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## FAREWELL TO AN INTREPID NORTH ENDER



SUBMITTED BY CAMERON KROETSCH, ROB FIEDLER, AND CURTIS BIEHLER

As many in the North End know, we all lost a good friend and neighbour when Shawn Selway left us on February 7, 2022.

It's been hard. Even though we knew he was battling cancer, his infectious stubbornness and resilient spirit always made it feel like he'd be with us for many years to come, no matter what.

And even if it was just through

sheer determination, we somehow still expected him, the trickster he was, to find a way around it all; to see a loophole that the rest of us had missed, so he could stay to fight for a little while longer.

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**THE BREEZES  
IS TURNING**

**50**

**AND THE  
COUNTDOWN IS ON!**

On June 18, 2022 from 2:00 to 7:00 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!

The location is yet to be determined but we've started the process to have 50/50 tickets printed, draw prizes located and items to be donated for the Silent Auction. Admission is free and we have a menu planned so let us know if you will want to purchase dinner tickets. 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!

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We meet the first Wednesday each month at  
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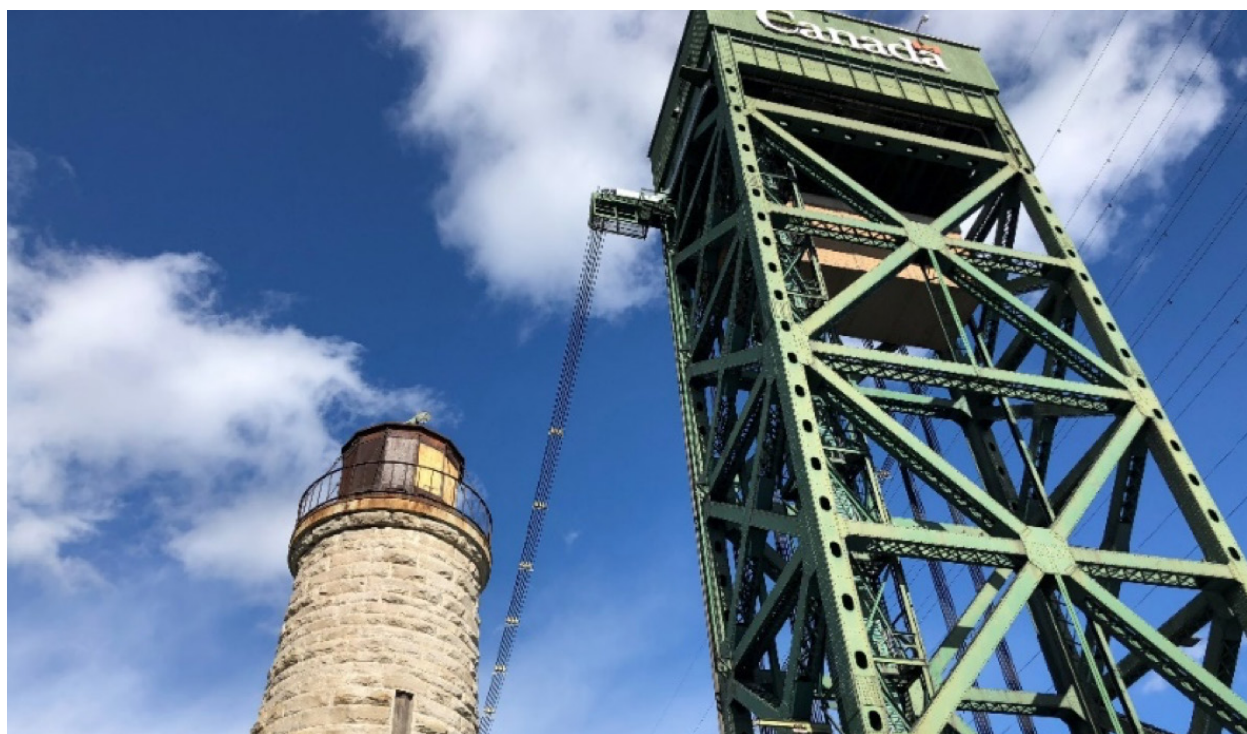
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# HOPA PORTS

## PORT UPDATE



## AGREEMENT REACHED TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF HISTORIC HAMILTON LIGHTHOUSE AND COTTAGE

On behalf of the Honourable Joyce Murray, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, the Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC), and the Honourable Karina Gould, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development joined Ian Hamilton, President and CEO of the Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA Ports) to announce the conclusion of an agreement that will ensure the long-term preservation of this historic landmark.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is transferring ownership of the historic Beach Canal Lighthouse and the nearby keeper's cottage to HOPA Ports which will protect and keep them as part of Canada's cultural heritage. The lighthouse and keeper's cottage have recently been designated by Parks Canada under the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act.

"Partnering with communities to transfer ownership of heritage lighthouses like this to local organizations preserves these important pieces of Canada's heritage," said The Honourable Joyce Murray, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard. "This transfer will not only enable the local communities to continue to visit the landmark, but will ensure they benefit from local investments in greenspace and improvements to safety and recreation for generations to come."

HOPA Ports, working closely with local community partners Beach Canal Lighthouse Group, intends to reposition the lighthouse onto HOPA Ports property in order to complete a restoration of both structures and facilitate public access. The repositioning of the lighthouse structure is critical to allow for public access, and will serve as a focal point for the redeveloped Fisherman's Pier zone.

"This is a major step forward to realizing our goal to make Fisherman's Pier a welcoming people place on Hamilton Harbour," said Ian Hamilton, President and CEO, HOPA Ports. "Hamilton and Burlington share a proud maritime heritage. Fisherman's Pier is one of the best places anywhere to get an up-close look at the big ships and to understand the continuing role of industry and maritime trade in our community's economy and identity."

Learn more about the lighthouse transfer and Fisherman's Pier redevelopment plan at [www.hopaports.ca](http://www.hopaports.ca)



## OUTDOOR EVENTS RETURN, CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WINTER SEASON

SUBMITTED BY WATERFRONT SHORES  
PARTNERS

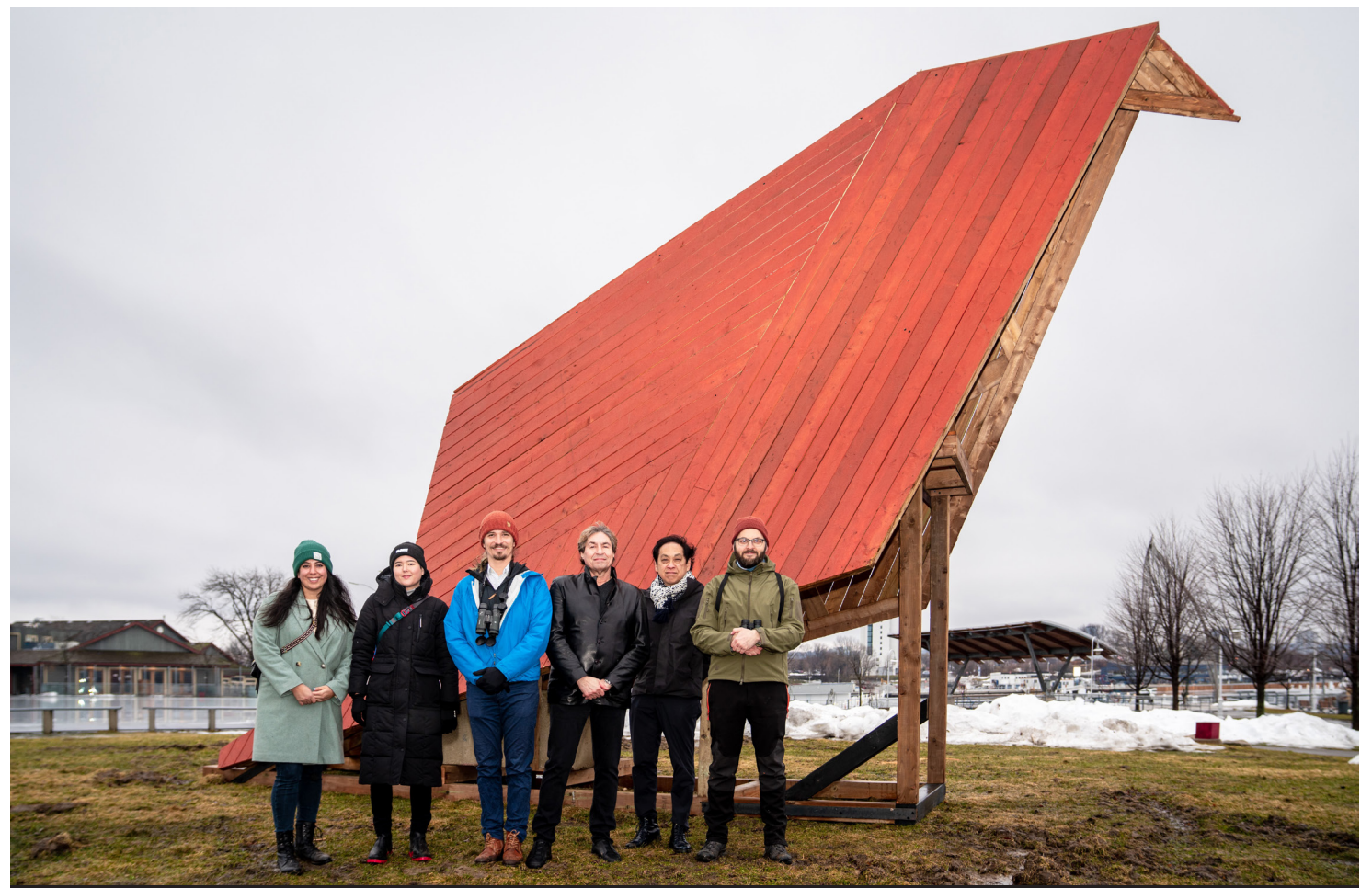
Several popular winter events are back again this year, along with an eye-catching public art installation, brought by the Waterfront Shores Partners.

