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May 11 2024
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Sunset Cultural Garden
Corner of Bay & Strachan

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WALKABOUT BY THE WATERFRONT

SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

Those April showers will bring May flowers. Winter hibernation is finally over, so say Hello to Spring. Go outside, put on your walking shoes and take your walker, wheelchair, bike, bus or car over to Discovery Lane at Pier 8.

See the absolutely stunning art installation, All Our Relations at the Promenade Park by award winning artist and designer Angela DeMontigny, in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. These 5 beautiful panels are 40 feet tall. Each panel has over 7000 colorful glass beads made by Paul Rodrigues and as the sun shines through they are absolutely breathtaking. My photos could not capture the splendor of these lights, but think of a colourful prism, seemingly powered by the sun. In one word - stunning. Each panel tells a story representing traditional teachings. The Thanksgiving address, as well as Hamilton's rich biodiversity. From the Dream Catcher and Indigenous story telling at its best, it is so reflective and captured on these beautiful colorful panels.

Stroll down Discovery Lane for a coffee, a snack or more at Williams Fresh Café. A staple in the North End neighborhood and beyond, with its beautiful outdoor



patio and outdoor skating rink (ice skating closed for the season, the roller-skating rink opening in June). Williams Fresh Café is nestled by the stunning Hamilton Bay, it has a up north feel and vibe. The food at Williams is delicious and the prices range from \$10 - \$20, serving up breakfast, lunch and dinner. Enjoy the sandwiches, soups and their signature rice bowls and much more. Visit their website at williamsfreshcafe.com. Williams also offers an array of drinks including coffees and cold drinks. Dine in or out or order for pickup and take your meal to go to the boardwalk.

Come summer the band shell opens for the season and music fills the air, the sun sets and the harbour

lights twinkle as dusk falls.

PROMENADE BOARDWALK is opening in April 2022, a beautiful way to catch the sunrise and enjoy the afternoon sun. So grab your food and drinks and head to Promenade Boardwalk or Beach yours to Discover at Pier 8 this Spring and Summer.

So get out, put that spring back in your step and discover Hamilton Waterfront, Pier 8 and Discovery Lane along the way.



ABOUT THIS MONTH

SUBMITTED BY CHRISSY
CHRAZN AND SHERI SELWAY

April, often hailed as the gateway to springtime, is a month brimming with significance and commemorative events, each offering a unique opportunity for reflection, advocacy, and celebration. As the earth awakens from its winter slumber, blossoms burst forth symbolizing renewal and growth. Against this backdrop of natural rejuvenation, diverse cultural and historical observances unfold, enriching communities with their profound significance.

Sikh Heritage Month acknowledges the significant contributions of the Sikh community to Canada. Originating in April 2013 in Ontario and officially recognized by Parliament in 2019, Canada stands as the first nation to declare Sikh Heritage Month. With the second largest Sikh population globally, Canada's celebration of Sikh Heritage Month will take place on April 6 at City Hall from 1 – 4 p.m. Last year, the Sikh flag was raised, and the HAMILTON sign illuminated orange.

April is also, Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation, and Prevention Month which provides the opportunity to commemorate the victims of genocide while also uniting in efforts to prevent its recurrence. Beyond remembrance, it serves as a crucial platform for condemning all forms of prejudice and hatred that fuel such atrocities. By fostering dialogue, raising awareness, and promoting education about past genocides, societies can work toward building a future rooted in tolerance, understanding, and respect for human rights. Through proactive measures and advocacy, we endeavour to create a world where the horrors of genocide become a thing of the past, ensuring that the lessons learned from history shape a more just and peaceful future for all.

April 2 is World Autism Aware-

ness Day, recognized by the United Nations, promoting understanding and acceptance of individuals with autism worldwide. It's a vital initiative fostering inclusivity and support for those on the autism spectrum.

On April 7, World Health Day commemorates the establishment of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948, promoting global cooperation among 194 member states to ensure equitable access to health and well-being. This day encourages individuals and communities to prioritize their health and well-being, advocating for accessible healthcare services and disease prevention initiatives worldwide.

