NLPS Newsletter March 2025



OUR LIGHTHOUSE LIGHTS UP!! One hour after sunset every day for 30 minutes!



Thank you to John Kirby for sharing this photo: "Bringing back a lot of memories from years gone by, our most beloved Nottawasaga Lighthouse"

And to Bill Rourke for sharing his photo. "Nice to see the light on!"



LAST FALL REPAIRS TO THE WRAP

The wrap repair was very successful & timely, It is in good condition and now in its 8th year.

Photo courtesy Rick Crouch



BOARD UPDATE

Dear Lighthouse Stakeholders,

As Chair of the Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society (NLPS), I am writing to share an update on our efforts to protect and restore the historic Nottawasaga Island Lighthouse.

The NLPS is a dedicated volunteer group consisting of a board of directors and numerous volunteers, all united by a shared commitment to preserving this iconic landmark. Our mission is clear:

"To protect the important architectural and cultural significance which makes the Nottawasaga Island Lighthouse a significant part of Canada's Great Lakes marine heritage for the benefit of all Canadians."

With this mission in mind, we have developed a comprehensive work plan to repair the lighthouse. However, executing this plan requires navigating a number of regulatory hurdles. The key stakeholders in this regulatory process include the Federal Government, the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, and the seasonal nesting birds that call the island home. While we work through these necessary bureaucratic steps, we are actively taking measures to stabilize and protect the lighthouse to prevent further deterioration. To that end, we have allocated funds, and execute on repairs to maintain the protective wrap currently shielding the stonework from water damage. Additionally, we installed an updated solar-powered light that can be controlled remotely from shore. Throughout the winter season, this light has been turning on for 30 minutes starting an hour after sunset—allowing us to celebrate the enduring presence of the lighthouse even as restoration efforts continue.

We deeply appreciate the interest and support of those who care about the Nottawasaga Lighthouse. If you would like to learn more about our work, we encourage you to visit our website nlps.info, get involved as a volunteer, and consider becoming a member. Membership is free and with it you will be provided regular updates and an invitation to our upcoming annual general meeting, where you can engage with our preservation efforts firsthand.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us protect and restore this vital piece of local and Canadian maritime heritage.

Sincerely,

Stephen Emo

Chair, Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society

SAVE THE DATE

Our upcoming AGM will be on Wednesday May 14th, 2025. All are welcome.

NLPS Apparel & NLPS Merchandise

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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