Main Street, south of Danforth Avenue
- Provided historical information to Heritage Preservation Services about the Main and Gerrard intersection for the Main Street Planning Study, and identified buildings of cultural historic value
- Participated in Local Advisory Committee meetings to encourage preservation of historic aspects of the TTC barns at Coxwell and Danforth
- Supplied information to Heritage Toronto for refurbishing existing heritage plaques and adding new plaques
- Filed required reports with the Ontario Historical Society and the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations
- Maintained membership in the Ontario Historical Society, Heritage Toronto, and Toronto Historical Association

Public Programs

2018

- **April 10:** Edythe Gerrard; *The Elgin Winter Garden Theatre*
- **May 15:** Bernie Fletcher; *Film and Cinema in East Toronto*
- **June 19:** Barb Myrvold; *Newmarket Racetrack/the Gates Family*
- **June 23:** Gene Domagala Walk; *Old Norway Cemetery*
- **July 14:** Gene Domagala Walk; *Historic Kew Gardens Area*
- **August 11:** Gene Domagala Walk; *Historic Danforth Avenue*
- **September 15:** Gene Domagala Walk; *Kew Beach to Balmy Beach*
- **September 18:** Richard Gerrard; *New Archeology at Fort York*
- **October 23:** Jean Cochrane; *Beach Public Schools*
- **November 06:** David Fuller; *The First Armistice Day/End of WWI*
- **December 11:** Gene Domagala; *Mayors of Toronto, 1834-1978*

2019

- **January 15:** Joanne Doucette; *The Kingston Road Tramway*
- **February 19:** Jamie Bradburn; *Spanish Flu Epidemic in Toronto*
- **March 19:** Jim Sanderson; *Life in Balmy Beach*

In conclusion, we encourage you to invite friends, family and neighbours to become members. Our membership fees are our primary source of revenue.

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 TBETHS, to continue planning and development of programs to expand and share the 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 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,
Uwe Sehmrau, President

Treasurer's Report

(UN-AUDITED)

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 01, 2018 - March 31, 2019

Balance as of April 01, 2018		\$2,831.74
INCOME		
Memberships	\$1,420.00	
Heritage Toronto Award	1,000.00	
Donation	<u>30.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$2,450.00
EXPENDITURES		
Administration/Supplies	\$ 516.14	
Gifts/Honoraria	355.75	
Membership: OHS	60.00	
Membership: THA	30.00	
Bank Charges	<u>23.40</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 985.29
Balance as of March 31, 2019		\$4,296.45



Mary Campbell, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

At the end of the 2018 calendar year, the Society had 46 members, compared with 34 for 2017. We are on target to achieve a record number for 2019. I thank Clyde Robinson and Barb Myrvold for their assistance.



John Ellis, Membership Secretary



Public Presentation, Beaches Library, March 2019

Jim Sanderson; *Life in Balmy Beach*

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*The object is to foster interest in
and to preserve the natural, built
and documentary heritage of the
east end of Toronto*