Don't miss the Total Solar Eclipse on April 8—a rare celestial event where the moon aligns perfectly between the Earth and the sun, casting a shadow and momentarily darkening the sky. This spectacle draws enthusiasts and curious onlookers alike. Special viewing glasses are available at the public library for safe observation of this unforgettable event. Let's hope for clear skies!!

April 10 observes the International Day of Pink, a significant occasion dedicated to combating bullying and homophobia. Originating in 2007, this day holds special meaning as it was initiated by two students from Nova Scotia in solidarity with a fellow student who was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. Since then, it has grown into a global movement promoting inclusivity, acceptance, and kindness. On this day, individuals and communities worldwide don pink attire to show support for those who have experienced bullying or discrimination based on their sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other reason.

April 11 marks International Day for Maternal Health and Rights, emphasizing the significance of maternal health worldwide. It serves as a crucial reminder of the need to prioritize

the well-being of mothers and expectant mothers globally. This day advocates for access to quality healthcare services, safe childbirth practices, and the empowerment of women to make informed choices about their reproductive health.

Earth Day on April 22 focuses on the theme "Planet vs Plastics," highlighting the urgent need to combat plastic pollution. This year's emphasis calls for global action to reduce plastic consumption, promote recycling, and advocate for sustainable alternatives, aiming for a cleaner, healthier planet.

April 27-28 is Holocaust Remembrance Day, a solemn occasion dedicated to honouring the millions of Jewish, Roma, Sinti, and other minority victims of the Holocaust during World War II. It serves as a powerful reminder of the atrocities committed during one of the darkest periods in human history. This day provides an opportunity for reflection, education, and commemoration, ensuring that the memories of those who suffered and perished are never forgotten. Through remembrance and education, we strive to promote tolerance, combat hatred, and prevent such tragedies from occurring again.

April 28 commemorates the National Day of Mourning, a day dedicated to remembering those who have suffered injuries or fatalities in workplace accidents. This day serves as a call to action to employers, workers, and policymakers to prioritize safety measures, implement proper training, and enforce regulations to prevent workplace accidents and tragedies.

For more information on these and other special days go to the Government of Canada Calendar of Health Promotion Days <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/calendar-health-promotion-days.html#m04> and the Government of Canada Important and Commemorative Days

TREASURER NEEDED JOIN THE BREEZES TEAM

James VanderBerg has served as the Treasurer/Financial Officer for The North End Breezes for over a year. He is now facing a decision to step down from the position. We would like to fill the position as soon as possible to allow a transition and training period prior to June 30th. Please send your inquiries or applications to office@northendbreezes.com



"Serving as the Treasurer of The Breezes is a great way to be involved in your community and support everything that happens in the north end! The job is fairly simple and involves preparing a few cheques each month, depositing a few donations, and reconciling the account. Two hours is all you need to get everything done, in addition to the monthly board meeting, and it's a great way to be a part of your community"




WE NEED YOU!

TREASURER

We're looking for a volunteer Financial Officer to join the Breezes Board of Directors.

Email office@northendbreezes.com for info.






James North
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship
10:00 – 11:30AM

Children's Ministry
Nursery to Grade 5



500 James St N, Hamilton
Contact Phone: 905.527.3972
Email: office@jamesnorth.church
Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9AM - 4PM
www.jamesnorth.church

James North Baptist Church (formerly Hughson Street Baptist) has been a part of the North End for more than 135 years. We have been more than just a worship gathering on Sundays as we meet as many people during the week as we do at our Sunday worship times. 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.

We would be glad to welcome you any Sunday at our morning worship gathering. 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.

We also offer the hope of Jesus to others through our ministries and programs. There are several weekly ministries that you and your family can attend. You could 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. We have children’s programming running on Tuesday nights during the school year. Check our website for up-to-date information for programs (www.jamesnorth.church) or give us a call at 905-527-3972.

We are located at the corner of James St N and Picton Ave, the building with affordable housing on top. We would be glad to welcome you.





