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NOTTAWASAGA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

## ***Seasons Greetings*** ***to all our members of the Nottawasaga*** ***Lighthouse Preservation Society!***

As we close out 2019, the Board of Directors of the NLPS wishes each and every one of you all the best for a healthy and prosperous 2020!

It was my thought that we would own the lighthouse this year. Unfortunately, we don't but we are getting there, albeit slowly. As recently as last week, myself and Director Lucas Kokot were speaking with our contact at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the transfer of ownership.



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There are a few issues holding things up but be assured our board continues to work diligently on. We are truly hopeful that 2020 will bring ownership of the Nottawasaga Lighthouse to the society.

As I look back on 2019, I can report that we had sign-off on our plans to restore the lighthouse by a structural engineer from Tatham Engineering. We continued discussions with various companies: scaffolding suppliers, restoration companies, barging companies, stone suppliers and others. In September, representatives from the Chippewas of Nawash visited the island to conduct an assessment of the fish and wildlife in the area of Nottawasaga Island. In October, a crew of dedicated people repaired the wrap that was installed over three years ago. Those repairs cost the NLPS approximately \$15,000. We are confident the repairs will extend the life of the wrap by another 2-3 years.

The NLPS held our most well attended summer BBQ to date in August. We raised over \$9,000 on a beautiful day at the home of our gracious hosts Ray and Wyn Smith. Those who attended enjoyed the afternoon while viewing the lighthouse right off the shore. In November, we were pleased to have Fran and Adam Webster perform at a fundraising concert at no charge to the NLPS. These events, along with our presence at the Collingwood Farmer's Market, help us to continue to raise funds for the restoration. We are very pleased to inform you that we have \$300,000 in the bank along with \$100,000 in pledges.

Our board remains confident that when ownership comes, we will be able to raise the \$2 million + required to restore our lighthouse.

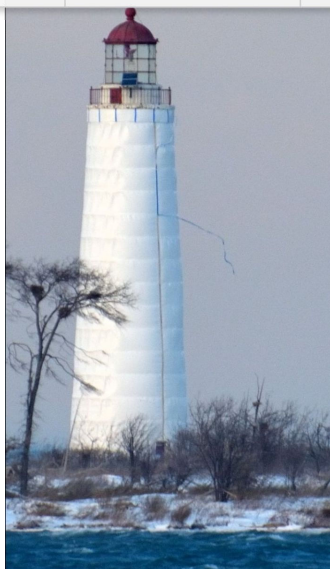
A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all our volunteers and members for your continued support and patience. Please continue to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Continue to read our Newsletters and encourage new members since membership is free. Visit our website at [www.nlps.info](http://www.nlps.info) and by all means send your questions to myself or any other board member.

***Save the Light and Happy Holidays!***

***Stephen***

Stephen Emo, Chairman

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