

ENJOYING THE NORTH END'S PIERS



SUBMITTED BY LINDA BENSON

I had some fantastic walks along Piers 8 and 4 during the frigid days of winter. I was not the only one though as you can see from these photos. As I was complaining to

myself about the low temps and freezing conditions, I met Don, from Greenville. He started telling me the story of ice boating. Don belongs to a “club”, who meet frequently, depending on weather conditions, and they mostly come to

Pier 4. This is not an official club, but rather a group of people who have a passion for this sport. Don was with his brother and a couple of other men when I met them.

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THE BREEZES IS TURNING 50!

The planning has started....

On June 18, 2022 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, we will host an event to celebrate our upcoming 50th Anniversary, our volunteers over the years that kept our Breezes blowing and each of our faithful readers and supporters!

We've confirmed our location at Macassa Bay which gives us access to the main floor room and the adjoining yard, so it is totally accessible. ADMISSION IS FREE and we will offer tickets for the BBQ at \$10 each. We'll confirm the menu prior to the sale of tickets but there will be vegetarian options.

We have secured a few really great items for the Silent Auction and are looking for draw prizes so shoot us your connections or donations. 50/50 tickets will be available beginning soon at \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.

Our little team will need your help and your support to sell tickets, gather prizes and raffle items and help on the day of the event.

If you have any ideas, let us know. If you know of where we can get support, let us know. If you can contribute a gift or a prize, let us know. If you'd like to join the organizing team, let us know!

Email office@northendbreezes.com to help us prepare.

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HELLO FROM YOUR HAMILTON CRIME STOPPERS

We're hoping you may be able to provide some tips and information in regards to a robbery. On Tuesday January 25th 2022 at 1:17 a.m. Police were dispatched to the Esso located at 1334 Main Street East, Hamilton, for a robbery that had just occurred. During the Robbery a knife was brandished while money was demanded from the victim, a male lone attendant. Video footage shows the lone male suspect arriving at the Main Street East Esso and enter the store. The suspect approaches the counter as he removes a silver knife with his right hand and swipes it at the male attendant, nearly cutting his face. The suspect demands "all of the money, all of the bills" and the victim turned over approximately \$200.00 in cash. Camera footage shows the Suspect walking away Eastbound on Main St. E.

Suspect description:

- Male white, unknown age, larger build
- Black hat, black jacket, dark pants, dark boots covered in snow
- White face mask, no distinguishing marks were observed by the victim
- No gloves
- The weapon used – a silver knife with a brown handle

Remember HAMILTON, your VOICE fights crime. So, take part in having this criminal answer to their actions, call Crime Stoppers with your tips at 1800 222 TIPS or submit a tip via the web and TOGETHER let's continue making our community STRONGER and SAFER!



HOPA P O R T S

PORT UPDATE



A CLEANER HAMILTON HARBOUR: ALL CONTAMINATED SEDIMENT REMOVED OR CAPPED AT RANDLE REEF

Randle Reef partners highlight the completion of stage 2 of the Contaminated Sediment Remediation project, removing over a century of contamination from Hamilton Harbour.

The Great Lakes are essential to the health and well-being of Canadians, ecosystems, and the economy.

On March 9, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, along with the Minister of Public Services and Procurement, the Honourable Filomena Tassi, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable David Piccini, the Mayor of Hamilton, his worship Fred Eisenberger, and the Mayor of Burlington, her worship Marianne Meed Ward, announced the successful completion of stage 2 of the Randle Reef Remediation Project. This is a significant step to remove toxic substances and restore water quality and ecosystem health in the Hamilton Harbour Area of Concern.

During Stage 2, over 615,000 cubic metres of contaminated sediment was managed, enough to fill a hockey rink nearly three times over. The sediment was primarily dredged and placed into an Engineered Containment Facility (ECF) constructed during the first stage, while remaining contaminated sediment was capped in-place. As part of the third and final stage of the project, scheduled to begin in fall 2022 and complete by 2024, a multi-layered environmental top will be placed on the ECF as a final step to isolate contaminants. Once complete, the area will provide valuable new port land that will be managed by the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority, contributing to economic growth for the community.

The Randle Reef Remediation Project is a joint initiative involving the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, the City of Hamilton, Halton Region, the City of Burlington, Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority and Stelco. The \$138.9-million clean-up is funded through a public-private approach, with the federal government and the Province of Ontario each contributing a third of the funding and the remaining third collectively funded by local partners. The multi-year remediation plan, led by Environment and Climate Change Canada, focuses on removing and containing toxic sediment in the Reef area of the harbour, a legacy of the intense industrial and urban development around its shores dating back to the 1800s.

