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# Newsletter

NOTTAWASAGA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY



## *Seasons Greetings*

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

### **BOARD NEWS**

Robert Square, Howie Outerbridge, Doug Hackbart and Stephen Emo visited the island this fall to check on the wrap, which is intact. On another trip our new board member, Andrew Karsgaard went along with 2 journalists; one from Niagara Escarpment magazine, whose article will be out next year and the other from the Collingwood Connection, whose article has already been published.

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### **NEW BOARD MEMBER**

We welcome Andrew Karsgaard as the latest addition to our board. The NLPS is thrilled to have him on our team. Andrew lives in Creemore and is interested in lighthouses. "I have not had much direct involvement in this project so far,

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by education and works from home in Project Management/Planning. He has done committee work for Charitable firms and believes our maritime heritage is worth preserving. He has sailed Georgian Bay and looks for the lights!

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**DFO UPDATE**

Talks continue with the Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO) on the transfer of the lighthouse and designation as a Heritage Lighthouse under the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act. It is a slow process. Earlier this year DFO hired Stantec Inc. of Ottawa to do a supplementary condition assessment of the tower. When the report is completed, we are to have a meeting with DFO via Zoom to discuss the next steps. We hope it is before Christmas.

A cousin" of the Nottawasaga lighthouse, the 16.7 meter (55 feet) tall Burlington Canal Main Lighthouse was recently designated. This lighthouse is of similar design and built by the same contractor, John Brown, as the Nottawasaga light. This group has been at it for over 12 years!

Earlier this year, the NLPS entered into talks with the Chippewas of Nawash regarding the transfer of the lighthouse. Under a spirit of mutual respect we came to an agreement that allows for the restoration of the lighthouse while ensuring the environment will be protected. Under this agreement the NLPS is working with the Chippewas of Nawash on a design for a dock that will allow safe access to the island while not damaging the existing fish habitat.

The NLPS has provided DFO with everything they have asked for. Despite the "road blocks", we are ever optimistic for the transfer of ownership.

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**GIVING TUESDAY WAS NOV. 30th!**

It is definitely a challenge for charities during these trying times due to Covid-19 but we raised **\$21,728.00. Thank you so much for your continued support!!**

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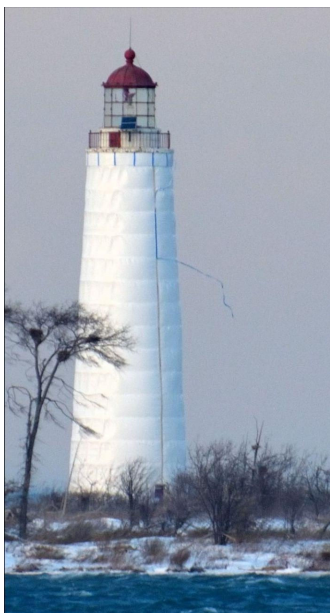
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