St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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www.stlawrencehamilton.ca | Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9am-4pm
In case of after hours emergency please call 365-888-1275

Pastor: Rev. Peter Jurzyk
Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule:
~No Mass Monday~
Tuesday - Confession 6:30 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Mass 12:00 noon
Thursday - Confession and Adoration 6:00 p.m., Mass 7:00 p.m.
Friday - Mass 12:00 noon
Saturday-Confession 9:30 a.m., Mass 10:00 a.m.
Please check our website for weekly updates/changes

Sacraments of Marriage or Baptism:
Please contact the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Father Peter.

Parish News and Important Dates

Upcoming Sacrament Dates:
If your child is in Grade 2 or Grade 7 at St. Lawrence School, please note the following upcoming dates:

First Communion - Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
Confirmation - Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

If your child doesn't attend St. Lawrence school but you would like them to celebrate these sacraments, please call the parish office.

Easter is early this year - Holy Thursday Mass, Mch 28 @ 7pm.
Good Friday Liturgy, Mch 29 @3pm, Easter Vigil Mass Mch 30 @8pm, Easter Sunday, March 31st Mass at 11am.

Hall Rentals are available!
Call the office or visit stlawrencehamilton.ca/hall-rentals for more information.
Please keep an eye on the bulletin or our parish website for further updates.
www.stlawrencehamilton.ca

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Welcome Inn
Community Centre

In with the new...



Welcome Inn's Seniors Diners Club is looking for more members! For more information, please call (289) 260-3771



We are seeking food donations. Please refrain from donating clothes, furniture, toys, and appliances. Thank you!



HAMILTON'S URBAN PEREGRINE FALCONS

SUBMITTED BY MARY ANNE MCDOUGALL

The Sheraton Hamilton Hotel downtown is well known for its lovely guest rooms, swimming pool and dining room, but did you know that Peregrine Falcons have been calling it home since 1995? The south face ledge on the 18th floor has provided an excellent replica of the cliffs that would have normally been chosen in the wild. Many pairs have used this site over the past 29 years to lay their eggs and raise their young. Urban nesting Peregrine Falcons have become quite common in large cities with tall buildings and a never-ending supply of pigeons to feed upon.

This year our resident pair McKeever (female) and Judson (male) are nesting here for the third year. In both 2022 and 2023 they successfully fledged four chicks... but not without the occasional rescue by our volunteers at Hamilton Falconwatch. Busy King St below the nest can be a danger if a first flight goes wrong and landing on a low building can be difficult for a juvenile falcon to get back up to the nest ledge.

As of publication McKeever has laid three eggs, one on March 17th followed by a second on the 19th, and a third was visible on March 22nd. It is possible she may lay another one over the next two days. Incubation is 30-35 days from the date of the last laid egg so we may see the white fluff of newly hatched eggs around April 27th. At three weeks they are removed from the nest by a trained mountain climber and taken inside the Sheraton Hotel where they are examined, weighed,

sexed and banded. Each permanent band identifies the bird as to where and when it was hatched and a temporary-coloured band is placed on each chick so that we can identify them through binoculars and on camera as they learn to fly.

Juvenile falcons take their first flights at about 40 days of age. However, last year was exceptional with several rescues happening before the chicks were 35 days of age. Whether due to the windy conditions or over eager young falcons we are not sure. Fortunately, none were injured, and they were successfully placed atop the roof of the hotel where the parents could reach them to offer feedings.

This year a new camera was installed, and the images are brilliant. Please check out the live webcam at www.falcons.hamiltonnature.org

Volunteers will be needed to monitor and track the movements of the chicks as they take their first flights. The schedule is set up in two-hour time slots between 5:30am to 9pm. Paid Coordinators are on hand to organize monitoring and if a rescue were needed experienced volunteers from the Rescue Team would be called. An orientation meeting will be held to train volunteers, date TBA.

The Hamilton Community Peregrine Project is a non-profit organization relying on donations and volunteers to continue this important work. Please consider donating and/or volunteering. You can do both by going to our website and clicking on the corresponding tab.