To learn more about the Randle Reef Remediation Project visit www.RandleReef.ca

NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK APRIL 17 TO 27, 2002

National Volunteer Week is quickly gaining recognition as an essential civic and community event that is celebrated by all sectors of society.



We would like to thank our volunteers for devoting their time, effort and good nature to a community program that couldn't survive with out them!

...FROM THE BREEZES ARCHIVES

In April 2002, the Breezes celebrated volunteers week! Twenty years later, The North End Breezes continues to be grateful for any and all volunteer support!

National Volunteer Week this year runs from April 24-30, and the Breezes would like to once again thank all the hardworking volunteers and contributors that help bring the Breezes to your doorstep!

WHY NENA SUPPORTS THE TALL BUILDING ON PIER 8

SUBMITTED BY THE NORTH END NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

Residents have expressed concerns about traffic and parking for the building described either as an eyesore or a beautiful building. There is enthusiasm from some neighbours and concerns from others. The proposed 45-storey building on Pier 8 has also attracted both enthusiasm and concern from the broader community.

Last year, the Planning and Traffic Committee of NENA undertook a thorough review of the tall building proposal, along with public meetings that were open to everyone and widely advertised. After consultation the Committee unanimously recommended the 45-storey building be approved, with a number of conditions and reservations about details. After the committee meeting recommendations were reviewed at the NENA general meeting and after discussion both the recommendations and reservations were unanimously approved.

NENA initially supported an 8-storey height limit on Pier 8 and opposed buildings over 6 stories along James Street North. Further leading some to question why NENA would support one 45-storey building.

The simple answer is the 45-storey building won't cause an increase in traffic or in the overall number of units on Pier 8. The increased height of this single building will reduce the density of the rest of Pier 8, taking pressure off streets, increasing family units and connecting the new development to the Discovery Centre and waterfront. With development under the most rigorous design standard and scrutiny of any other building.

As with any topic there is also a more in detailed understanding and history. Our neighbourhood's primary planning document is an Official Plan called Setting Sail. This was created through a partnership between the City and a group of neighbourhood residents that started working together in 2003. With Setting Sail being approved by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) in 2012, with 750 to 1000 family units originally understood to be on Pier 8. A key reason the neighbourhood supported building on Pier 8 was the opportunity to increase family housing in the neighbourhood. Our neighbourhood is child and family friendly; more fami-

lies strengthen connections between all buildings and increase the use of schools, recreation centres, shops and churches. We welcome the input of new residents on Pier 8 and the input they have about what happens in our new distinct neighbourhood.

After the OMB approved Setting Sail, the City unilaterally increased the number of units to 1600, without discussion or consultation. Residents of the North End appealed that decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal understanding that change meant more traffic and far fewer children. Pier 8 stood to be the future home of 1600 people living in one-bedroom units.

With a new fixed number of units (1600) and a fixed area for development the only variable to change is the type of units proposed. With a building height set at 8 stories if you increase the number of units, you reduce their size. Essentially changing the child and family development under the original Setting Sail agreement to a development that has no connection to the North End except to drive through it.

As the Tribunal hearing approached, the developer started to talk to NENA. As they understood that our concern was with the number of family units, the discussions turned to a possible tall signature building on Block 16 - at that time zoned for institutional uses. The developer agreed understanding that the total number of units would not change. This meant that the density in all other blocks would be reduced. This is a critical point. By moving approximately 400 units from the 8 storey buildings to a single, signature building, the density on remainder of Pier 8 is reduced. Allowing for more family housing in the development and lower density across the street from current homes.

At the Tribunal all parties negotiated through and under the supervision of a mediator. The final settlement all agreed to was that one building could be constructed as a signature or landmark building. It was expressly set out this is not a precedent and the City (as owner of Pier 8) would not permit other building over 8 stories on the Pier. Over 25 neighbourhood residents were consulted by the appeal team including 6 former NENA Presidents. After the required council approval of the settlement, the public process began that also included a settlement to reduce traffic along John Street.

NENA held public meetings after the settlement to inform the neighbourhood. A team from the Planning & Traffic Committee studied the 45-storey proposal

in depth. After open discussion at each meeting the Planning & Traffic Committee recommended support for the building. This recommendation was then discussed at our general association meeting which was open to everyone. The recommendation was unanimously approved by the general meeting with no opposition or concerns from neighbours.

The second aspect of the settlement is that the building must conform to clear design guidelines approved by Council. To our knowledge this is the first and only housing project in Hamilton that is required to meet rigorous standards of sustainability, beauty and integration with adjacent uses. The result will be a signature design that is a unique opportunity for the City and our neighbourhood. NENA understands that not everyone will agree, but through open public discussion the proposed design can create a beautiful building that adds to the neighbourhood and the harbour.