A giant 25-ft northern cardinal overlooking the ice rink at Pier 8 is catching visitors' and residents' eyes this winter. In an exciting first for the city, the Waterfront Shores Partners – the team behind the future Pier 8 mixed-use redevelopment – has brought a new public art installation, called Wildlife-guard Chair. The installation is part of the annual international design competition Winter Stations and marks the first time it is introduced to Hamilton.

The artists, Mickael Minghetti and Andrés Jimenez Monge from France and Canada drew inspiration from the Northern Cardinal Bird seen on the shores of Lake Ontario. The public art installation will be on display as part of Hamilton's WinterFest until March 6th, and the station can be viewed adjacent to the Pier 8 ice rink.

The annual Winter Stations competition, entering its eighth year, invites designers, artists, and architects from around the world to create bold designs that spark conversation and draw people to experience the waterfront and outdoors during the winter.

Bruce Kuwabara, a founding partner of internationally acclaimed KPMB Archi-



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: YASMIN AL-SAMARRAI - ARCHITECTURAL INTERN, RAW DESIGN; DAKOTA WARES-TANI - ARCHITECTURAL INTERN, RAW DESIGN; ANDRÉS JIMÉNEZ MONGE, DESIGN TEAM – WILDLIFE GUARD CHAIR; JOE VALELA – PRINCIPAL, TERCOT COMMUNITIES & PARTNER, THE WATERFRONT SHORES PARTNERS; BRUCE KUWABARA – FOUNDER AND PRINCIPAL, KPMB ARCHITECTS; JACKSON HUDECKI – BIRD STUDY GROUP DIRECTOR, HAMILTON'S NATURALIST SOCIETY

itects, and part of Pier 8's design team, was a jury member this year.

"The Wildlife-guard Chair is an animated sculpture – it's fun, colourful and creates an impactful statement along the waterfront. It's a reflection of the beautiful landscape that surrounds us at Pier 8," says Kuwabara.

The launch of Pier 8's Winter Station was marked by an opening ceremony hosted on February 17th by Waterfront Shores Partners, alongside Andrés Jiménez Monge, one of the artists of Wildlife-guard Chair, Kuwabara and community members.

Closing out the month, on February 26th, the Waterfront Shores Partners and the North Central Community Association came together to host a Pancake Breakfast at the Eva Rothwell Centre. The annual event, which was cancelled last year due to the pandemic, returned this year, bringing community members together over warm coffee, pancakes and sausages.

"Public art and cultural and community events are what make a community so special. They are experiences we can all share that foster a strong sense of community," says Joe Valela, Princi-

pal of Tercot Communities on behalf of The Waterfront Shores Partners. "We're thrilled to play role in bringing some of these beloved events back again this year."

This year, Waterfront Shores Partners is also proud to support the WinterFest festival, sponsoring a geodesic dome at the WinterFest Hub at Auchmar House, hosting a diverse mix of artists, crafters and product developers.

To learn more and upcoming news about Pier 8, visit: <https://pier8living.com>.

### *It's time to do our spring cleaning!*

Join Beautiful Alleys, CN Rail and The Track Gang to get our neighbourhood spic and span!

April 23rd, 2022, 9am to 1pm and Let's Pick it Up!

For details and updates, watch our Facebooks: Beautiful Alleys and The Track Gang Or Email: [hamiltonalleys@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonalleys@gmail.com)

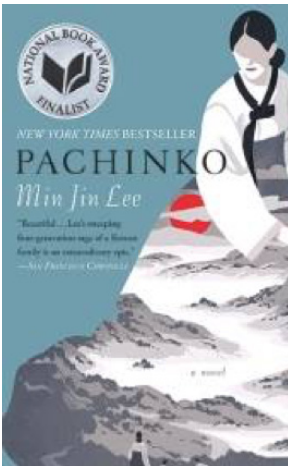




# BOOK CLUB CORNER

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

In February we read *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. The title refers to a Japanese gambling game, similar to slots or pin-ball. As in the book, where some of the slots are ‘fixed’ and others not, there is always some hope of winning. And this is the metaphor for the family in this multigenerational saga as it is for many of the Koreans living in Japan at this time. At the beginning of the twentieth century, Korea is annexed by Japan. A hard life for many of the Koreans becomes hand-to-mouth, a hard scrabble. Some look to migrating to Japan in hopes of a better life in a richer country. But there are few routes to a better life in Japan. In our story, Sunja and her family live in a small, rickety house in what



living with her mother near a small fishing community on an island in Korea is seduced by a well-to-do Korean who lives in Japan. She is devastated by the truth – that he is married - and refuses to have more to do with him. But – she is pregnant. A young, Korean Christian Isak, offers to marry her and take her to Japan with him. Noa, Sunja’s son only knows Isak as his father. He becomes a brilliant student despite the discrimination that he faces, and in a twist of fate, his natural father finds Sunja and offers to pay for his education at a prestigious Japanese University. When Noa ultimately learns the truth, his life takes a

is essentially the Korean ghetto. For many Koreans, the only road open is through menial labour or for the few, the Yakuza or criminal syndicates. Sunja, a young girl

disastrous turn. The reality of life in Japan for Koreans was illustrated by Sunja’s second son, Mozasu, whose ownership of pachinko parlors has made him well-to-do and not affiliated with the Yakuza tells his best friend “In Seoul, people like me get called Japanese bastard, and in Japan, I’m just another dirty Korean no matter how much money I make, or how nice I am.”

At 479 pages this may seem a daunting challenge, but the story engages you in the lives of Sunja and her family. Well worth the read. - Kit Darling

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah. Fans will not be disappointed by Hannah’s latest, set in Texas during the Great Depression and continuing to California in the 1930s. Millions are out of work and the plains are turning to dust from years of drought. Crops fail, water dries up, and the earth cracks. Farmers struggle to keep their land, but bank foreclosures fast become the norm. The central character, Elsa Martinelli, is working desperately with her husband’s family to save their farm. The situation is made devastatingly worse when Elsa’s hus-

band joins the millions of hobos riding the rails to find a better life. After years of want and suffering, Elsa leaves Texas and heads to California to find a better life for herself and her two children. However, the paradise she expected to find is overwhelmed by impoverished people desperate for food and work on giant farms. The American Dream is a nightmare. The novel reaches its climax during the fight to organize the migrant workers. The Great Depression is stunningly brought to life. However, the book abounds in emotional manipulation because every bad thing that can happen, happens to Elsa. Nevertheless, it is a good historical perspective and a vivid portrait of the American Dust Bowl. - Paige Turner

Note: The bookmobile stops at Bennet-to 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 bayareabook-club@bell.net.