**Find Out What is
Happening in Your
Community**
with the
North End
Neighbourhood
Association

MEETINGS EVERY MONTH

We meet the first Wednesday each month at
7pm. Meetings are currently on zoom.

Everyone is Welcome!

This is the place to meet your
neighbours and hear about what's
happening in the North End.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter
www.facebook.com/NorthEndNeighbours
www.twitter.com/nenhamilton

Check out our website and
sign up for our e-newsletter at
www.northendneighbourhoodassociation.com

HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

Easter Holiday Closure All Branches are closed on Good Friday, March 29, Easter Sunday, March 31, and Easter Monday, April 1. The Bookmobile is off the road, and Extended Access and Study Hall services are unavailable. Central Library will be open as a Warming Place (First Floor) during these three days from 1-5 pm.

Pick Up Your Free Solar Eclipse Safety Glasses The countdown to the April 8 Solar Eclipse is Totality On! Pick up your free ISO solar eclipse safety glasses (one pair per HPL library card while quantities last) to view this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Each pair comes with a safety flyer. Learn more at our website [HPL.ca](https://hpl.ca).

April is Poetry Month Visit HPL throughout April for poetry workshops, writing circles, and zine clubs at [HPL.ca](https://hpl.ca)/events to celebrate the art of poetry.

April is DIY Month Learn a new language, make beeswax candles or herbal teas, or sprout seeds in time for the spring season this month. Visit our Daily Events Calendar [HPL.ca](https://hpl.ca)/events for these DIY programs and more.

Jazz Appreciation Month Listen to local talented musicians as they perform

their soulful and jazzy sounds every Friday from noon to 1 p.m. at Central Library.

(All Live Music at HPL in April is courtesy of the Hamilton Musicians' Guild and the Recording Music Trust Fund.)

Join a Book Club Meet fellow book lovers in our book clubs for all ages at your local branch. Browse titles, dates, times, and locations in our What's Happening Guide.

After Hours Study Halls Looking for a quiet study space or space to work? The Central Library, Dundas, Red Hill, Terryberry, Turner Park, Valley Park, and Waterdown branches offer this after-hours service from Mondays-Thursdays, 8 pm-Midnight (except on statutory holidays).

Our virtual branch at hpl.ca is always open. Questions? Call 905.546.3200, email askus@hpl.ca, or chat with Staff at hpl.ca.

Discover the endless benefits that come with an HPL library card. Borrow more, free passes and entry to local museums, free PRESTO cards for kids, create in Makerspaces, and more.

CRIME STOPPERS

OF HAMILTON

HOPA

PORTS

PORT INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS DRIVE CARGO TRENDS IN HAMILTON & OSHAWA

The Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA Ports) reported a significant uptick in cargo volumes for 2023, with 11,293,179 metric tonnes (MT) passing through the ports of Hamilton and Oshawa, marking a 9% increase from the previous year. This surge, attributed to strategic investments in trade-enabling infrastructure, reflects the region's economic vitality.

As goods flow through the Ports of Hamilton and Oshawa, they account for approximately 30% of all cargo travelling through the Canada-US Great Lakes Seaway system. In 2023, HOPA's cargo volumes surged by 9%, outpacing the system's overall increase of 3.38%.