It has taken a long time to get to this point, through consultation, community engagement and open public meetings / discussion. NENA is satisfied that this building does not create a precedent but is single signature landmark building designed to bring families to Pier 8. NENA is satisfied that the unique design requirements set out by the City will create a landmark

for the North End and Hamilton.

It should be remembered that if the building is approved the number of units being built on Pier 8 will not change. There is also no change in traffic or parking requirements as a result of the approval. The building will be built to help grow the child and family character of the North End as originally approved.

It has been a long road with many weeks of volunteer work and numerous public meetings getting to this point. We encourage our neighbours to examine the proposal carefully. NENA recommends the proposal and invites anyone with concerns, questions or support to our committee or general meetings.

NENA and any of our committees can be reached through our website (www.north-endneighbourhoodassociation.com). We also encourage people to join our monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of each month, with links found on the website and our social media posts.

Andrew Robinson

North End Neighborhood Association - President

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North End Neighborhood Association - Planning & Traffic Committee Chair



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FAVE SUNNY PLANTS!

SUBMITTED BY CANDY VENNING

Last month I shared a list of favourite shade plants and now it's sunny gardens' turn. Though many of these plants are large or a bit wild and woolly, adding a low stone wall, a background hedge, structures like obelisks or arbours all create a more organized look. A garden full of native plants can be formal or tidy, it's a matter of design, not the plants themselves.

Native Ontario Plants for Sunny Gardens

Agastache foeniculum / *Giant hyssop* –long and leggy, it benefits from the 'Chelsea chop' to keep it compact. Self-seeds but not aggressive. Attracts many native bees and insects, bonus the birds will come for the seeds.

Asclepias tuberosa / *Butterfly weed* - gorgeous burnt orange flowers and the larval host plant for the Monarch butterfly, well behaved perennial. Not to be confused with common milkweed, which if grown in good, rich soil, can spread aggressively (so if you want common milkweed grow it in dry clay amongst grasses, not in your well-watered loose soil).

Black eyed Susan / *Rudbeckia hirta* – tends to be overlooked as somewhat common but grows easily, flowers, lasts a long time and the seedheads feed Cardinals, Goldfinches, Buntings and other winter birds.

Boneset / *Eupatorium perfoliatum* – white flowers that attract butterflies, a good plant to add 'fluffiness' to gardens.

Columbine / *Aquilegia canadensis* – Featured on both my sun & my shade list. Easily grown from seed, early unique flowers attract hummingbirds. Cut back foliage when it starts to turn yellow.

Coreopsis lanceolata / *Lance-leaved Coreopsis* – a traditional looking, daisy-like, yellow, 'airy' flower.

Geranium maculatum / *Wild Geranium* / *Cranesbill* – looking nothing like annual Geraniums but with wonderfully scented leaves, they are a low growing, drought tolerant workhorse useful in some part of every garden.

Heliopsis helianthoides / *False Sunflower* – considered a 'keystone plant' because of the vast number of pollinators who are attracted to its 6' tall yellow blooms. Floppy and rumbunctious, grow if you have difficult soil and space.

Joe-Pye Weed / *Eupatorium maculatum* – 6' tall but not floppy and has those lovely umbels that butterflies adore.

Liatris aspera / *Rough Blazing Star* – Unusual 'spikes' of fluffy purple flowers that attract many butterflies.

Monarda didyma or *Monarda fistulosa* – Bee Balm / Wild bergamot. A must-have, easy care perennial especially if you love bumblebees, hummingbirds or the smell of Bergamot used in Earl Grey tea.

Showy Goldenrod / *Solidago speciosa* – not an allergen as commonly believed and not to be confused with common Goldenrod (which can be aggressive in its spread). A 'keystone' species due to the massive number of pollinators it supports, every garden should have some.



Swamp Milkweed / *Asclepias incarnata* – With a name like that you might be tempted to skip it, but please reconsider, its one of my absolute favourites, fragrant, tall but not floppy and attracting amazing butterflies.

Symphytotrichum nova-angliae / *New England Aster* – blue and long lasting for those late-to-the-party pollinators and any Aster is great for extending the garden into those final days try also; *Symphytotrichum oolentangense*, *Sky Blue Aster*.

NON Native Perennials for sunny places

Japanese Iris - striking blue flowers with gorgeous grassy foliage making up for its relatively short bloom time.

Liatris, if you can't find the native version, don't worry and do grow any *liatris*. Prepare to be amazed as it's a butterfly super-magnet.

Phlox – easy care, blends well with native plants, attracts pollinators and can smell wonderful (depending on variety).

Peony – Choose a single and you will have flowers that don't droop to the ground, and you'll have busy bees spinning through the pollen filled centres (they can't get to the middle on double peonies) and I think they look better.

