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# WALKABOUT: CREAMY ATLAS ICE CREAM PARLOUR

SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

“Who doesn’t remember their first ice cream cone or the ice cream man, the dairy ice cream bar or the good ‘ole’ fashioned Ice Cream Parlours of yesteryear. For many of us it was the sign that Summer has arrived. It was also a great way to cool down too.” Did you know that in New York City the first Ice Cream Parlour was established in 1776. By the 1920’s ice cream parlours were sitting rooms in a house with outdoor courtyards.

This Walkabout takes us to the Creamy Atlas at 10 Mulberry Street, where I chatted with the delightful and informative shopkeeper Daryl about how the Creamy Atlas was established. Daryl grew up on a dairy farm with 40 cows in a small rural township near the town of Listowel. Proud of his German & Dutch heritage, one of his fondest memories was visiting a European Ice Cream Parlour in Germany as a teenager. He has a long-standing passion for maps (cartography) that started in his boyhood. He remembers sitting at the kitchen table discovering details on his maps with his father; and his map collection began with those first maps in the kitchen drawer. Eventually he decided to study geography at the University of Waterloo which suited his love for maps perfectly. As a City of Hamilton employee for the cycling network, Daryl oversaw the City Bike Map for 15 years and every new edition was a proud milestone!

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# THEY'RE OFF! THE QUEEN'S PLATE

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN ROULSTON

The Queen's Plate, Canada's oldest and most prestigious Grade 1 thoroughbred event for three-year-olds, has become The King's Plate for the third time in the race's history and will be run on August 20th, 2023, at Woodbine Park Racetrack in Toronto. The Plate is worth \$1 million this year and is North America's longest continuously run thoroughbred stake race. As we close out this era, let's look back at the 2 plates held in Hamilton, and some Hamiltonians who played significant roles in recent Queen's Plate history.

Trois-Rivières held the King's Plate in 1836 in honour of William IV, who ruled 1830 - 1837. After his death, the race was renamed the Queen's Plate after Queen Victoria and moved to Toronto the following year. The race has been run on tracks of distances ranging from 1 mile to 2 miles until permanently set as a 1¼ mile event in 1957. It was a roving event for the first several years of its existence. Politicians often advocated for the race to be held in their districts until it settled in Toronto in 1883.

In 1866, in celebration of Queen Victoria's 47th birthday, Sir Isaac Buchanan, William Hendrie and Thomas Swinyard, a manager of the Great Western Railway, founded the Hamilton Riding & Driving Association to bring the sixth running of the Queen's Plate to Hamilton. Hamilton lawyer and breeder Robert Russell Waddell owned the western half of Gage Park. He constructed a one-mile oval in 1864 enclosed by a wooden fence and opened the track in 1865 for steeplechases, thoroughbred racing, and harness racing. There were two grandstands: one for the gentlemen and one for the ladies, and a set of wooden bleachers. The main track had a sandy loam surface that was said to be easier on the horses' hooves. The standardbred track was located inside the main track, and a beautiful meadow of trees and clover filled the infield. The backstretch of the racetrack was parallel to Gage Avenue from Main Street. The pedestrian trail that exists north of Cumberland was once part of the original racetrack, and Lawrence Road did not exist at that time. This established the Ambitious City as a prominent racing destination in the years that followed.

On May 24, 1866, the sun shone brightly, the sky was clear and blue, and a light wind blew in from the harbour. The city's influential and fashionable began arriving at noon,



a full three hours ahead of the big race, on some of the most magnificent carriages drawn by some of the finest horses ever seen in this city. 5,000 people entered Waddell's racecourse to witness Hamilton's first ever Queen's Plate. The atmosphere, comparable to a country fair, quickly devolved into a boisterous affair. In preparation, Waddell had prohibited gambling on the premises to ensure the highest moral standards were upheld. Gamblers turned up anyway and Waddell rode his mare Sunbeam to use a little 'horse persuasion' to expel them from the premises. During the scuffle, a nervous thoroughbred struck one of three firemen in the chest severely injuring him. Another brawl broke out in front of the judge's stand, but Waddell and Sunbeam dispersed them, keeping order.

The race was open to all horses bred and raised in Upper Canada. In those days, thoroughbred races were conducted in heats, with the winner being the first horse to win two of three heats. Unlike today, there were no track announcers, tote boards, saddle pad numbers or even a racing program; instead, a few chalkboards were strategically placed throughout the track with the horses' names, riders, colours, and post positions written on them. Only two of the riders were dressed in their official colours; the others wore their street clothes, making it difficult to follow the race unless you knew the jockeys personally and what they were wearing that day. Even the three starters, one of whom was William Hendrie, and the three judges had difficulties identifying the horses.

