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NLPS Newsletter - October 2019

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Newsletter

NOTTAWASAGA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

" I can think of no other edifice constructed by man as altruistic as a lighthouse.

They were built only to serve."

George Bernard Shaw

MEET THE BOARD

Nancy Leno - Treasurer

"As a youngster growing up in Hamilton, my family spent most school holidays and weekends with our Grandparents, the Boadways, whose home at Sunset Point allowed us a view of the elevator and the Lighthouse. Swimming and fishing in the summer and skiing in the winter, I have always considered Collingwood my home. Fortunately for me, my last employer as a Health Practitioner, was in the Collingwood area and I moved home.



My brother, the late Jim Kilgour, spearheaded the banding of the Lighthouse in 2006. Now it's my turn to step up and help complete his dream. Being passionate about the future of the Lighthouse, I joined the fundraising committee in 2015 and was honoured to be elected to the Board in 2016. I have served as Treasurer ever since. My goal is a restored and vibrant Nottawasaga Island with the beam of the Lighthouse piercing the night sky, warning us to be vigilant around her shoals.

I work with a dedicated group of volunteers. I believe that together as a team we can accomplish...anything!"

Nancy is one of the hardest working NLPS volunteers putting in many long

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hours. She keeps an excellent set of books, attends meetings, shares ideas, works at all our events with a positive attitude and respect for others. We are so fortunate to have her on our team!

BOARD NEWS

The final Environmental Risk Assessment and Remediation report from Intrinsic was received and sent to the DFO (Department of Fisheries and Oceans). A meeting with a local remediation company has been arranged for this week to discuss a plan to move forward on this phase of the restoration project. Our contact with the DFO has been notified of our ongoing dialogue with the Chippewa of Nawash.

The NLPS has received several generous donations from our 'Guardian Angel'. The donations are all made anonymously through Canada Helps. These donations always remind us how important our Lighthouse is to many people. We are grateful for the recent contribution.

A delegation from Collingwood led by Mayor Brian Saunderson is heading to Japan early next month. They are taking with them, several of our beautiful Andrew Peycha prints to present to their hosts. We are thrilled that our Lighthouse is seen as such an important historical landmark. **[BUY PRINT!!](#)**



Several Board members traveled out to the island for a walk around. We climbed to the top of the Lighthouse to enjoy the view from the lantern room.

FUN FACTS

The Nottawasaga Lighthouse measures 98' from the base to the tip of the Lantern Room. It measures 85' from the base to the centre of the lantern focal point. One must climb 109



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steps to reach the lantern room. The 101-year-old stairs are in remarkably good shape.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Summer is over but it was a busy one for the NLPS. We had a booth every Saturday morning at the Farmers' Market, participated in Side Launch Days and hosted an extremely successful Community Barbecue. Thanks to all our volunteers who signed up, showed up and worked hard....

Debbie Redman, Derek Crespy, Eleanor Burke, Henry Haiduk, Pat Anstett, Jan Wrigley, Carolyn Irwin, Lucas Kokot, Steve Hird, Robert Square, Gary Norman, Kim Flanagan, Sue Beatson, Brian Rose, Tina Norman, Roma Assaf, Nancy Leno, Doug Smith, Stephen Emo. [NLPS VOLUNTEERS ROCK!!!](#)

NLPS THANKS

Adam and Fran Webster are performing at the Simcoe Theatre on **November 14**. Proceeds from the concert benefit the NLPS. [BUY TICKETS HERE!](#)

We are very grateful to **Royal LePage Trinity Realty** for sponsoring this event. It will be a fun evening!

We thank Doug Hackbart, Erle Heintzman and Howie Outerbridge for completing the repairs of the wrap, ensuring our Lighthouse is safe for the winter.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Is the NLPS concerned about the many species of birds that nest on the island?

ANSWER - By Robert Square

Our Business Plan has addressed the issue of the birds on the island.