Salvia / *Sage* - the annual, the perennial, the culinary or the ornamental; any Sage that creates a flower will bring in bees and sometimes hummingbirds.

Easy Annuals for pollinators and people

Alyssum - for its fragrance and ability to attract pollinators while staying tight and compact, especially along edges.

Calendula – so easy to grow, a herb often used in salves and creams but also a really cheerful flower.

Dahlias – choose the singles with accessible centers such as Bishop of Llandaff, also has fabulous dark foliage. The bees cannot get to the center of double or dinnerplate varieties like 'Café au Lait' but try a bit of both, some for you to cut and bring in and some for the bees and butterflies.

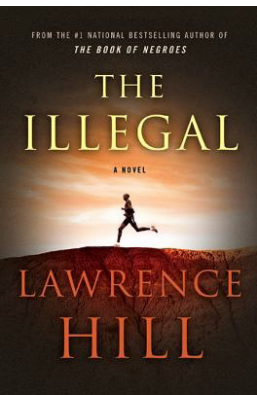
Nicotiana – tall white and fragrant, an evening bloomer that brings in fascinating Hummingbird moths.

Sunflowers – easy to grow from seed but likely to be eaten by squirrels. If the stem and flowers survive until fall there will be grateful birds at your 'natural birdfeeder'.

Verbena bonariensis –hard to find in a garden center but easy enough to grow from seed. Tall and graceful, adding air and delight to sunny beds as well as butterflies galore!

BOOK CLUB CORNER

SUBMITTED BY KIT DARLING AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BAY AREA BOOK CLUB



In March we read *The Illegal* (HarperCollins, 2015) by Lawrence Hill. Winner of Canada Reads 2016

This expansive and engaging tale allows Hill to address the contemporary issue of refugees fleeing persecution, starvation and death to a wealthy country which they hope will give them refuge, security and

a future. The "Illegal" is Keita Ali, a young runner from Zantoroland, an imagined country in the Indian Ocean whose population is almost exclusively black. Just to the north, the island of Freedom State is primarily white and anti black refugees. Many of the black citizens and black "illegals" live in Africtown, a complex of shipping containers/homes overseen by a black madam who is both saint and sinner. The current government of Zantoroland suppresses any opposition brutally, imprisoning and murdering dissidents. They have an agreement with the government of Freedom State to take back a certain number of refugees who they then frequently execute. After Keita's mother dies, his sister wins a scholarship to Harvard and his journalist father is imprisoned, executed and left by the town fountain for Keita to retrieve, Keita agrees to a deal with an agent who will enrol him in marathons and keep a large percentage of his winnings. Ultimately Keita breaks free from the agent, and hides out in Freedom State, from the agent and the authorities. He enters races under an alias and wins many. He meets and helps/is helped by a motley cast of characters, a young black journalist, who relies on a wheelchair and is gay, a young boy who lives in 'Africtown', is extremely bright and a wanna-be video documentarian, a black female cop, and an old lady who is fighting her son to keep her independence and her money and who gives Keita shelter at one point. There is a happy ending after many trials and tribulations but you'll have to read the book yourself to find out.

The book reminded many of us of the current issues of the day, the plight of economic refugees and those fleeing persecution. Racism, misogyny, political corruption, mistreatment of elders all add to the depth and textures of this book. A recommended read!

- Kit Darling

Note: The bookmobile stops at Bennetto Recreation Centre, Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:00. There is no access to the bookmobile to browse, but staff are on hand for contactless returns and holds pickup.

Have you read any of our recommendations? Liked any of the same books we talked about or disagreed totally? Let us know at bayareabookclub@bell.net



UPDATE: In-person services on Sundays, following the Covid19 protocols of face masks and social distancing

Pre-registration is needed due to attendance restrictions. You can register for the services by visiting our website at www.jamesnorth.church and following the link.



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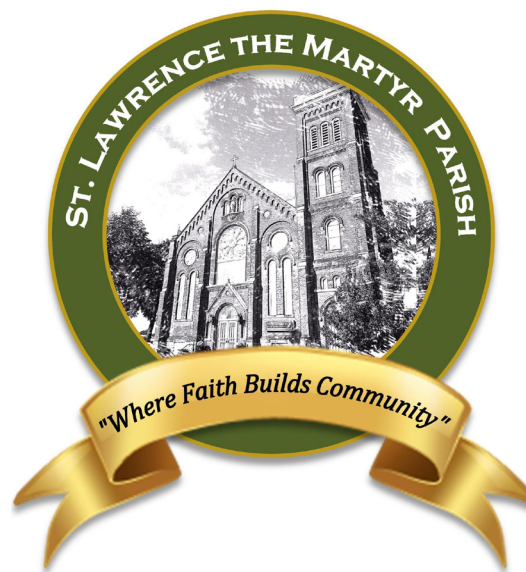
UPDATE! James North Baptist Church (formerly Hughson Street Baptist) has been a part of the North End for almost 135 years. We have been more than just a worship gathering on Sundays as we minister to as many people during the week as we do through our Sunday worship times. Under the leadership of Pastor Dwayne Cline, we believe the Lord has called us to a very simple philosophy of ministry – we seek to bless the North End of Hamilton in Jesus' name.