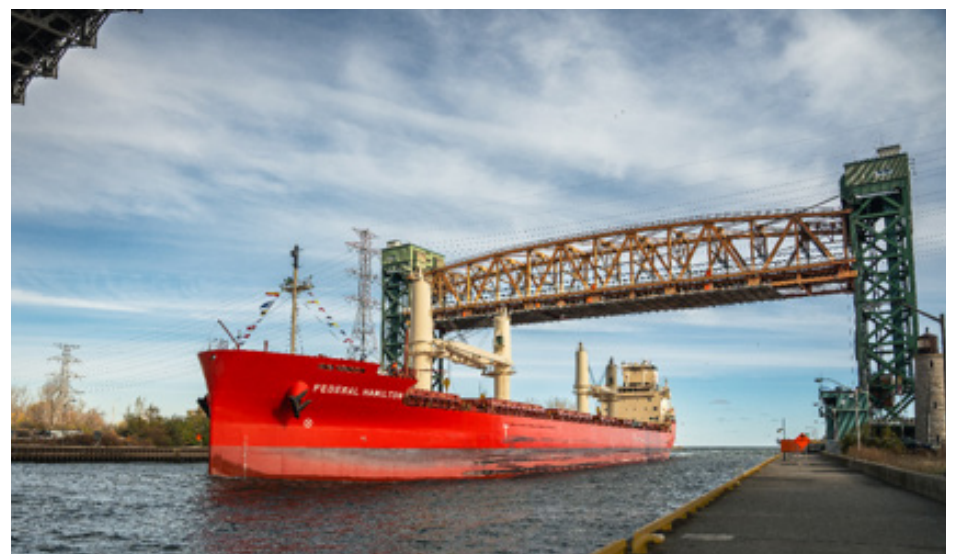
"Commodities fluctuate every year due to market and external forces beyond our control," said Ian Hamilton, President & CEO of HOPA Ports. "We prioritize future trends, investing in trade infrastructure to drive long-term performance."

The agri-food sector saw a 5% increase with a combined total of 3.5 million MT through the Ports of Hamilton and Oshawa combined, while steel and construction materials surged by 13%, bolstering regional growth. Over the past 15 years, the port has attracted \$500 million in new investments by agri-food companies, including grain handling terminals, fertilizer terminals, and Ontario's leading mid-size brewery.

Additionally, HOPA's sustained investments in capacity for the value-added steel-related manufacturing supply chain have contributed to this growth trajectory.

In recognition of its outstanding contributions to the industry, HOPA Ports was honored as the Bulk Port of the Year by the International Bulk Journal in 2023. "Our ports are essential trade gateways to Canada's largest and most dynamic economic region," continued Hamilton. "Through expanded industrial lands and a comprehensive range of multimodal services, we contribute to economic prosperity and a resilient, future-ready supply chain."

Learn more: www.hopaports.ca



MV Federal Hamilton arrives at the Port of Hamilton, HOPA Ports

COUNCILLOR UPDATE

SUBMITTED BY WARD 2 COUNCILOR CAMERON KROETSCH



March didn't go as planned at City Hall, with a serious cybersecurity incident making it difficult for City staff and Council to do our work resulting in official meetings being cancelled, programs being impacted, and systems going down.

I'm grateful that we found it through this challenging time without there being an impact to the public's personal data. Other impacts will

be long lasting, however, but meetings have resumed and City staff, in every department, have been working throughout the technical shut down. If you need more information about what the City is doing, and how things are progressing to full system restoration, visit www.hamilton.ca/cyberincident.

For those closely watching what's happening at Jamesville, the City, CityHousing Hamilton, the developer, and CN Railway are still in discussions in advance of a potential hearing date scheduled for May 21. I have been continuing to foreground the neighbourhoods concerns and hope that, no matter the outcome, the project will be able to move ahead this summer.

The Jamesville project, along with many others in the downtown core, were discussed in detail at our first Ward 2 Town Hall of the year held in the Corktown neighbourhood on March 26 at Queen Victoria Elementary. There's a massive amount of development happening in Ward 2 and our new development map will be an important resource to help everyone follow what's happening. To access it, visit www.ward2hamilton.ca/maps.

There's a lot to do in the coming months, now that the nicer weather is coming, including discussions about the future of the Eastwood Area and how the greenspace along Strachan Street can be used. I'll be announcing meetings in the coming months to discuss both of these issues and to get feedback from North Enders, present data and other information gathered by the City, and move things forward.



Councillor Kroetsch answering questions from North Enders at the Welcome Inn Community Centre in early March

Otherwise, I have been meeting with members of the community, including the North End Neighbourhood Association, about events booked for Pier 4 Park during the coming spring and summer season. There have been a number of concerns about blocked sidewalks, greenspaces above capacity, and excessive noise that I've been working with City staff to address in advance of this summer. We'll be running a pilot to mitigate these issues and I hope to be able to report back successfully about it before the end of the year and make recommendations to continue

to find ways for events to be successfully enjoyed by everyone in the North End.