"The Board of the NLPS recognizes and respects the long established nesting habits of the many species of birds on the Nottawasaga Island and continue to consider any and all implications as we move forward with the restoration of the lighthouse in this environmentally sensitive area."

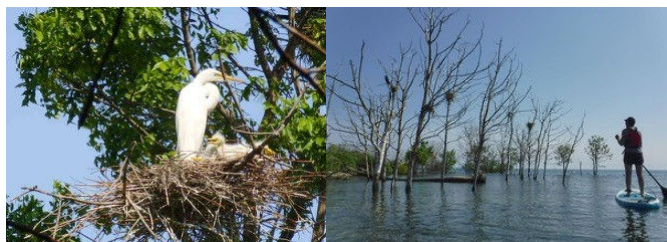
While Nottawasaga Island is not designated as a migratory bird sanctuary, it is

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highly regarded as an important site for nesting colonial water birds, resulting in the DFO requiring us to have a plan that minimalizes the impact our work has on the birds.

Chair Stephen Emo and Robert had a very informative meeting with Chip Weseloh, one of Canada's premier ornithologists who worked for the Canadian Wildlife Services. He is a colonial water bird specialist and knows a great deal about Nottawasaga Island. We found it interesting that on the island there are:

- 2000 Herring Gulls
- 5000 Ringbill Gulls
- 860 Cormorant nests
- 100 Egret nests
- 100 Black-crowned Night Herons
- 20 Great Blue Heron nests



That's a lot of birds.

We centred our discussion around the lighthouse restoration, how it may impact the birds and how we can co-exist. Our footprint on the island will be around the lighthouse on the west side and an access corridor from the proposed dock site to the light. Chip suggested that we run that pathway from the dock left along the south shore then up to the lighthouse. This suggested route should have little impact to the birds. If we go up the centre of the island we impact egret nests. This we do not want to do. Interesting, this is the same route suggested by the Chippewas last week. This suggested area should have no lasting impact on the Egrets & Herons. We assured Chip that there will be no construction on the island beyond restoration of the tower, house and the dock.

The Egrets and Herons are the species of concern. Staying around the lighthouse should be okay as they nest in the middle and to the east side out of the prevailing wind. The west side is populated mainly with Gulls and Cormorants. The Ring Bill Gulls are opportunistic, lazy birds which don't build nests. Most gulls, if they do not like what's happening readily relocate. They are protected as a migratory species by the federal government. Cormorants are under the jurisdiction of the province and they are disliked by the MNR (Ministry of Natural Resources) as they deplete the fish stocks and destroy the vegetation. Chip would like to go out to the island in late October or early November to point out any areas of concern. Another step forward.

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November 14 - Adam and Fran Webster In Concert for the NLPS

7:00PM - Doors Open 8:00PM - Concert begins

Tickets \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door / Available at Mad Dog's Vinyl Cafe, Board members & on our website [GET](#)

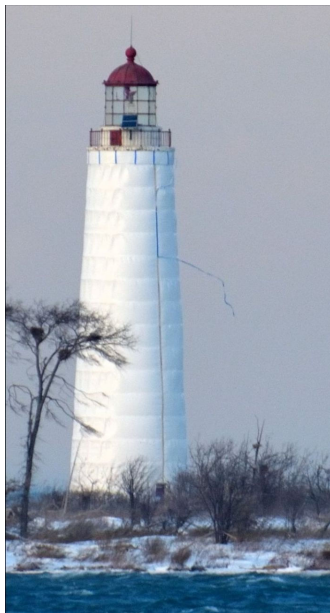
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November 16 - Santa Claus Parade

December 3 - Giving Tuesday [DONATE HERE](#)

December 25 - Merry Christmas

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Adam & Fran Webster

IN CONCERT for

The Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society

Sponsored by



Thursday November 14th, 2019

Doors Open @ 7pm - Concert @ 8pm
Simcoe St. Theatre

** Advanced Tickets \$25.00 ea ** At the Door \$30.00
Available at Mad Dog's Vinyl Café or at nlps.info

The Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society thanks you for your support

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