## IMPORTANT NEWS! JANE’S WALK

The Jane’s Walk Hamilton, current committee is unable to continue as organizers. They are looking for volunteers to take over. In order for the festival to take place this year, or in the future, we will need new volunteers to take over the committee.

We appreciate everyone who has played a part in past Jane’s walks! If you, or someone you know, would be interested in joining the organizing committee, please let us know by March 16th.

**Please email:**  
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**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](http://www.jamesnorth.church) and following the link.**



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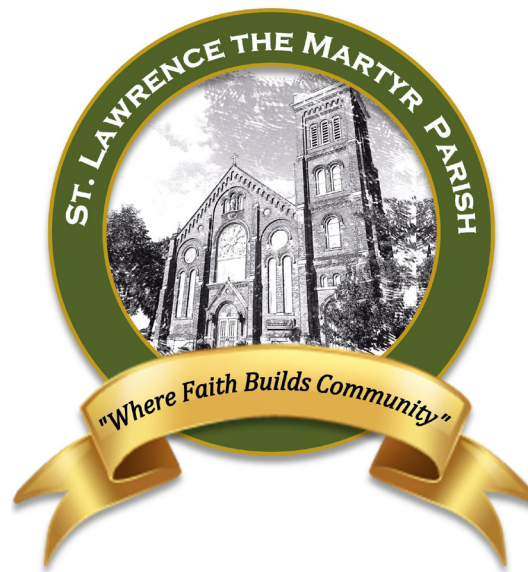
**[www.jamesnorth.church](http://www.jamesnorth.church)**

We are enjoying in-person worship services, following the Covid19 protocols of face masks and social distancing. Pre-registration is preferred as we are limited in numbers, but you are still welcome to just walk on over and we'll find a space for you! Check our website ([www.jamesnorth.church](http://www.jamesnorth.church)) for registration and service times as they change according to the protocols and attendance. If we have 2 services they are at 9am and 11am. If we have one service it is at 11am.

James North Baptist Church (formerly Hughson Street Baptist) has been a part of the North End for the past 134 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.

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.

We've been in our new building now for just over a year – have you dropped in for a look yet? We would be glad to welcome you any Sunday or check out our live-stream. 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. Our website is the place to go for up-to-date information



## St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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**Pastor: Rev. Peter Jurzyk**

**Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.**

### **Weekday Mass Schedule:**

~No Mass Monday or Tuesday~

Wednesday - Confession 6:30 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m.

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

Friday Mass 9:00 a.m.

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

### **Sacraments of Marriage or Baptism:**

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

## Parish News

**Winter 50/50 Draw Winner** - Congratulations to our December 50/50 winner MJ Carruba! . licence no. M783190

**Clothing Drive** - Our Catholic Women's League thanks all those who made contributions to the Winter Clothing drive - a large contribution of new winter clothing was made to local charities for distribution to the community.

**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.

First Reconciliation - April 2, 2022

First Communion - May 7, 2022

Confirmation - Date to be scheduled

Please keep an eye on the bulletin or our parish website for further updates. [www.stlawrencehamilton.ca](http://www.stlawrencehamilton.ca)



### **The North End Breezes Team**

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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.**

*We are looking for ideas, submissions, advertisers. Please email your thoughts to [office@northendbreezes.com](mailto:office@northendbreezes.com) or call 905-523-6611 x.3004. Leave your contact name and number and we'll get back to you.*

*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*



# WALKABOUT: SARI KNOT SARI

SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

As we head into spring 2022 think fashion. On this month’s Walkabout I chatted with the charming Priya Mohan, shopkeeper and owner of SariKNOTsari and her charming and delightfully inviting shop on the James Street North. Upon entering this shop with its exposed brick, you are in a comfortable setting of lights and fashion, right down to the bangles and beads, silks and the colors of fashion, candles, incense, jewelry plus much more. I asked Priya the following questions:

- The quote that most resonates with her shop - “As consumers, we have so much power to change the world by just being careful in what we buy” Emma Watson
- The Origin of the name SariKNOTsari - “Initially we thought of up-cycling sari fabric to wrap presents (using a Japanese technique called furoshiki) hence the idea of having knots in the fabric the next logical step was to play with words to come with the name SariKNOTsari.”
- SARIS for all seasons - “It’s your clothes’ job to fit you, not restrict you and to wrap around you.”
- Support Causes: From the Artist, Art Crawls, Artisans, and the cause closest to Priya’s heart, Saving the Elephants - portions of all sales go directly to the Save the Elephants Organization.

“Together we can make a world of difference. We are so grateful we cannot thank the Hamilton community and our customers across Canada for their overwhelming support.”

I would like to thank Priya for taking time to talk shop and fashion. When talking to Priya it is most obvious that James Street North and corridors is a blending melting pot of culture and diversity at its best - in your own neighborhood and beyond.

Remember SariKNOTsari for ethical gifts, artisanal and sustainable fashion, vibrant colours, and inclusive sizing.

SariKNOTsari can be found at 228 James Street North.

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- Instagram: sari.knot.sari
- Or phone at (289) 389-4353

James Street North is yours to discover. Spring is coming. Spring into fashion and step into a new look for 2022. Discover the hidden jewels and gems along the way.

Remember to support the small businesses in your neighborhood today.

Till next month Cheers.





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# FAREWELL TO AN INTREPID NORTH ENDER

SUBMITTED BY CAMERON KROETSCH, ROB FIEDLER, AND CURTIS BIEHLER

Though he often joked about being new to the North End, moving here more than 30 years ago with his partner Sheri, many have said that it felt like he’s always been an integral part of the neighbourhood’s fabric.

In part, it’s why we nominated both Shawn and Sheri for North Ender of the Year in 2021, an honour they so justly received (even if they really

didn’t want the attention). That ability to find a needle in a haystack, to unravel a deceptively written paragraph, or to ask the most important question in the room, were among some of his most admired qualities. We all felt better knowing that he had his eye on something.

In short, it’s because we trusted him. If there was a meeting about a plan or project happening in or near the North End, you’d find him there, taking notes and getting answers.

He was intensely curious, impossibly thoughtful, and willing to keep the discussion going for as long as it took (even after almost everyone had left). He always volunteered to do the heavy

lifting, never shying away from controversy, willing to put himself on the line.

In recent days, a 2016 piece that Shawn wrote for Numéro Cinq Magazine has been making the rounds again. Shawn ends the piece with this paragraph, “And that is what it’s like to live here: always behind, never ahead; forever hopeful, often deceived. Love in vain. But I just can’t help myself. And you would wind up just the same, my friend, if you lived here.”

We’d like to argue that Shawn’s love was, in fact, not in vain and we’re glad that he wasn’t able to help himself. He inspired us, motivated us, and made us appreciate our city even more.

A part of Shawn will live on at each neighbourhood meeting, each discussion about the big issues facing our city, and when people decide to take a stand and demand something better and more just be done. We hope to see you there too, keeping his legacy alive.



# FROM THE NORTH END BREEZES ARCHIVES...

In 2001 and 2002, our paper was still called The North End Information Services. When did we change it to The North End Breezes? Do you know? Please tell me if you do. We were still volunteer based, we still needed financial support, and we still needed volunteers. Many of those who contributed 50 years ago are still with us, our churches, our service centers, our places of worship. We are a unique community! As I go through the archived articles, I am reminded of that.

## Message from North End Information Services Chair:

North End Information Services (NEIS) has recently restructured. The new Board of Directors has hired a Community Coordinator, Tracey Schaeffer. She brings with her much experience organizing and leading resource centres.

The goal of our organization is to offer information and referrals services to community members through drop-in or telephone services. As well, we will produce a community-based newsletter called the **North End BREEZES**.

If you would like further information about North End Information Services, please contact

Tracey Shaeffer,  
Community Coordinator

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need people who can volunteer at North End Information Services, answering the phone, filing, typing, and lots more! Call Tracey for more information! 905-529-8483

Share your memories and your stories. The past can speak! Email us at office@northendbreezes.com.

## --WOULD IT SUPPORT US!!!--

In our last few issues I have mentioned that we are in a direct financial crunch, and the effective running of the office and services will be coming under scrutiny. We have recognized that some changes are imperative if we wish to continue.