In the meantime, if you need the Ward 2 Team, for anything, please reach out to us on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8am to 4pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 8pm, and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. The best way to reach us is by sending an email to Ward2@hamilton.ca. If you'd like to reach me directly, send me an email at Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca.

- Cameron Kroetsch

SATURDAY APRIL 20

SPRING CLEAN UP '24
CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD

GLOVES/SUPPLIES/BAGS PROVIDED
CITY PICK UP AFTER EVENT

PRE REGISTER YOUR TEAM

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

SUBMITTED BY NORTH END BREEZES EDITOR, BRENDA DUKE

The Board and volunteers with the Breezes have been very busy planning and moving forward. We are thrilled to announce our recent upgrades to the website. Many thanks to Marie Mushing for her talent and expertise in website design. Make sure you visit www.northendbreezes.ca to check it out.

Our team is also busy planning our North End Reunion and North Ender of The Year awards. Stay tuned for dates and details or volunteer at office@northendbreezes.com

On May 11, 2024 at 10am, The Breezes is partnering with Sunset Cultural Garden to hold a plant sale and on-line rain barrel sale at the Garden, corner of Bay and Strachan Streets. To order your rain barrel, <https://rainbarrel.ca/northendbreezes/>

Happy gardening!

The Breezes is actively looking for a volunteer Treasurer/Financial Officer. Please see the enclosed ad for details and consider submitting your name.

We always welcome your feedback and ideas. Please contact us at office@northendbreezes.com



Beautiful Alleys

9AM - 1PM

APRIL 20TH & 21ST



SPRING CLEAN-UP 2024

COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTRES
POWELL PARK CLUBHOUSE. 53 BIRCH AVENUE
SOUTH OF BARTON STREET

HAMILTON MOUNTAIN GAP PARKING LOT. 555 CONCESSION ST

VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION
AT POWELL PARK
CLUBHOUSE 1PM - 3PM



9AM - 1PM
APRIL 20TH & 21ST

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CN TRACK GANG



SPRING CLEANUP

MAY 18TH, 2024
WELLINGTON - EMERALD
MEET AT BIRGE & EMERALD
9:00AM-1:00PM

WWW.BEAUTIFULALLEYS.CA



THE MAGNIFICENT GIANT OF THE SKY THAT CAPTIVATED ONTARIO.

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN ROULSTON

When initially reported on September 1, 1937, that the Cambria - a 'Giant' flying boat would be landing on Hamilton Harbour, aviation enthusiasts in Hamilton and the Golden Horseshoe area were ecstatic. These behemoths of the sky fascinated aviation lovers of the day the world over, much as the Boeing 747 or Airbus A380 do now. Flying boats were some of the largest aircraft of the first half of the 20th century, exceeded in size only by World War II bombers like the Lancaster. Flying boats, such as maritime patrol, air-sea rescue, and fire-fighting aerial bombers, were developed for military use. However, they soon found their way into passenger service, particularly for long-distance travel over water.

Flying boats differ from float planes of today because they have a purpose-designed fuselage for flotation, similar to water-based boats. Floatplanes or seaplanes rely on fuselage-mounted pontoons for buoyancy. Both have played significant roles in aviation history in Canada.

The 1930s was a decade of change in aviation. Most land-based airplanes were made of wood and fabrics. They used grass runways and limited to moderate weights, particularly during rainy or snowy weather. There were very few gravel or paved runways because they were simply too costly to build. The move to all metal or aluminum airframes increased their weight significantly. This necessitated the move to water. There were other land-based aircraft challenges, such as fueling, loading and unloading, particularly for passengers. Flying boats' advantages were that they had larger fuel tanks, which allowed them to fly longer distances without refuelling. Another is that they could locate a lake, river, or sea to land safely in an emergency.

