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**Tim Harrison**, editor of the Lighthouse Digest wrote of the Nottawasaga Lighthouse...

"It would be a shame to have it be lost. It's one of the six Imperial Towers and just on that basis alone it should be saved. Some of the most historic buildings across North America are lighthouses and as they helped lead ships to shore, they not only saved lives but also increased commerce. If you don't save this historic monument, some day, all you are going to have is a plaque."

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# **BOARD NEWS**



The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario has saved hundreds of buildings across Ontario. As part of Heritage Week, ACO Collingwood made a presentation to Council outlining their work in Collingwood. Several of their members headed to Queen's Park to speak to MPPs about important

heritage issues. The status of the Victoria School Annex, the Terminals and the Nottawasaga Lighthouse on the ACO list of Ontario buildings, in need of protection, was updated. We thank **Margaret Mooy** and **ACO Collingwood** for their continued support.

The NLPS is happy to report that we are the recipients of a Collingwood Community Recreation and Culture Grant. Thanks to our Treasurer, Nancy Leno for all her hard work completing the application. Thanks also to **Ray and Wyn Smith**, **Hanna Motors** and **Ruth at Chef Patrick's Gourmet Foods** for their supporting letters.

### **BOARD SUPPORTERS**

There are several people whose skills, talent, and advice the NLPS relies upon.

Please meet one of our Board supporters. **Nick Brindisi** has a passion for running. That passion has taken him up and down mountains, through forests, and all around the world, making friends wherever he goes. He also has a passion for helping others and has received the Order of Collingwood for his work on behalf of Special Olympics, My Friend's House and the Hospital. For almost eight years, Nick has been an



important part of our team. He was on the steering committee, served as a Director on our first Board and has always been our Tech Guy. Nick, owner of NAKD Design and Inzane Planet Inc., has kindly donated his services to the NLPS. He hosts, designs, redesigns, updates and provides ongoing support for our website. He also set up our Facebook page and email accounts for all Board members. When Secretary, Pat Anstett has a tech problem who's she going to call? Nick! We thank Nick for all his hours of behind-the-scene support he provides. We appreciate all you do. Thank you Nick!!

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## **FUN FACT**



With the world's longest coastline and a very large number of lakes, Canada is home to more than 750 lighthouses. They can be found in all provinces except Alberta and Saskatchewan. The Government has

identified some of these scenic landmarks as surplus and has transferred close to 100 lighthouses to individuals, community groups and municipalities. The new owners will conserve these important heritage sites for the benefit of all Canadians.

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#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**QUESTION** - Does the NLPS have a set of bylaws?

**ANSWER** - written by Lucas Kokot

Before the NLPS could be incorporated and before we received charitable

CRA. That was done and we were incorporated and received our number in 2015.

A corporation is its own entity, much like a person, and corporate by-laws provide the foundation by which its Members, Directors, and other stakeholders can be held accountable to the corporation. At their core, by-laws are a set of governing rules which establish how the corporation is managed, they provide the internal structure through which the corporation's decisions are made. For example, by-laws provide requirements that certain decisions must be made unanimously by all Directors or that certain decisions must be brought before the Members for a vote. Moreover, by-laws capture the spirit of the organization and help to ensure that both Members and Directors are working in the best interest of the Corporation. Although on their surface they are simply a set of rules, by-laws ensure that a Corporation continues to move towards its goals, and does so in a way that ultimately holds all those involved accountable.

Currently we are reviewing our bylaws and contemplating several changes. Any changes to our bylaws need to be passed by the Board of Directors and then circulated to and passed by the membership. Changes must then be sent on to the CRA for their approval.

Think about this....If my inlaws break a bylaw, does it make them outlaws?

#### **COMMUNITY THANKS**

**Nick Hodson** was an outstanding artist whose beautiful paintings grace the walls of many Collingwood homes. His book, "A Collingwood Collection: Drawings by Nick Hodson", is enjoyed by many in homes and offices. Although Nick is no longer with us his work lives on. The NLPS has been contacted by Nick's son **Gary Hodson**, who has generously offered the use of one of his Dad's unpublished drawings of our Light to raise some funds for the NLPS. Details are still being worked out.

**Brenda Stockman** is a very talented lady whose beautiful necklaces, earrings, and keychains have been popular items at our booths for several years. One lady purchased a necklace for herself and then returned because her Mom and two daughters all wanted one. We thank you Brenda for your generosity. We

## **EVENTS**

March 23 - **Presentation** by Robert Square at the Wasaga Beach Library

May 2 - **Yard Sale** at Hunter Hall, United Church, Collingwood

Donation of gently used items gratefully accepted Friday, May 1 from
1 to 8 PM

May 9 - Chamber of Commerce Spring Market, Collingwood Arena

May 24 - **Presentation** by Robert Square at the L. E. Shore Library, Thornbury

August 8 & 9 - Sidelaunch Days

August 9 - Paddlethon 2020

August 23 - Community Barbecue



#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Stephen Emo - Chairman

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Nancy Leno - Treasurer

Gary Norman - Community Liaison

Lucas Kokot - Director

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