Our committee who has served us for many years, have long stayed past the length of time that one would normally serve. They now deserve the right to sit back a little and let someone else take a responsibility. Our Bingo’s are staffed by volunteers who believe that we are needed. However, it would not hurt to have a name or two more when one cannot make it. Our office is staffed by one part-time paid employee and volunteers, our programs and service delivery are suffering because we need more help in this area.

Somebody told me a week or so ago that they thought this building was not being used, and were quite surprised to see all we did for our community. We don’t need flashing lights or big signs or fancy music to bring the people here that need help, they always seem to find us, they know and so do you. The past is a wonderful thing to remember. Especially to remember who has been here to help our community through it all. Come visit us now in the present, see what we do, see what we need, see how opportunities exist for you to help a needed tradition continue by your help and support into the future.

The past cared enough to be here for the present. Does the present care enough for the future.

If you want statistics on what we’ve done here is one small one, we actually had a direct impact on saving two lives this month, just two of our neighbours in our community, in our back door! If only the past could speak, it can, by you!

## NORTH END BREEZES FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

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- Looking for a professional cleaning lady in the North-end for my 3 bedroom home , no stairs or animals. Must have own tools such as vacuum cleaner, mop and cleaning products. If interested e-mail me @ mleclercq@cogeco.ca
- Roommate wanted to share an apartment. Reasonable rent plus shared responsibilities. Please call 289-389-1070
- Lawn Mowing: I am a 14 year old boy looking to make some money over the summer by mowing lawns in the north end. If interested call Ezra Oucharek at 905-517-1661.
- Children’s Birthday Parties: Make your child’s birthday the talk of the neighbourhood. Earlee the Entertainer will make it happen Magic, balloons, paintable tattoos for only \$75.00 per hour North End Neighbours – special rate of \$65.00 per hour Call Earl Ross – 289-439-0166
- Downtown Delivery Driver: Looking for a MATURE adult to do deliveries in the City of Hamilton’s lower city. Trips / tips / extras you keep. You should have a float of at least \$75 to make change for customers as a float will be provided to you to purchase items. If you are interested, please call 905-921-9339 and ask for Pearl.
- Be a driving force in your community! Drivers are needed to provide transportation for seniors to get to medical appointments. Flexible schedule and mileage reimbursement. Please call 905-529-0700 or email voncsshamilton@von.ca



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REVIEW: June 2020 – December 31, 2021

## Share Your Voice. Shape Our City.

The City of Hamilton recognizes the importance and value of involving local residents to help shape City projects, policies and initiatives. Engaging residents on issues that affect their lives and their city is a vital component of a well-functioning democratic society and is a key priority of the City's 25-year Community Vision.

Public engagement encourages participation, action and personal responsibility. It also helps to identify sustainable solutions and lead more informed decision-making through a wide range of perspectives, experience and knowledge. By sharing your voice, you are shaping our city and helping to make Hamilton an even better place to live, work and play.

## Community Engagement During COVID-19

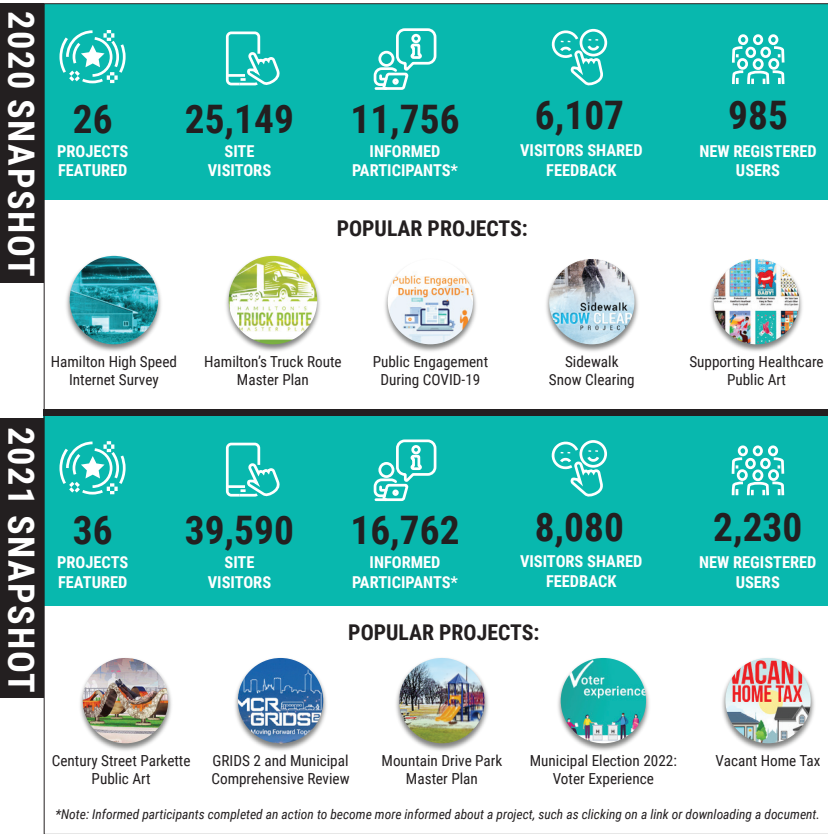
The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the delivery of many City services, including public engagement. Although in-person engagement activities were put on hold in March of 2020, we enhanced our traditional engagement processes to ensure residents had the opportunity to provide feedback and inform City decision-making efforts.

To keep our community conversations going, we maximized digital platforms, launched the Engage Hamilton website, offered phone meetings, virtual events and focus groups, and continued to leverage existing channels such as social media, marketing, paid advertising and direct mail where possible.

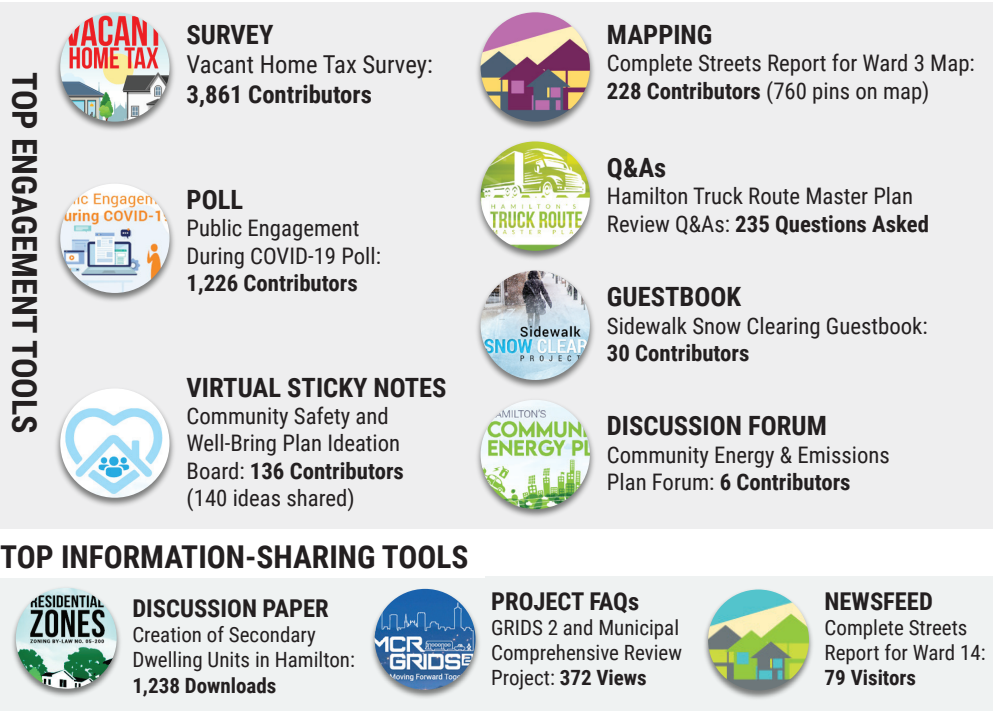
## New Interactive Online Space for Public Feedback

In June 2020, the City of Hamilton launched [www.engage.hamilton.ca](http://www.engage.hamilton.ca), a new and interactive online space for Hamiltonians to learn about important City initiatives, share their feedback and engage with the community. While in-person engagement activities remain on hold, Engage Hamilton has proven to be a valuable tool for the City to gather feedback and stay connected with residents throughout the pandemic.