The first passenger-carrying flying boat was the Dornier Do X, built by the Dornier Company of Germany in 1929. It was the largest powered airplane in the world at the time and could carry up to 100 passengers. Passenger service was in its infancy, and flying boats were gaining popularity. Imperial Airways became BOAC in 1937. It is more famously known today as British Airways, which operated 31 of these planes built by the Short Bros of Belfast, N. Ireland, between 1936 and 1947. The Cambria was the first flying boat acquired by the airline. Often called a flying whale, it could carry 24 passengers and a crew of five. The four-engine propeller-driven 18-ton aircraft could fly 200 mp/h or 322 km/h. The Cambria had a wingspan wider than the length of a professional regulation tennis court and was slightly longer than three full-size school buses parked bumper to bumper. Imperial Airways was considering one of the boldest experiments in airline history by launching a flying boat passenger service from Britain and Ireland to Canada and the United States. The Cambria and her sister ship, the Caledonia, had already made several



The Cambria location unknown. From Wikipedia

trips across the Atlantic doing feasibility, overseas worthiness and communications testing.

On August 28, 1937, the Cambria (Reg # ADUV) flew the 1,993-mile (3,207-kilometer) route from Foynes, Ireland, to Botwood in the Bay of Exploits in Newfoundland under Captain Griffith J. Powell and his First Officer Capt. E.M. Gurney. This was to be a goodwill trip to announce their new overseas routes. The Cambria flew to Montreal, and from there, they were to fly over several cities in Southwestern and Eastern Ontario and eventually land in Toronto and Hamilton. Radio stations across the province agreed to announce the plane's arrival and takeoff timings in Toronto and Hamilton and fly-over times in South Western Ontario well in advance, allowing people time to travel to each spot to observe the aircraft. The Cambria started its Ontario tour by flying over Windsor, then Sarnia and flew over London for 15 minutes. Then on to Woodstock, Brantford and Buffalo. It was to land in Toronto and Hamilton.

It was a hot, sweaty day; temperatures were in the low 90s on the Fahrenheit scale, and thousands attended the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) in Toronto. But many thousands more came to see the Cambria on Friday, September 3, 1937. To announce Cambria's arrival, factory and CNR locomotives sitting idle in the shops and train stations were instructed to blow their whistles. Just as the Cambria entered Toronto airspace, those whistles blew simultaneously across the city at 4:56 pm. Special arrangements were made by the president of Trans Canada Airlines (Air Canada) for the Cambria to fly over Toronto for 20 minutes before landing so that every child in the city could view the silver flying boat. The crowd gasped as the gigantic flying boat came into view and approached Toronto Harbour. There was another gasp as the Cambria suddenly entered a crab-like position and hit the water, breaking off its port side (left side) stabilization pontoon, a wing tip and other minor damage to the vessel. Fortunately, there were no injuries and Capt. G.J. Powell blamed a sudden crosswind and a log floating in the water.

Hamilton would have to wait almost two weeks for its Cambria visit while new parts were shipped to New York City and then to Toronto. Finally, the big day was here, September 23, 1937; CKOC and CHML radio stations

promoted the event heavily. The Hamilton Harbour patrol took a lesson from Toronto's mishap. They meticulously combed the bay, searching for logs and potential obstacles that might threaten the flying boat. However, their surprise came when they encountered numerous boats of varying sizes packed with curious onlookers eager to get a close-up view of the Cambria. They worked diligently throughout the afternoon to maintain a clear waterway. The Cambria flew over Hamilton for several minutes before landing without incident. The Harbour patrol got another surprise when they were escorting the Cambria from the mouth of the Burlington Canal to its berthing spot. They could barely stay ahead of Cambria at full throttle as they escorted it to its mooring place. The Cambria was moored just off Wellington Street, where the HMCS Haida typically docks. Visitors were in awe as they were allowed to go inside and look around.

Captain Powell was greeted by Hamilton's 50th mayor (1936-1943), William Robert Morrison, and several council members. That night, Captain Powell and his crew enjoyed a quiet little dinner at the Hamilton Club on Main and James Streets. The Cambria took off the next day for Toronto, Rochester, and other US cities and then onto Botwood.

