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NLPS Newsletter - September 2019

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# Newsletter

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NOTTAWASAGA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR - NLPS** is happy to announce  
**Fran Webster** and his **son, Adam**  
 are putting on a concert for us at the Simcoe Street Theatre - Limited Seating  
 Save the date - **NOVEMBER 14, 2019**

## MEET THE BOARD

**Pat Anstett – Secretary** "My family & I have lived in Collingwood for 20 years and enjoy a view of the Nottawasaga Lighthouse from our home. A successful business owner with strong organization, communication and computer skills, I am passionate about saving this piece of Collingwood history. I became involved with the NLPS in April 2015 and have been the board Secretary since that time. It is a pleasure to work with this positive, dedicated team! We can make this restoration a reality!"



Pat is the right person for this job. She records all Board minutes, keeps our website & membership list up to date, and is the person who answers all phone calls & emails from the NLPS site. She is always open to new ideas and respects the opinions of others. It is a pleasure to work with this positive, dedicated team member!!

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## BOARD NEWS

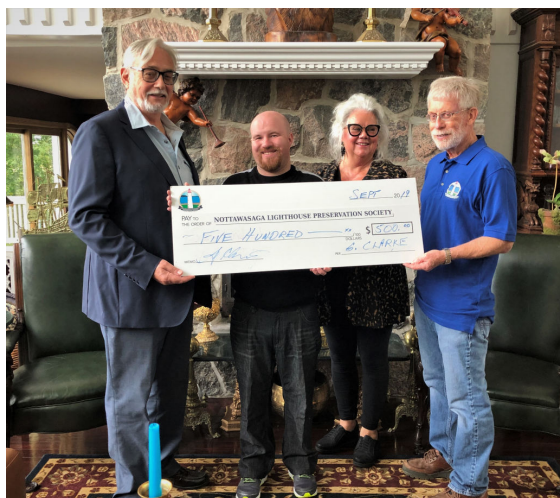
The NLPS was honoured to host a delegation of Chippewa for two days this month. The group of five spent a great deal of time on the island with Robert Square. They identified many of the species of fish in the waters and collected earth & soil samples in order to analyze them. They unsuccessfully searched for artifacts but requested that we inform them, if we come across any in the course of our work in the future. We hope to hear back from them shortly.

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The needed repairs on the wrap are being done in advance of winter weather. The gentleman who initially helped to install the wrap, has returned to complete the work. Hopefully this will be the last time repairs will be needed. The Board unanimously approved a great idea for a new fundraising event. Member, Karen Magerman presented her idea, 'Georgian Bay Harvest' to both the fundraising committee and to the Board. We are all excited about this new endeavour planned to take place September 2020. Details to follow as plans proceed.

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## NLPS THANKS



Our sincere thanks to the **Gordon Clarke** family who recently purchased a Block, part of our 'Buy a Block' Program. It's gifts like this that go a long way to getting the job done. We appreciate the Clarke's support. If you are interested in purchasing a Block, more information can be found [HERE](#) or speak with any Board member.

The Partners at Baker Tilly Collingwood, as part of their continued support, presented the NLPS with a generous much appreciated donation.



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The NLPS is grateful to volunteers like **DEBBIE REDMAN** who sign up, show up and work hard. Born in Halifax, she came here as an infant and never left. Her 99 year old Mom, 2 sons and grandkids all live in the area. Retired now, Debbie worked at Saunders Book Co. and was a tap dancing instructor for many years. She loves puzzles, mystery



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novels and being outdoors. Debbie became involved with the NLPS three years ago because she is concerned about Collingwood icons such as the

Lighthouse and the Terminals being preserved. Attending fundraising meetings, slicing tomatoes, collecting Aviva votes, gathering empties from a restaurant basement, working at the Markets...we can always count on Debbie.

***Many thanks.***

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### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Does the NLPS have a Business Plan? Why or why not?

**ANSWER- Gary Norman, Director**

Submission of a very detailed Business Plan outlining the goals of the NLPS and a definitive plan of how to get there was a requirement of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Writing the plan took many hours and a lot of hard work. This is a living document which is updated and changed as circumstances change. Today's plan varies greatly from one written three or four years ago.

Our plan discusses the history of our Light and the important role it played in Collingwood's history.

The DFO asked about community awareness, community support, community involvement and support from various levels of government. We discuss our media exposure, our many successful community events, donations from individuals and local businesses, our busy volunteers, as well as our growing membership list. We have included letters of support from both government leaders and important donors who have pledged continued financial support.

A detailed financial plan indicating how we intend to raise substantial funds for restoration once ownership is a reality, is included. When we have ownership of our beloved Light, our business plan will be an important part of our presentation to potential donors, as well as our applications for grants from government and foundations.

We outline what the NLPS has achieved so far and our plans moving ahead which include obtaining ownership, steps for restoration, ways to financially sustain our Light over the years as an important tourist destination.

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**Respect** is an important word in our plan...respect for each other, respect for our volunteers and their contributions, respect for our donors regardless of the size of the gift, respect for the rare and protected birds on the island, respect for the environment, respect for the original design and materials of the structure, respect for the history of our Light. We will adopt the 'Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.'

### **EVENTS**

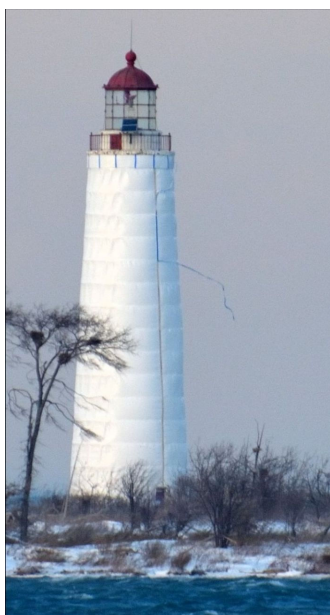
Saturday Mornings... stop for a chat at our booth at the Farmers' Market October 12....Final MARKET ....draws will be made for the winners of our summer raffle. Tickets are available at the Market or from any Board member. Good Luck!

November 11....Remembrance Day

November 14....**THE WEBSTERS IN CONCERT**....more details to come

November 16...5 PM start..Collingwood Santa Claus Parade, "The Lights of Christmas"

Please visit our website at [www.nlps.info](http://www.nlps.info) We're also on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Stephen Emo - **Chairman**

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Pat Anstett - **Secretary**

Nancy Leno - **Treasurer**

Gary Norman - **Community Liaison**

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