From June 15, 2020 to December 31, 2021, Engage Hamilton has featured **62 projects** and welcomed **63,382 individual visitors** to the site. During this timeframe, **28,038 participants** undertook further action while visiting a project page such as clicking on a link or downloading a document and **14,041 individuals actively contributed their feedback** by using one of the site's many engagement tools.



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To learn more, visit **[engage.hamilton.ca/ReimaginingPublicParticipation](https://engage.hamilton.ca/ReimaginingPublicParticipation)**.

*Hardcopies of the survey are also available at City Municipal Service Centres, City Recreation Centres and Hamilton Public Library branches.*

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# HIGHWAY 6: THE OLD PLANK ROAD TO PORT DOVER

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN ROULSTON

Today, Port Dover is a favorite summer-time destination among Hamiltonians looking to escape the heat and get away from the big city. One can spend a few hours or an afternoon enjoying the beach, the sunshine, and the cool breezes off Lake Erie. Enjoy a foot-long hotdog or a platter of Lake Erie perch at one of the town’s many restaurants or take-out establishments. It takes roughly an hour to travel via Upper James and Highway 6 from the foot of James Street to Port Dover on Lake Erie’s North Shore.

Highway 6 is now one of the longest routes in the province, running from Nelson Street in Port Dover to the Trans-Canada Highway and Highway 17 in Espanola, a distance of 480 kilometers or 300 miles. In this article, we will talk about Highway 6 between Hamilton and Port Dover. The road became a highway in 1920, five years later it got its number designation as King’s Highway #6.

Port Dover was once a part of the London District. In November 1833, the London District and the Gore District petitioned the Government of Upper Canada to construct a road to transit Mt. Hope over the Grand River, then on to Port Dover. Permission to build the road came in March 1834. That summer, Ranald MacKinnon, a Scotsman more famously noted for his tavern in Caledonia called ‘The Haldimand House’ did a survey of the region. He was also the contractor between Hagersville and Port Dover then Caledonia to the Mountain Brow for what would become the Hamilton-Port Dover Plank Road in 1839. John Van Norman Construction Company of Simcoe, Ontario, was contracted to build the plank road between Hagersville and Caledonia. The Government of Upper Canada asked that the road not pass through any crop fields or orchards and stipulated buildings were not to be torn down or moved without permission from the landowners. The road was finished in 1843 and opened to the public in 1844. This plank road was originally 76 km (47 mi) long and the cost of con-



struction at the time was \$156,000.

Three-inch planks of hardwood were nailed to large logs called stringers at each end. Dirt was thrown on top to aid in footing for the horses, this worked great during the summer and winter months, not so much in the spring and fall.

Four large horses were used to bring the stage from the Riley House at Main and West Streets, or the American Hotel located on John Street up to today’s West 5th street. The horses were changed at the Terryberry Inn west of Mohawk Rd., the present site of the Terryberry library. The teams would travel down the Mohawk Trail to the current Upper James Street which was then the Plank Road to Caledonia. The mud on the road was so bad in the spring and fall that it was almost impossible for passengers not to comment about it. In some places the mud was so deep the coaches would sink to their hubs and the passengers had no other choice but to get out and walk the rest of the way to Caledonia.

There were four toll booths between the mountain brow and Ryckmans Corners, however, to avoid paying tolls, coaches often detoured around them.

In those days it seemed everyone owned a tavern, hotel, or some form of drinking establishment. No less than 15 hotels or Inns lined the plank road from the edge of the mountain to the Grand River. Ryckmans Corners alone, had eight hotels and they each made good money. Ryckmans Corners was named for a former Pennsylvanian farmer and land surveyor. He received a government land grant for seven hundred acres (283 hectares) as payment for his services.

Over time the plank road improved considerably. Passengers would leave early in the morning for stops to Ryckmans Corners, Mt. Hope, Caledonia, Ballsville (a kilometer north of Hagersville), Hagersville, Garnet, known then as the village of St. Gust later Hullsville. Then

onto Jarvis at Highway 3, where they would meet up with the Talbot Stagecoach. For this reason, Jarvis became the community that it is today.

Highway 6 passed through Mount Hope until April 26, 1956. Because they could not widen the original highway, they built the current bypass.

The road proceeded through Caledonia, crossing the Caledonia Bridge, which was built concurrently with the plank road. Before the current bridge, there were two bridges. The Grand River was first crossed by a wooden swing bridge, which allowed boats to move up and down the river. A six-span iron bridge was built in its place in 1875 and was used until the early morning hours of August 24, 1925, when a big truck crossed it. The vehicle and driver were thrown thirty feet into the Grand. The driver escaped unharmed. They constructed the current concrete bridge in 1927, and it is still the only operable nine-span bridge in Canada. Until 1929, each horse team and automobile that crossed the river paid a toll of two pence for a one-day return journey. It would cost a penny each way to stroll across the Grand River.

Almost immediately after the plank road opened Highway 6 became a major route for farmers from Haldimand and Norfolk counties to get their produce to the Hamilton Farmers’ Market.

In the 1970s and early 1980s, Highway 6 through Caledonia grew crowded with truck traffic and people traveling through town on their way to work at the Nanticoke Industrial Park. To alleviate traffic congestion, the Caledonia Bypass was created and Highway 6 through Caledonia became Argyle Street.

Port Dover grew from a tiny lakeside village to a small town thanks to the Port Dover to Hamilton Plank Road. However, Dover was not the destination that some of the initial users of the plank road had in mind.

Dogs Nest was a tiny hamlet located between Jarvis and Port Dover. For a moment in time, it had more log cabins than Port Dover, plus a busy little tavern. There are at least three versions of how this little hamlet got its name and all three versions involve puppies being born at the tavern and the tavern and in turn the nameless hamlet eventually became known as Dogs Nest. The tavern was a popular little spot in its day, lo-

cal hunters would gather for some tall hunting tales and a little ale after a good outing. Soon word of mouth got around, and the place became the destination of hunters from Hamilton who travelled out by stagecoach. They used the stop as their starting point and the end of their hunting exhibitions.

During the War of 1812, Port Dover served as a key position for the British. It was incorporated as a village in 1835. By the late 1850s, the town of Port Dover had a population of 600 inhabitants. The tourist industry began in the 1880s, when prominent residents from the town of Simcoe began erecting cottages along the lake’s shores. By the 1900s, the majority of cottage owners were from Brantford or Hamilton.

Shenango No. 1 was the first ferry service out of the docks of Port Dover. It ferried passengers, automobiles, and rail freight to and from Conneaut, Ohio, starting on August 22nd, 1895. Hamiltonians rode their horses and buggies or drove their early automobiles up Highway 6 to Port Dover, where they caught the steamer’s Erie or the Keystone to Erie, Pennsylvania or Cleveland, Ohio. The Keystone itself could carry up to 1,000 passengers and eighty cars. The vessels became popular, taking tourists to the great shopping and entertainment centers across the lake. A fire in 1930 destroyed the Erie while mechanical problems plagued the final season of the Keystone in 1931. I purposely left out the City of Dover as I haven’t found any concrete evidence of it ferrying passengers beyond 1921.

The Erie and the Keystone were active on the Great Lakes well before the prohibition and the temperance movement. It became popular to travel up Number 6 highway to Port Dover, then across the lake to the many underground drinking establishments called speakeasies. Because Port Dover was considered a small port, border guards rarely bothered to check the passengers for booze. Smuggling alcohol became the next big thing, smugglers often used the ferries to get their ‘hooch’ across the border by hiding their liquor in fake bottoms built into baby buggies. Ladies would sew their dresses in such a way to as to conceal a bottle or two of liquor. Often, the men would crowd together and create concealed niches aboard the ships to hide their bottles as they sailed across Lake Erie.



# SHADE GARDEN

SUBMITTED BY CANDY VENNING

I recently gave a ‘Shade Garden’ talk via Zoom to a garden club. As a part of the talk I agreed to provide a list of some of my favourite plants – primarily native. I thought it might be helpful if you’re working on establishing a woodland garden. The first steps are to create good soil – easiest way is use leaves, allow them to break down as they wood in a forest setting. Don’t turn or till the soil as that essentially sterilizes/ solarizes it, breaks up useful processes that support plants. If you really want to boost the soil before planting you can add sterile manure right on top, allowing worms and rain to get the nutrients to the roots.

