



Newsletter

NOTTAWASAGA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Seasons Greetings



*To all our valued members, donors & volunteers, we wish you a happy
& healthy holiday season!*

BOARD NEWS

We continue to have a very good relationship and are currently in talks with the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) in order to facilitate transfer of ownership of the lighthouse from the federal government. Robert Square, Stephen Emo & Doug Hackbart met with the Chippewas of Nawash at Cobble Beach Golf Course at the end of October where they looked at their docking facilities. They discussed alternative docking solutions on Nottawasaga Island that will allow safe access, have minimal impact on the environment and enhance the fish habitat.

THANK YOU GARY NORMAN!

The NLPS is losing a valued Board Member. **Gary Norman** has been a very stalwart advocate for our Nottawasaga Lighthouse since the beginning of our



community is well known. Gary has received the Order of Collingwood and the Companion to the Order. Gary was one of the first to join the NLPS. His experience and community connections have allowed us to promote the Lighthouse through many fundraising events. Gary had a hand in the raffles, silent auctions,

Farmer's Market, dinner dances, BBQs, concerts, ski days, tattoo day and many more. One of his unique fundraising adventures with Doug Burlock involved photos of horses with their owners. Even Gary got on board, a white horse, that is. Gary has made volunteering a big part of his life, and Collingwood has benefitted from his generosity and approach to involvement in town. At this time Gary plans to step back from his Board position. The Volunteers and the Board will miss his experience, insight and dedication. We wish Gary the best in his future plans and hope he will continue with his support of the Nottawasaga Lighthouse.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

We welcome Jason Gillham as the latest addition to our board and the NLPS is grateful he has stepped up to help our cause. Jason was born in Collingwood and grew up in Duntroon with his parents, who taught at local highschoools and are still living there. An avid ski racer through high school, Jason competed at elite levels. However, his passion was always technology and the water. After completing a Bachelors and Masters in Engineering from the University of Waterloo, he founded and led an underwater technology company that manufactured high end underwater laser scanners and cameras. Through his

business he became exposed to marine archeology and maritime heritage preservation working with marine archeologists around the world with his equipment being used by NOAA archaeologists to scan a WW2 U-boat, to domestic use with Parks Canada using the equipment in the arctic. Jason is looking forward to being involved in the project to preserve the lighthouse.

"Whether I'm cycling down the 10th line or skiing on the escarpment, seeing the



and I have subsequently exited the business. I hope that some of the knowledge and connections gained through my former business will help to move this project forward". To contact Jason, please email him at jason@nlps.info. If you are interested in getting more involved in this project contact lightkeeper@nlps.info and help us ensure that this part of Collingwood's maritime heritage is maintained.

ELEANOR BURKE RECEIVES THE ORDER OF COLLINGWOOD



Eleanor became involved with the NLPS in 2014 assisting with a reception and dance, Whiskeylicious, our booth at the Collingwood Farmers Market on most Saturdays over the last five summer seasons, she has painted Muskoka chairs as part of the Downtown BIA's art competitions & has even written plays about the Nottawasaga Lighthouse as part for the annual Collingwood Gaslight Tour.

The NLPS was very fortunate to receive over \$17,000 over the last three years from Eleanor's efforts to collect and return empty beer, wine and liquor bottles at Lighthouse Point where she lives on her own, Eleanor assembled several large barrels and placed them around Lighthouse Point. Almost every day she would sort and pack the empties and return them to the local Beer Store. She has been an extremely reliable and valuable volunteer for the NLPS.

You can still take your empties into the Beer Store and ask the staff to put the money into the Lighthouse jar. We will receive your donation. The jar gets emptied weekly by one of our volunteers. Thank you in advance.



GIVING TUESDAY WAS DEC. 1st

It is definitely a challenge for charities during these trying times due to Covid-19 but we raised **\$21,525.00. Thank you for your continued support!!**

If you would like to make a **DONATION** to support the work of the NLPS, you

can do so securely here:

DONATE

THANK YOU TO OUR "BUY A BLOCK" DONORS

It has been 5 years since we started the "Buy a Block" campaign and we wish to thank all those who committed to installments over those 5 years. We truly

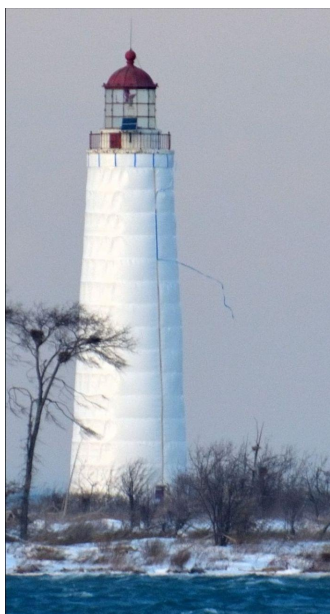
CHRISTMAS GIFTS IN SUPPORT OF NLPS



Give gifts this holiday and help to restore the lighthouse.

We have great merchandise available on our website for purchase to support our cause.

See our [Apparel](#) & our [Merchandise](#)



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