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NLPS Newsletter - October 2022

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Newsletter

NOTTAWASAGA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

“Friends are like lighthouses, with the sources of light coming from their hearts.” – Tom Baker

BOARD NEWS UPDATE

The NLPS continues to have a good relationship with the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) regarding the future land use on the island. Recently, representatives of the SON, DFO, Public Works Canada, Stantec Consulting and Claw Environmental were on the island to conduct soil sampling. The next step in the transfer process is the clean-up of this contaminated soil around the base of the lighthouse. This must be completed by Public Works Canada under the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan (FCSAP). We are hopeful this will be completed in 2023.

We want our members and the community to know that we remain committed to the Nottawasaga Lighthouse.

We have been busy with emails and Zoom meetings with representatives from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans over the past year. NLPS was granted a work permit in early September and a local restoration company, PuroClean, was hired for the interior clean up of the lighthouse. The interior stone, wooden stairs and handrails have been soda-blasted to remove all the lead paint. A final clean-up with a HEPA vacuum will be completed next week. An Environmental Engineer took samples and the results will be submitted to the DFO. You may have noticed the tug and barge in the Collingwood Harbour from Groves Marine. They came across Georgian Bay from Nobel, Ontario (near Parry Sound) to assist with barging equipment to and from Nottawasaga Island.

If you have any questions or would like to further discuss the current situation of the lighthouse, please reach out to any board member.

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Linda Perry, NLPS Treasurer is our newest board member. We are excited to have Linda as part of our team of volunteers.

"I currently work as an in-house bookkeeping administrator for Collingwood Dentistry. Prior to that, I was an in-house bookkeeper with Baker Tilly SGB LLP. I have worked in various roles over the years, however, all roles have been financed and or administrative based. I have been a small business owner in the past

and have worked with my husband, Steve, when he had his own business. I am married and between my husband and I we have 4 children and 2 grandchildren. We moved to Collingwood in 2012, however, I have been coming to Collingwood my entire life as my father, George Christie, was born and raised here and we have always had family here.

My reason for helping NLPS was because, when I was at Baker Tilly, Sue Bragg asked if anyone in our office would be willing to help NLPS with bookkeeping and I volunteered. Prior to that I was not even aware there was such an organization! Volunteer work is something I wanted to do so I was pleased to step up when asked and have learned a lot about NLPS since I started."

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The NLPS greatly appreciates all the community support we receive.

Thank you Dorothy and Andrew at **Andrew's Copy & Print** for the complimentary printing, labels and envelopes!



Thank you to Dean Collver, **Town of Collingwood Director Parks, Recreation and Culture** for allowing the Groves Marine tugboat and barge to use the town dock.

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Thank you to **Howie Outerbridge** for his time and use of his boat on trips to the island.

Thank you to the **Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON)** for their support and encouragement for our clean up project.

Thank you to the **DFO Sarnia Office** for their ongoing dialogue and recognizing the importance of our efforts by responding to our inquiries promptly. They recently conducted soil sampling around the base of the lighthouse and we did not expect this to happen until 2023. We will be meeting with them in early November to discuss the next steps. With their cooperation, the restoration of the Lighthouse will happen!

FUN FACTS

The first lighthouse in Canada was built in Louisbourg on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, in 1734. Over the years, the structure was damaged in battle, destroyed by fire and rebuilt several times. The lighthouse known today was built in 1923.

Canada's oldest surviving lighthouse was built in 1758 on Sambro Island, at the entrance to Halifax Harbour.

SAVE THE DATE

We will be participating in Giving Tuesday Nov. 29th.



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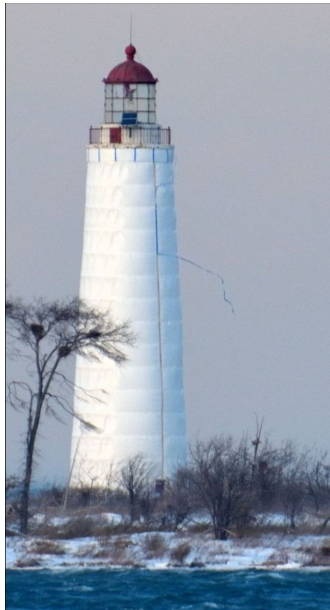
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