The next step is to provide some consistent moisture, especially if we get an early spring or prolonged summer drought. The best defense is good soil with that fantastic leaf mulch, the next defense is a dripline irrigation system.

## Native ‘woodland’ Groundcovers

- Asarum / Wild Ginger, Bunchberry/ cornus racemose, Bloodroot / Sanguinaria canadensis
- Tiarella cordifolia / Foamflower (halfway between a perennial and a groundcover)
- \*\*Vinca, Ivy, Goutweed & Lily-of-theValley are all non-natives on the invasive species list, please consider removal

## Native Shrubs

- Oakleaf Hydrangea / Hydrangea quercifolia Not a true native to Ontario but close, in USA, further south, big flowers
- Pagoda Dogwood / Cornus alternifolia – so pretty in the way it grows with horizontal branches and small white flowers
- Grey Dogwood / Cornus racemosa – buy in a mature clump – the most shade tolerant
- Buttonbush (needs wet feet) Cephalanthus occidentalis & Red Twig dogwood can both be useful for absorbing excess water

## Native Perennials for Shade & woodland / woodland edge

- Actea racemosa / Snakeroot – the native plant is a bit more hardy than the types that garden centres typically carry – also fragrant!
- Aquilegia canadensis / Native columbine – attracts hummingbirds as well as plenty of pollinators – easy to grow from seed
- Arisamea / Jack-in-the-Pulpit (ephemeral) – Pitcher plants eat insects and have an exotic look to them



BRUNNERA “JACK FROST”

- Dicentra canadensis / Dutchman’s breeches, Squirrel corn
- Erythronium / Trout lily (ephemeral) – will form colonies of adorable spotted leaves and tiny yellow trumpets
- Ferns, Ostrich fern, Sensitive Fern – both easy to source and easy to grow
- Hepatica acutiloba (ephemeral)
- Hydrophyllum / Waterleaf
- Iris virginica
- Mainthemum – canadense, stellatum, or racemosum / Mayflower, Starflower, False solomons seal etc)
- Mertensia virginica / Virginia Bluebells (ephemeral)
- Phlox divaricata / Woodland phlox (not to be confused with ‘Dame’s Rocket’ a very pretty non-native seen in spring)
- Podophyllum peltatum / Mayapple
- Solidago flexicaulis / Zig Zag Goldenrod
- Trillium (ephemeral)
- Uvularia grandiflora (keeps foliage) Bellwort

## Non-Native plants, not invasive, Interesting & can work well in shade gardens

- Anemone ‘Honorine Jobert’
- Bleeding Hearts / Dicentra – cut foliage back when stems turn yellow
- Brunnera ‘Jack Frost’ – leaves resist all slugs and pretty blue flowers in late spring
- Hakonochlea – Golden Japanese Forest Grass
- Kirengeshoma palmata / Yellow Waxbells
- Ligularia – needs some wet soil but interesting foliage w yellow flowers
- Polygonatum / Solomons seal – regular garden centre variety or variegated
- Snakeroot – cultivars of Actea with burgundy

leaves are not considered native but still beautiful plants

## Annuals for filling shady spots and shady pots

- Coleus – especially the huge varieties and lime green types
- Plectranthus ‘Mona Lavender’ – easy enough to overwinter a few cuttings inside as it can be hard to find at garden centres
- Begonia – so many varieties, but if you’re looking to make them fit in to your perennial beds, use white ‘Wax’ begonias, they have multiple small flowers, & don’t need deadheading
- Tradescantia / Inch Plant – can be the striped variety (T. zebrina) or straight purple species – nice trailing or filling habit
- Sweet Potato Vine – very common and extremely useful
- Calocasia / Elephant ears - available online or at some garden centres as a large corm, dramatic and tropical

## Bulbs - these work best when the shade is cast by deciduous trees – they bloom before the leaves have filled in

- Eranthis / Winter aconite – little yellow buttercups and they do create seed so you can spread them
- Snowdrops / Galanthus – amongst the very earliest flowers , delicate white flowers dangling on short stems
- Early crocus, early small daffs, fritillaria meleagris - we no longer plant Scilla siberica as it’s highly invasive
- \*\* = Invasive plants are a problem, they have no natural predators to keep them in check and they escape from residential gardens – they push out native plants that should be found in an area. For example, a woodland hillside may look healthy covered in glossy green Vinca/Periwinkle leaves, but ecologically it becomes a dead zone. These plants can’t support local caterpillars and insects, without insects birds have no food for themselves or their young.



JACK IN THE PULPIT



# A TRIBUTE TO MY FRIEND

SUBMITTED BY JOANNE BENJAMIN-LEDERER

To most in my neighbourhood — Hughson below Burlington — he was a familiar figure who was simply known as Dan. I always addressed him by his full name, Daniel, and he always flashed a sheepish grin when he heard it. I often wondered if it brought back fond memories of his mother chastising him for his bad behaviour when he was a boy.

Our first encounter was a contentious one. He didn't have a filter and was direct to the point of rudeness. While I appreciate honesty, he had crossed a line with me. To establish a boundary I stood my ground, giving back to him in a less aggressive way what he had given me. At that moment his posture changed and a friendship was forged, lasting 20+ years.

For some, Daniel's disposition was off-putting, but to me he was a softy. He was unassuming, a bachelor in his 60s, slight of build, sporting a shaggy white mustache and beard, and balding. He was well-groomed, and a waft of overpowering cologne preceded him wherever he ventured. He had a good heart; you just had to dig a little when you talked with him to find it. He touched many lives with his charity and generosity because he was a kind and gentle soul who needed to feel relevant, and he never boasted about all of the good deeds he did for others. Only those few close to him knew about it. Out of respect for his legacy of humility I won't boast for him on his behalf, but what I will say is he helped me with minor tasks and in turn I shared some of my cooking and baking with him. (He was partial to peanut butter cookies.) When he sought conversation I listened, regardless of what he said or for how long, and he could talk. He taught me to be more patient and understanding.

In the last few years his health had declined, and his quick stride had slowed. In early January 2022, police cruisers parked on the street a few houses down from mine, where Daniel lived. As the day wore on, additional official vehicles concentrated in the area, and technicians dressed in protective clothing came and went from his house with their equipment. I stayed away, not wanting to impede, and observed the commotion from a window. When darkness fell a sleek, black vehicle appeared: a hearse. My heart sank, because I knew who it was there for. The next day my fears were confirmed. Daniel had died, and while that in itself was a blow, what I found out still leaves me extremely disturbed, because it's deplorable: Daniel had been discovered laying on a frigid bathroom floor, and had been there for several days. To call it tragic just isn't enough.

And so another day will go by. People will enter and exit our lives, but there are some who make a real difference for the good. I will remember sharing the simple pleasures with my friend who made my life better. Thank you, Daniel, you benevolent curmudgeon.

# UPDATE FROM THE COUNCILLOR

SUBMITTED BY JASON FARR

Hello Breeze's readers and I hope this latest issue finds you and your family well! This month I wanted to share with you some of the facts and history of the Sunset Cultural Garden site. As many know, the garden itself was always meant to be temporary in its current location and received assistance from City Community Garden staff and funds in part from our Ward 2 Participatory Budget (where residents devised and voted on \$1 million dollars in beautification capital projects throughout the Ward). The parcel at Strachan St. West and Bay St. North had been used as an overflow parking lot for Bayfront Park for many years following the expropriation of homes in the area to make room for an ill-conceived perimeter road that thankfully never happened. During the era of overflow parking on this lot, discussion began in the neighbourhood with respect to how this parcel may be utilized in both the short and long term. Short term use discussions included an agreement by the city and garden volunteers on a temporary community garden in 2014.

Through extensive community consultation with my office, various city divisions and with \$10,000 dollars in funding from the Ward 2 Participatory Budget, the temporary community garden was created, and it was agreed by all parties that any garden infrastructure would not be hard infrastructure or permanent in nature. Garden volunteers have done an admirable job working within the defined parameters. In fact, thanks to support from my council colleagues, I was successful in a motion that states once the process

for this phase of the Jamesville redevelopment comes to fruition the garden will be replicated by Public Works staff on the opposite corner as the gateway to Bayfront Park.