With the easing of Covid19 protocols we are returning to one worship gathering from 10:00am to 11:30am on Sundays. Masking is still a requirement, and there is an area where seating will have physical distancing in place, while our main auditorium will be set up to accommodate a full house.

We believe the gospel changes everything. The good news of the gospel is that the death of Jesus Christ has paid the price for our sin, taking the penalty we deserve on Himself, saving us with certainty because of His resurrection. The gospel grants us purpose, hope and a new perspective on joy and fulfillment. Life may not always be easy, but our hope in Jesus Christ gives us strength for the journey. At James North we strive to continually offer the hope of Jesus to others through our ministries and programs.

Perhaps you haven't had a chance to visit us in our new building at the NE corner of James St N and Picton Ave. It still feels new, although we've been here since August 2021. We would be glad to welcome you any Sunday or you can check out our live-stream to watch from home. You could also come by on Fridays from 9-11am for Coffee's On where our Food Bank is open to help those who need a little boost.

Check our website for up-to-date information (www.jamesnorth.church)



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Weekday Mass Schedule:

~No Mass Monday~

Tuesday - Confession 6:30 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. (new)

Wednesday - Mass 12 noon (new)

Thursday - Confession and Adoration 6:00 p.m., Mass 7:00 p.m.

During Lent, Friday Mass alternates between 9 a.m. and 7pm

Saturday - Confession 9:30 a.m., Mass 10:00 a.m.

Please check our website for most up to date schedule

Sacraments of Marriage or Baptism:

Please contact the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Father Peter.

Parish News

Spring 50/50 draw - St. Lawrence is planning our next 50/50 draw this spring, our last two jackpots were quite sizable! Please watch our facebook page or website for more details.

Easter Liturgy / Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday - Mass of The Last Supper) - Mass 7:00 p.m. followed by adoration

Good Friday (April 15) - Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord - 3:00 p.m.

and stations of The Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Paschal Vigil Mass - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

First Communion and Confirmation is coming up for students currently in Grades 2 and 7 and any students who missed these sacraments due to the pandemic. A registration form is available on our website.

First Reconciliation - April 2, 2022

First Communion - May 7, 2022

Confirmation - May 31, 2022

Hall Rentals are available again!

Please keep an eye on the bulletin or our parish website for further updates.
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Deadline for submission is the 15th of the month prior to publication. We appreciate an early notice by the 10th of the month if you want to reserve ad space and early submission gives us time to edit your articles. Pictures and logos are accepted and will be included as space allows.

NORTH END BREEZES MISSION:

The North End Breezes is a not-for-profit team of enthusiastic volunteers who produce a monthly newsletter in order to promote community connectivity and mutual support by engaging our North End Neighbours.

NORTH END BREEZES VISION:

The North End Breezes will be a vital resource that promotes harmony, pride and collective community action in a diverse and dynamic neighbourhood.

Help us grow your Breezes.

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Do you already contribute to our publication? Are you interested in sharing your thoughts about layout, design and content? Let's get together! I'd love to hear your ideas. Email or call and let me know. Thanks, Brenda

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Rain barrels typically include a leaf & mosquito filter, spigot, and overflow hose.

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For additional information, contact:
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IT WAS ONCE PART OF HAMILTON’S HISTORY: THE HOOVER VACUUM CLEANER PLANT

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN ROULSTON

Housework is an unavoidable part of everyday life. When we think about cleaning the house, we often envision loading the washer and dryer, emptying the dishwasher, taking out the garbage, and, of course, vacuuming the carpet or the floor.

Hamilton was formerly at the forefront of vacuum cleaner technology in the early part of the 20th century. Located at Barton and Gage Street was the Hoover Vacuum Cleaner manufacturing plant, originally from North Canton, Ohio. Today, its memory lives on in a small strip mall known as the Stadium Mall. The Stadium Mall’s red brick façade is said to have come from the Hoover facility after it was torn down in 1966.