On the way home, the Cambria broke the all-type aircraft flying record crossing the Atlantic set by a Pan Am Clipper, another type of flying boat a month earlier, slightly over 12 hours to Foynes. The Cambria did it in 10 hours 36 minutes; it would have been much shorter if it had not been for a storm as they approached Ireland.

The popularity of flying boats declined after World War II due to more runways and aircraft supports being built inland. Pan Am (Pan American World Airways) operated the last commercial flying boat service in 1946.

One of the last two operational flying boats, the water bomber owned by the Coulson Group in Hawaii, fought its last forest fire in British Columbia in 2016. Named Martin Hawaii, it was built just after WW II and became the largest flying boat in the world at the length of two full-sized semi-trucks and with a wingspan slightly less than a 747.

Negotiations between Coulson Group and the BC Aviation Museum in 2023 are underway to bring this aircraft to its North Saanich, BC, museum.



BENNETTO COMMUNITY CENTRE

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GYM SCHEDULE – SPRING 2024 – APRIL 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2024						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Cardio, Balance and Strength (55+) 10:00am-11:00am \$2.50 per session	Open Gym (Parent and Tot) 10:30am-12:00pm	Basketball (18+) 7:30pm-9:00pm	Open Gym (Parent and Tot) 10:30am-12:00pm	Cardio, Balance and Strength (55+) 10:00am-11:00am \$2.50 per session	Open Gym (Family) 12:00pm-1:30pm FREE	CLOSED
Open Gym (9-12) 3:00pm-4:30pm			Pickleball (18+) 12:30pm-2:30pm	Open Gym (9-12) 5:15pm-6:45pm	Pickleball (18+) 1:45pm-3:45pm	
Open Gym (Family) 5:00pm-6:30pm			Pickleball (18+) 6:45pm-8:45pm	Open Gym (Family) 7:00pm-8:30pm		
Volleyball (18+) 6:45pm-8:45pm						

NOTES: Centre will be Closed April 1, 2024 (Easter Monday) and May 20, 2024 (Victoria Day)
Program staff are there to set up and supervise programs and are not there to replace parent/guardian supervision.

SWIMMING SCHEDULE – SPRING 2024 – APRIL 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2024							
PROGRAM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open Swim 18+	10:00-11:15 am	10:30-11:30 am	10:30-11:30 am	10:30-11:30 am	10:00-11:15 am	1:30-2:30 pm	Closed
Water Fit	11:15 am-12:00 pm		9:45-10:30 am		11:15 am-12:00 pm		
Open Swim	7:15-8:45 pm	7:15-8:45 pm		7:15-8:45 pm	6:45-8:15 pm FREE	2:30-3:30 pm	
Open Swim (Family)	5:00 – 6:00pm	9:30-10:30 am		9:30-10:30 am	5:00 – 6:30pm		
Length Swim Swims marked with a * 2 lanes only	10:00-11:00 am* 12:15-1:30 pm 7:15-8:45pm*	9:30-11:30 am* 11:45 am-1:00 pm 7:15-8:45 pm*	11:45 am-1:00 pm 8:30-9:30 pm	9:30-11:30 am* 11:45am-1:00 pm 7:15-8:45 pm*	10:00-11:00 am* 12:15-1:30 pm	12:15-1:15 pm	

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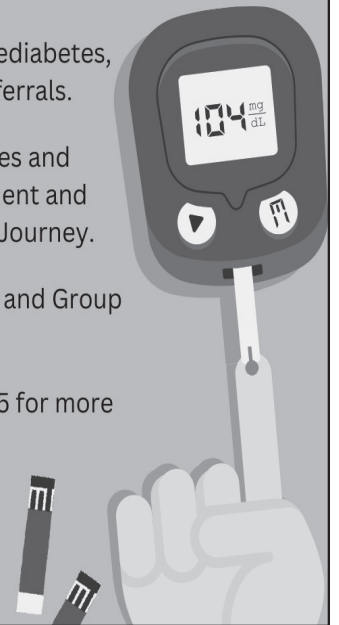
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