Through a council motion, March 21, 2017, the land was transferred from the City of Hamilton to CityHousing Hamilton to be included in the Jamesville redevelopment. This redevelopment plan for Jamesville was crucial in not only updating aging units, but also increasing the number of affordable units on that site (and nearby) as part of a greater mixed-income community.

The North End is blessed with more greenspace than any other neighbourhood in Ward 2. From the growing number of hectares of park land along our waterfront, to the borders of the Haida where the Eastwood Park rejuvenation continues. In fact, save for a few blocks stretch on Wellington St., we have a green ring of public park and park-like space around the entire North End. This includes, but is not limited to Eastwood Park, Jackie Washington Park, Bayfront Park, Piers 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 (the new Copps Family Pier). In addition, enhancements to the pedestrian realm continue in the form of an expanded dog run, public trails like the recently completed Strachan St. multi-modal path and bike lanes throughout the North End. I've also had the pleasure of receiving past support from my colleagues on funding for enhanced play spaces for kids at both Bennetto and St. Lawrence schools. The North End continues to be a coveted neighbourhood for safe friendly environs that continue to grow.

The successful proponents won the right to develop the Jamesville lands (Strachan to Ferrie between McNab and James) with the Bay/Strachan parcel included. Others participated in our public request for proposals to partner with CityHousing Hamilton, but this winning consortium had great local partners and really answered our

call for a net gain in affordable housing opportunities. The Master Development Agreement in place. A great deal of work and ongoing public engagement has led to creating a site that will be transformed from a housing project to a complete and inclusive mixed income community.

The work on the Jamesville site is now underway with demolition of the existing structures through the next six months and due to be completed by August of this year. What will replace the 91 townhouse (Jamesville) units will be approximately 166 affordable units within the over-all Jamesville mixed-income redevelopment. 46 affordable units owned and operated by CityHousing Hamilton and up to 120 operated by Indwell. In addition to the net gains in affordable housing, there will be 14 parcels hosting approximately 287 stacked townhomes. It should be noted that another 55 affordable units (family size) are connected directly to this project taking advantage of a motion I moved years ago to produce better and higher uses with the approximate 17 surface parking lots owned by the City of Hamilton and in the core. Council approved a CityHousing Hamilton acquisition of the parking lot at 106 Bay St. N. at Cannon St. W. from the City for these family units and when added to the Jamesville project, approximately 221 affordable housing units will be built.

Whatever transformation occurs at the corner of Bay and Strachan, be assured that this gateway will remain green and appealing at all four points and as previously confirmed. Until next time, Breezes Readers! Enjoy your many green amenities new and traditional this spring and thanks for reading. Please continue to call or write anytime with your questions, comments or concerns.

Councillor Jay  
Ward 2 Office: 905-546-2711  
Email: Jason.farr@hamilton.ca



# NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING (WEBINAR)

## PIER 8, BLOCK 16: RESIDENTIAL TOWER DESIGN OPTIONS

### City initiated official plan and zoning amendments

The City of Hamilton has initiated Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments on lands identified as Pier 8, Block 16 located at 65 Guise Street (Files: UHOPA-22-001/ZAC-22-003). The applications propose a 45-storey residential building consisting of approximately 429 units. The City of Hamilton Municipal Land Development Office is hosting this meeting, along with Waterfront Shores Partners.

Given restrictions related to public gatherings, we are hosting this session by way of an online **WEBINAR** to provide information and receive input related to the tower design options.

**DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022**

**TIME: 6:30PM - 8:30PM**

**REGISTER:**

[hamilton.ca/pier8block16](https://hamilton.ca/pier8block16)

### WEBINAR FORMAT:

A presentation followed by questions answered live.

Comments and questions can be typed into the Q & A and will be read aloud by the Facilitator.

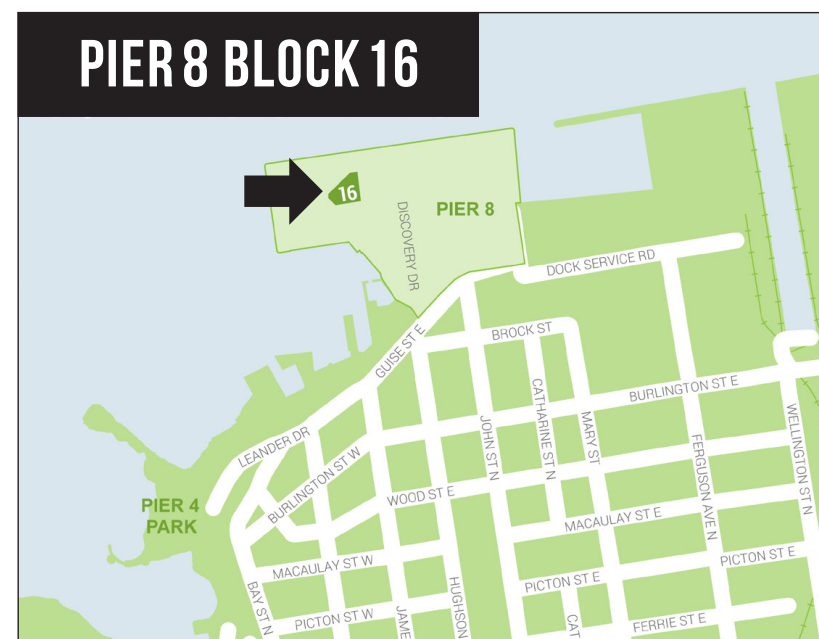
### HOW TO JOIN:

To join the meeting **click on “Join Meeting”** in the email you receive when you register.

If joining from a mobile device (phone, tablet) instead of an internet browser, **downloading the Cisco WebEx meeting app is required prior to joining the meeting.**

To join by phone, **use the instructions provided in your registration email.**

**If you have accessibility requirements, please contact the Municipal Land Development Office at:**  
[westharbour@hamilton.ca](mailto:westharbour@hamilton.ca) | 905-546-2424 x 2085



Feedback from the meeting will be provided to Waterfront Shores Partners as part of the process of refining the final proposed design and will be provided to City Council for their consideration of these development applications. The recording of the meeting presentation and slides showing the designs will be available at [hamilton.ca/pier8block16](https://hamilton.ca/pier8block16) after March 10, 2022.

Further comments received following this Community Meeting and by March 24, 2022 will be included in the Community Meeting Feedback Report, and can be forwarded to:

**City of Hamilton, Municipal Land Development Office,**  
[westharbour@hamilton.ca](mailto:westharbour@hamilton.ca).

Additional information about Pier 8, Block 16 is available on the City's project website above.



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*Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.*



# NORTH END SOCCER LEAGUE REVIVED

SUBMITTED BY DWAYNE CLINE

The North End Soccer League has run in the North End since 1995. It was started by Hughson St. Baptist Church (now James North Baptist Church) at a time when there were few organized sports for the children in our neighbourhood, statistically one of the poorest communities in Canada. The league was a low-cost, skill building house league that focused more on fun than on competitiveness. It grew to where 300 children were participating.

Prior to COVID, we recognized the changing demographic of our neighbourhood. Fewer North Enders required a low-cost league. Many North Enders were requesting a league of higher quality, while still wanting to maintain the neighbourhood, family friendly culture of the league. Through COVID we analyzed whether the North End Soccer League has served its purpose. To do so we enlisted the expertise of others who specialize in running sports leagues.

We are excited to announce that the North End Soccer League will launch again this summer. James North Baptist Church is working with Onside Athletics to offer a higher quality league in our neighbourhood.

What will the league look like? Some things will look the same. We will meet at Eastwood Park on Tuesday nights from 6:30 -8:15 pm. The evening will begin with a practice time, followed by a team talk focusing on the Christian Faith and then a game.

What will be different? There will be four age divisions instead of three (ages 4 – 12), the league will start on Tuesday May 24th and run until Tuesday July 26th. Every child will receive both a team jersey and their own soccer ball. Two staff will be hired this summer to run the North End League (among other responsibilities). We will have certified paid referees each week and our coaches will receive more extensive training. The cost of this league would normally be \$125 but in wanting to keep the league affordable, James North Baptist Church is absorbing some of the cost this year and the cost will be \$99. Sponsorships are available for any child who wants to play and is unable to afford to.



Please inquire at [office@jamesnorth.church](mailto:office@jamesnorth.church).

Registration begins on March 11th. The link will be available on [www.jamesnorth.church](http://www.jamesnorth.church) or [www.onsideathletics.ca](http://www.onsideathletics.ca) to register.