An engineer by the name of Cecil Booth, designer of railroad and suspension bridges, Ferris wheels, is better known as the inventor of the first successful vacuum cleaner. His innovation was so big that it required a team of horses to move it from door to door in London. The cost was about the same as hiring a housekeeper for a year. Long hoses were fed into the home via a window or door

and gasoline engine powered suction was used to draw air and debris to a filter and dirt and dust gathered in a glass chamber on the side. For the rich, getting their home vacuumed became a status symbol and was exciting. The estates of the elite would have tea parties in the garden while their home was being vacuumed, and the guests were invited to watch. Booth’s vacuum cleaning business didn’t last very long since neighbors complained about the noise. The clatter of his huge contraption would startle horses on the street. Several disgruntled inventors sued Booth claiming they invented the first vacuum cleaner. However, Booth was able to convince both judge and jury that his invention was the only one that actually worked. He even sold a couple of his huge vacuum cleaners to Tsar Nicholas II and to the House of Commons in London, England. Vacuum cleaners eventually became smaller, more portable, and less expensive. By 1915, Hoover and Eureka were the two most dominant vacuum cleaner manufacturers on the planet.

Murray Spangler worked as a janitor by day and as an inventor by night; he was also asthmatic. In 1906, attempting to relieve his suffering, he developed the first “Suction Sweeper” using a tin soap box, a pillowcase, a box fan, and a broom handle. It worked, and is the precursor to what we use in our homes and businesses today. Hoover bought the patent and began manufacture. The Hoover facility in Canton, Ohio became too small, and they built another plant

in Windsor, Ontario in 1910, their first foray into the international markets. By 1941 Hoover would have plants in S. Africa, and N.S. Wales. Hoover eventually moved their head offices to Windsor as well. Within a brief time, the corporate offices moved again just prior to the building of Hoover’s newest plant, in Hamilton in 1919. This plant started with a hundred employees assembling vacuum cleaners until the equipment needed to do the actual manufacturing was installed a few months later. King George V of England ordered one of the first vacuum cleaners ever built in Hamilton.

During World War II, the Hamilton Hoover plant, like other manufacturers retooled for the war effort, producing aircraft motors, grenade pins, generators, and radio equipment. Between 1946 and 1950, Hoover expanded the Hamilton plant three times, the third addition cost \$200,000, a considerable amount money at the time, the workforce rose to 400 workers. Due to better efficiency, the number of employees dropped slightly to 350 personnel by 1958. Within the 15 years preceding 1960, the facility had more than doubled in size.

Through the 1960s, Hoover invested \$1.7 million, expanding their facility once again, this time they added new departments such as motor assembly, an accessories production room, cleaner manufacturing, and a new shipping facility. A significant shift would take place when Hoover introduced its pop-

ular twin-tub washing machine which was designed in England. The washing machines were so popular, a whole new factory was built in Burlington. After three years, this plant was expanded again. For a brief time, the Burlington Hoover plant expanded their product lines to include blenders, frying pans and other household appliances which they produced in addition to vacuum cleaners. Another expansion of the Burlington plant was needed in 1972 to incorporate a machine shop, presses, and plastic moldings, all of which were done at the Hamilton plant. Within the same year the Hamilton plant was emptied and shut down for good. All of the workers from Hamilton were transferred to the plant located on the QEW Service Road near Walker’s line.

The recession of the 1980s hit Hoover hard. In 1981 employment dropped to 135 workers, the following year only 119 employees remained, which was slightly more than the original number of employees that Hoover started with in Hamilton 53 years prior.

The Maytag Corporation acquired the Hoover brand in 1975. The Maytag company itself eventually was sold to the Whirlpool Corporation, which is now a subsidiary of Techtronic Industries Co. Ltd (TTI) of Charlotte North Carolina, North America’s leading floor care business.

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ENJOYING THE NORTH END PIERS

SUBMITTED BY LINDA BENSON

A couple of his friends were walking the lake checking the depth and condition of the ice. Don graciously gave me a history of ice boating, and mentioned he had been involved for over 50 years. He told me that his brother, as a youngster, had first heard of it in a comic book and was hooked from that day forwards. One of Don’s friends was sitting on some sort of wheel. I asked Don about it and he mentioned it lowers and raises the pier. I had never seen such a

thing and again another fascinating story. I could have listened to Don for the whole day, but hey I had to go on and meet more strangers to talk to.

This is when I came across a group of women with baby carriages, I had to smile, sort of reminded me of something out of Mary Poppin’s. I asked one of the women if this was a Nanny convention, she smiled and said not exactly. A fascinating tale of how a group of friends, all got pregnant around the same time, during Covid. The one telling me the story lives in the North End, but her friends are scattered here and there. How wonderful, to raise their children together, and get together on a regular

basis, for social activities, like this one. What a great story of being locked away during covid, and the amazing outcome.

