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NOTTAWASAGA LIGHTHOUSE

Preservation Society

Restore, Preserve & Protect the Nottawasaga Island Lighthouse

NLPS Letter from the New Board

THE NLPS held its Annual General Meeting on June 26th. Thank you to all who attended. It was good to see so many members out and interested in our work to save our Light.

Our guest speaker for the evening was George "Sandy" Thomson. Sandy has been involved with the Beach Canal Lighthouse Group in Burlington www.bclg.ca for over 12 years. Their Light was built by John Brown in 1858. John Brown also built our Light and her five sister lighthouses in the mid-1850s. Recently the BCLG received notice that they will be granted ownership of their Lighthouse; very exciting news for a group that has been working toward this goal for 15 years.

We thank **Garry Pattenden** for providing the entertainment for the evening. He sang an original song written to celebrate our beloved Lighthouse. Enjoy Garry's music on You Tube.

During the evening, three of our valued volunteers were recognized for their many contributions.

Thanks to **ELEANOR BURKE** who has raised \$10,000.00 so far through her bottle and can collection at Lighthouse Point. Her work is good for the environment and good for the NLPS. We thank Collingwood Toyota who provided Eleanor with a certificate for her car to be detailed; perfect gift after transporting so many empties.

DOUG HACKBART was recognized for his many years of service to the NLPS. He has been our engineer since before incorporation; for his wit and wisdom we are truly grateful.

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As well, we said good bye to Board member **RICK CROUCH** who has served as Chairman for two terms and Past Chair for one. Thank you Rick for your time and efforts on behalf of the NLPS. We know you will continue to support our efforts.

AGM attendees learned that in May a structural engineer from Tatham Engineering was hired to peer review our restoration plans. The engineer and Doug Hackbart, our resident engineer, visited the light. We received a report that concurred with our plans. This was sent to the DFO from whom we received a positive response.

A local restoration company also visited the lighthouse to provide a second quote on for the interior clean-up.

We continue to be in discussions with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) regarding the transfer of ownership of our Lighthouse to the NLPS. We have in the past said that "we are close". We are confident that we ARE close now. The DFO has requested some more information which we will provide in the coming weeks. If all goes well, there will be a recommendation to transfer ownership. This requires two sign offs by a couple of folks further up the food chain in the DFO. We hope this can be completed this summer or fall.

A very special donation was announced. **Allan "Max" MacLean** had a 50 year association with Collingwood as a boater and skier. He retired here in 2000. When he passed, his family informed the NLPS that Max had left us \$50,000.00. Max's vision was to see the Nottawasaga Lighthouse fully restored. His generous gift is greatly appreciated.

The NLPS will be participating in the Farmers' Market every Saturday morning until Thanksgiving. As well, we will have a booth at SideLaunch Days in August. Visit us and say hello.

SAVE THE DATE: Our **Annual Hanna Ford Motor Sales Community BBQ in support of the Lighthouse** is **Sunday August 25th** at the home of Ray & Wyn Smith. More details to follow!!

And so for the coming term your Board Members are:

CHAIR - Stephen Emo

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Recognizing the value of our members to our organization and the importance of communication, we plan to send out a newsletter monthly. Look for the first one the end of July.

Enjoy your summer!
Thank you,
Stephen Emo, Chair



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