Additionally, Onside Athletics and James North Baptist Church will be offering a weeklong Multi-Sport Camp from Monday July 4th until Friday July 8th from 9 am – 4pm for children from SK to Grade 8. Cost is \$150. We will make use of both our gymnasium as well as outdoor space. Before and after care will be available for an additional cost. See the above links for more information.

We look forward to the re-launch of the North End Soccer League with Onside Athletics and are thrilled with the opportunity of adding the Multi-Sport Camp to our already existing CrossTrainers Summer Camps that will run from July 18-August 12 at 500 James St N.

Because of grace, Dwayne Cline  
Lead Pastor, James North Baptist Church

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MARCH 2022

**MARCH FUN! Lets get out of the house and join some fun activities!**

**Registration is coming up for all of our Spring programs. You will be able to register on line as of March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022.**

**DROP IN PROGRAMS – February 7 to April 3, 2022**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open Swim 5:00-7:00 pm	<b>NEW</b> Parent & Tot Swim 9:00-10:00 AM	Open Swim 5:00-7:00 pm		Open Swim 5:00-6:30 pm <b>(FREE)</b>	Open Swim 3:00-4:00 pm	CLOSED
Open Gym (13-17 yrs) 7:00-8:30 pm	<b>NEW</b> Open Gym (Parent & Tot) 10:15-11:45 am	Open Gym (13-17 yrs) 7:00-8:30 pm		Open Gyms (Family) 5:15-6:45 pm (13-17 yrs) 7:00-8:30 pm	Open Gyms: (Parent & Tot) 9:30-10:45 am (13-17 yrs) 11:00 am - 12:15 pm (Family) 12:30-2:15 pm	
					<b>NEW</b> Pickleball (18+) 2:30-4:00 pm	

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Registration Date:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 8:00am

**Ways to Register:**

- 1) Online Registration (quick and easy method) – City of Hamilton <https://rec.hamilton.ca>  
Be sure to create your Username and Password online.
- 2) In-person at Bennetto Community Centre, after 9:00am.

**Withdrawals:** Withdraw from a program prior to the start date to receive a full credit. Go online, call, email or visit any recreation centre to withdraw. Once the program has started you will receive a partial credit based on the value of the classes remaining from the time the withdraw request is received and will be subject to a program cancellation fee. Effective date of program withdraw is the date received by the City of Hamilton not the date the participant stopped attending.

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# LINDA'S CHATTY CORNER

SUBMITTED BY LINDA BENSON

February 01and 02! What amazing days to kick off a new month - it felt so wonderful to get out for my “walkabouts” again. And, I was not disappointed. I decided to visit Pier 4, as it had been quite a while since I was down there. I wasn’t sure what was going on with all the Emergency trucks, so I wandered over to find the Fire Department were practicing their emergency rescues. Although I knew they well insulated in their waterproof gear, I still felt sorry for them, being dipped in the icy water. How grateful we are for our essential services, these men and women do so much to keep us safe. I was as eager as a small child, clapping and taking photos.

Wandering about the pier, I met people who were just as excited about being out as I was. Talk about meeting a stranger for my talk and share - I met so many. One particular lady, out for a walk with her adult son, invited me to walk with them. She was in need of a good chat, I could tell. I did walk with them for a while until the ice fishers grabbed my attention. So off I went in another direction.

I met a man from Ancaster who was trying to ice sail, although he was having a challenge due to lack of wind. I spoke to him briefly about this sport as I had never heard of it.

There were many out with their children and pets. I actually met some lovely dogs, which led to me to the belief I need to get one to replace my lovely rescue, Missy, who had passed away, 4 years prior. A lovely lady told me her sister’s dog had just given birth, we exchanged phone numbers and true to her word, she contacted me with the breed and more information.



John and Cris

On the second day at the Pier, I met a wonderful couple, John and Cris, (without the “h”), friends from Toronto. They had come into to Hamilton to enjoy some of our finest waterfalls and parks and had found their way down to Pier 4. We met while both looking at a very interesting tree, neither of us knew what the exact name of the tree was, but Cris thought it was a “monkey” tree. Perhaps one of our readers can confirm that for me. These were amazing people, we chatted for a long time, it turns out they live within a short distance from where my son was living. John thought the tree was rather “Zen” which then turned into a discussion of my son’s move, just a couple of days before to Japan. What a great couple of friends they were, and they wanted me to let everyone know how much they enjoy Hamilton, and all it has to offer. And, they promised to read the North End Breeze’s on

line. (I did mention they would be featured in the March issue). Of course, I mentioned to them, that they were in the best part of Hamilton, the North End.

I walked for hours on these days, even to look at the construction happening close to the Williams

Pub Café. I had actually forgotten that the dining in restrictions had been lifted, that very day, otherwise I would have visited the Williams Pub Café for a much-needed Cappuccino. Don’t worry I will be back soon.

Now, most of you know I live in Central Hamilton; however, I just wanted to tell you about a new hair stylist, Darryl Allen Salon, at 355 Barton St. E. For months I have been saying how we need a new hair salon close by, between the North End and the Gibson Landsdale Area. And here he is. Darryl knows Hamilton well, having lived here in his formative years, before his move to Nashville. He is rich in character and I would go as far as saying he is truly unique, one of a kind. His salon reminds me of the roaring 20s, perhaps not the exact look he was going for, but it does also have a slight Western theme to it too. The salon is small and comfortable. You will no doubt be the only client deserving of Darrell’s complete attention. And, what attention he gives, both to detail and to his client, conversationally. Oh yes, I got my hair done and I can’t believe the difference, it’s beautiful. To say Darryl is a master of his craft, underestimates him. Darryl also has an apprentice, his nephew Alex, who is similarly a wonderful and very interesting young man. I

am excited for this salon, and I wish Darryl, and his apprentice Alex, much success. If you are in need of a new, and dynamic, stylist, please check him out, or come down to 355 Barton St. E, at Emerald and pay him a visit. Parking behind the salon. Telephone 905-945-2200



Darryl and Alex

## HAMILTON'S LIGHTHOUSE

SUBMITTED BY KATHY RENWALD

The 1858 lighthouse and lightkeeper’s cottage at the entrance to Hamilton harbour will be restored thanks to support from three levels of government, and tireless work by citizens dedicated to preserving these rare landmarks. Hamilton, CEO of the Hamilton and Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA) confirmed ownership of the lighthouse and cottage has been transferred from the federal government to HOPA. The 55-foot stone lighthouse was last operational in 1961, the lightkeepers cottage was last occupied in 1991, by the last of five lightkeepers.

The restoration plan requires that the 1,000-ton lighthouse be moved about 100 metres to port authority land. The move is expected to cost about \$1 million dollars according to Bill Fitzgerald, VP of operations at the port. The move will put some distance between the lighthouse and the control tower used to operate the lift bridge. It will make for easier public access to the lighthouse, and take the heritage structure off federal government property.

The Beach Canal Lighthouse Group have been toiling for twenty years to protect the two structures from irreparable decay. Today’s announcement “was a dream come true,” said Ian Kerr Wilson of BCLG. As a long-time city of Hamilton heritage resource manager, Kerr Wilson was involved in early preservation talk for the lighthouse and cottage. “What I think is the real significance of the site is that it is a tangible link between the two communities,” Kerr Wilson said.

In fact, the restoration of the lighthouse and lightkeepers cottage is a first step in a development plan that would see HOPA create public amenities on both the Burlington and Hamilton side of the canal. The plans for parks, plazas and pop-up shops would make the area a tourist destination.

Investigative work has begun on moving the lighthouse according to Fitzgerald. A specialty mover will be required, a new foundation put in place, and the 100-metre pathway for the journey must be stabilized for the safe transportation of the rare limestone block lighthouse. Work may be starting after the spring thaw. Larissa Fenn, public affairs specialist for HOPA said the plan is to repair the lighthouse beacon to working order. Both the cottage and lighthouse will be open to the public after restoration and plans for programming the spaces finalized.

The Burlington Canal opened in 1832, and transformed the future for moving goods from Hamilton harbour to ports around the world. The lighthouse and lightkeeper’s cottage were both designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 1996. In listing their importance, the OHA stated that they remained the only intact structures linked to Hamilton’s mid-19th century port functions.





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