So much ice fishing going on, which also fascinates me, but difficult to talk to any of those fishing, unless I took a walk across the ice. Me, being a true Brit, was and am a bit leery of such an endeavour, maybe next year I’ll pluck up the courage. Actually, I noticed a lot of people walking on the ice, not close to the pier either. To my eyes it seemed people were walking from Princess Point to Pier 4, now that definitely would have given me the heebie jeebies. I did walk the trail from Bayfront Park to Dundurn Castle. That was amazing.

The staff at Dundurn was giving a tour, on what must have been the coldest day of the year, and in full costume too. Fascinating. I didn’t join the tour, but I did meander through the grounds. What a spectacular place this is, a winter wonderland. I totally enjoyed myself, but have to admit I was frozen to the core!

A word of advice if you are going for a walk, wear boots with cleats. It was extremely slippery. I hope you’ve enjoyed my winter walk about. The days are getting longer and the sun is getting stronger. I’m looking forward to my spring walks.

Happy Easter every one.

WHY I LOVE THE NORTH END

SUBMITTED BY GINA KIRIAKOPOULOS

Born and raised in Hamilton, I moved to the North End 10 years ago and am grateful and proud to live here. Volunteering at Welcome Inn and giving back to my community is a top priority. With over 20 years sales experience in travel and real estate, exceptional service is what I do best.

TOP 10 REASONS WHY I LOVE LIVING IN THE NORTH END!

1. Bayfront park, Pier 4, the trails, the nature, all the puppers!
2. Grand Dad's donuts
3. Weston Pizza

4. North End Pita
5. Fisher's
6. Walking distance to trendy James Street North
7. Royal Hamilton Yacht Club...did you know that you can purchase a social membership?
8. The new waterfront development
9. The beautiful unique homes and churches
10. and probably my favorite reason, is the people and supportive community

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WATERFRONT SHORES PARTNERS



In conversation with Bruce Kuwabara, founding partner of KPMB Architects and lead architect of Pier 8

Bruce Kuwabara is a founding partner of KPMB Architects, one of Canada's leading architecture firms. Kuwabara is leading Pier 8's architectural design team, made of a thoughtfully crafted group of talented, multi-generational firms behind some of our country's most iconic sites.

Read below to learn more about Kuwabara, his upbringing in Hamilton, how he grew his career, and more.

You grew up in the North End – can you tell us about that?

My parents were born in British Columbia and settled in Hamilton after they were released from an internment camp in BC. I grew up just five blocks away from Pier 8, and have fond memories of playing basketball and baseball as a child in Eastwood Park, and riding my bike along Lake Ontario and Cootes Paradise.

Most of who I am today can be credited to who helped me understand what a special place this city is, like teachers at Bennetto Elementary School, who taught me to judge character on trust and authenticity. These principles are ones that I still uphold today.

PIER 8 TOWER – MY TAKE

SUBMITTED BY KIT DARLING

I attended the online public meeting on March 8th, where the Architect, Bruce Kuwabara presented 3 design options for a tower on Block 16 of the pier 8 development. He was accompanied by Luka Matutinovic of Purpose Design to address the environmental impact and standards related to the tower. Registration was required to view this meeting and to submit questions and raise concerns. I don't believe that all community participants were in fact residents of the North End. Several individuals raised objections to a tower in that location and at least one objected to a tower anywhere. (These concerns were raised/reiterated in letters to the editor in the next day's Spectator.) A major concern was that the tower will become one of many. The land belongs to the City. You have a vote. Another was that the

What drew you to architecture?

My interest in architecture dates back to being a child and spending my free time at the Hamilton Central Library. I recall a staff member at the library shared a book about architecture with me, and I was immediately fascinated by it. Today, I credit architecture for giving me a vehicle for understanding what it means to be Canadian.

What are some of your favourite landmarks in Hamilton?

I have family members and friends who still live in Hamilton, so I have been back to visit. Returning to the city where I first nurtured my curiosity about architecture and the built environment is a contemplative experience. Architectural landmarks that hold significance include the fountain in Gage Park and the Thomas B. McQuesten High Level Bridge that connects the water and the Niagara Escarpment, both designed by renowned architect John Lyle. When I look at those beautiful landmarks, I reflect on the enormous influence that Lyle had on Hamilton, as one of the most important Canadian architects of the early 20th century. I can only hope to have this same important legacy as Lyle's with Pier 8.

What does it mean for you to be working on Pier 8?

Pier 8 is a project that allows me to look to the future while weaving together lessons from my past. It is a privilege to bring everything I know about architecture and city-building back to the place I grew up.

To learn more about Pier 8, visit:
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tower will block the view of the harbour. A single slim tower will block your view if you are standing right behind it. Turn your head 15 degrees in either direction and the harbour is still there! And of course, there is that big, wide walkway all around the perimeter which has nothing but water in front of it.

The tower will not change the maximum number of units on the site – 1645. The settlement reached by the neighbourhood groups at LPAT settled at 246 family sized units. In looking at the floor plans of the designs, there are additional 2 and 3 bedroom units which in fact increase the number of family size units – and that is all to the good for our neighbourhood.

To decide for yourself, go to Key Project - Pier 8 Block 16 | City of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and look at the presentations. And register to view the Design Review Panel meeting on April 27.

UPDATE FROM THE COUNCILLOR

SUBMITTED BY JASON FARR

Spring is in the air Breezes readers and with that more and more people will be making their way to the North End's immense and increasingly public waterfront. By now you are well aware of all the shoreline development that has been ongoing throughout the pandemic and with particular emphasis on Piers 5 through 8. This latest phase of waterfront development represents an investment of approximately \$25.3 million.

As you take that walk along the waters edge there is a relatively new potential development that I would like for you to ponder. A recent LPAT (Local Planning Appeal Tribunal – Provincial body) decision between a North End neighbourhood group and the proponents called for a planning process to be played out respecting the potential for a very tall tower on Block 16 (just east of the Waterfront Trust Centre). In honouring the LPAT resolution, Hamilton City Council has approved an enhanced public engagement process looking for public feedback on whether the long-planned design for mixed use mid-size development on Pier 8 could/should be altered to permit high-rise(s) on this one block. There has already been one community meeting and one design meeting with another design meeting coming up on April 27th.

It is vital that the North End community have a chance to be heard in this debate before a final decision ultimately comes before City Council. Remember, the LPAT decision was to engage on the concept, but the final decision rests with City Council. I would be pleased to hear directly from you by email and you may be certain

that your correspondence will be shared with the City Planner and included in the report to council as a matter of public record. So, what have we heard so far? In my own correspondence with residents it appears to be a split decision so far and during the virtual community meeting on March the 10th there were residents who also had differing opinions on a tall tower for the waterfront. One resident said, "it doesn't make sense to me that a building this tall (45 storey's) can be considered an enhancement to the esthetic or quality of life of the harbour area." While others disagreed and see a "landmark" waterfront building as a win for the North End with no significant change in the over-all unit count for the Pier 8 development as a whole. One resident shared this with our office "our waterfront should not simply be a place you drive down to once in awhile, it should be a place with people coming and going, thriving restaurants and businesses, and it should be treated as a destination and an asset, open and welcoming to everyone, but also supported by a permanent mass of people."

The varying opinions to date are not surprising. When the LPAT put this new and potentially very large wrinkle into the long-planned for Pier 8 mid-rise concept, I expected as much. Given that this is a significant departure for this one block, more than ever, I encourage you to get involved in the debate and share your opinion with me. Beyond the design meeting on April 27th, another full public consultation meeting will be held by the City in September of this year. You love your North End waterfront and most appreciate what has been approximately a 150 million-dollar local investment to date. Tower or no tower, there is so much for future generations to enjoy. Until next time, Breezes Readers!

Councillor Jay

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WALKABOUT: HAMILTON FARMERS' MARKET

SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

This month's Walkabout finds me back at the Hamilton's Farmers Market and this is where you find me chatting with the new guy in the Market General Store, Darren Kregar. The shop opened in October 2021. A general store inside the @hamontmarket offering locally produced, artisanal food & crafts.

Motto for the Shop is: "LOCAL FIRST"
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I asked Darren the Top 3 Best Sellers within the store:

- The large array and selection of hot sauces
- The jams and preserves and more
- Refill station and sustainables

I asked Darren to give a special thanks and shoutout: "To the Hamilton Community during the past couple of years and to our customers who continue to support the small businesses within their own communities."

If you can't find what you're looking for at the Market General Store please visit their home store:

James North General Store (JNGS) (Walkabout January 2020) at 95 James Street North.

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I would like to thank Darren Kregar for taking time out to talk shop at the Market General Store. You can follow them on Instagram @marketgeneralstore

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1837) (Walkabout January 2021)

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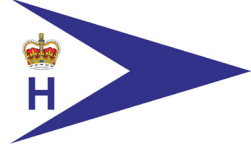
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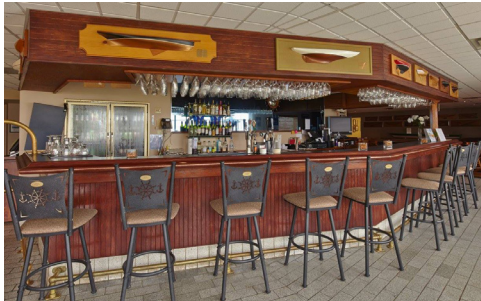
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