In the first heat, 9 horses went to the post where their trainers held them as there were no starting gates. They were to release their horses when the flag was lowered. This was easier said than done. Three attempts to start the first heat failed. A horse bolted sideways on the first try, and on the third attempt, a horse named Beacon made a false start before the rest of the field lined up and took jockey John Gagen on a flat-out sprint around the course before he could arrest his steed. On the fourth attempt, the flag was lowered, and the horses were off. Although

it was expected to be a two-horse race between Eliza and Beacon, Eliza had a terrible start and was ousted from contention for the Queen's Plate. Beacon handily won the opening heat. Five horses started in the second heat, and Beacon once again dominated the field wire to wire. After failing to win the Queen's Plate on three previous occasions, Beacon finally won it for his Chatham owner, Peter McKeller.

On Dominion Day, July 2nd, 1874, Hamilton hosted its second Queen's Plate, one noticeably better planned and executed. The starter that day was William Hendrie's son John. Like the 1866 plate, the favourite, a 5-year-old brown mare named Emily was expected to easily win the Plate. That year, it would be a 1½ mile event, with seven horses taking the start line. Charlie Boyle was Emily's trainer, competent and talented whose career spanned from the old days of local horse racing that took place on holidays with seemingly no rules or organization to the current systematized racing that is familiar to us today. At the start, the horses were lined up, with Boyle holding Emily and "Doc" Hannon holding The Swallow. John Hendrie yells "Go!" and drops the flag. Except for Emily, all the horses break well. For unclear reasons, Boyle still has Emily in his grip. "The race is on," Hendrie shouts, yelling at Boyle to let go. Emily is dead last at the half, but she tracks the field, inching closer and closer around the turn. Emily catches the field heading into the backstretch and slowly gains on the leader, The Swallow. Emily eventually catches up to him, and it becomes a two-horse race down the stretch. The two horses duel to the finish, Emily, is closing fast on the outside. However, The Swallow and Jockey John Hazard make one final surge at the wire, securing Emily's defeat. T.T. Patteson, Emily's owner would be forever embittered and never forgave Boyle for losing him 'his plate'. Hamiltonian Robert Thomson won the race. It would be the last time a Hamilton-owned horse would win Queen Victoria's 50 guineas before 1899. In 1883 Waddell closed the track as interest in horse racing declined. There was no racing in Hamilton until 1893, when the Hamilton Jockey Club opened.

Since the Plate began in Ontario, Hamilton's William Hendrie was a prominent figure in horse racing, starting with steeple chasing, then on to thoroughbred racing. He once had 300 horses in his stables (now a large part of the Royal Botanical Gardens). Hendrie's horses raced across North Ameri-

ca, including Mexico's once-famed Caliente Racecourse.

Joseph E. Seagram, a Waterloo whisky distiller, won the Queen's Plate 8 years in a row, still the record for the most wins by a single owner. Seagram's streak was broken when Hendrie won the plate with a horse named Butterscotch.

Daryl Wells, perhaps the best-known Hamiltonian to be associated with the Queen's Plate is best remembered for his distinct and cultured voice and his call of Northern Dancer's last to first place rally in the 1964 Queen's Plate. Northern Dancer won the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes, and the Queen's Plate (his final race due to an injury). Born in Victoria, British Columbia, Wells started his career at CHML and later became the first sports director of CHCH-TV when it debuted in 1954. In 1955, he became the voice of the brand-new Woodbine Racetrack. He passed away in 2003 at the age of 81.

Four Hamilton-born jockeys have won the King's Plate or Queen's Plate.

William Henry "Harry" Blaylock - born 1859 in Hamilton and died in Toronto on March 20, 1899 -raced in both of Hamilton's Queen's Plates finishing 5th and 4th. In 1893, Blaylock won the Queen's Plate onboard Martello for owner Joseph E. Seagram.

Chris Rogers - born in Hamilton, October 6, 1924, died October 29, 1976. A natural, Rogers won his first race atop a horse named Bon Marche at Fort Erie in 1941. He won 2,043 races, including the King's Plate, twice, aboard Epic in 1949 and McGill, in 1950. In 1954, he won the Queen's Plate riding Collisteo.

Jeff Fell - born June 20, 1956, was the leading rider in Canada from 1975 to 1977. He won the Queen's Plate aboard Norcliffe in a dramatic fashion. Fell brought home 2,637 winners, and his mounts earned more than \$38 million.

Don Seymour - born in Hamilton in 1961 and died June 26th, 2020 in Barrie - began his racing career in Alberta and was the leading rider there before his return to Ontario in the late 1980s. He is widely regarded as one of the best jockeys in Canadian history, having won 2,141 races in his career and earning more than \$31 million. He is most remembered for winning the Canadian Triple Crown (the Queen's Plate, the Prince of Wales Stakes, and the Breeders Stakes). No horse had won the Triple Crown in the 26 years previous to him riding With Approval to victory in 1989. He won the triple crown again the following year aboard Izvestia.

# WARD 2 UPDATE

SUBMITTED BY WARD 2 COUNCILLOR  
CAMERON KROETSCH



I hope you’ve made some plans to enjoy the beautiful, if fleeting, good weather that’s come our way. As many of you have experienced, that good weather has come with

some major air quality issues, in part due to serious forest fires in Ontario and Quebec. If you can, stay indoors when there are local air quality warnings. If you can’t, like so many of those unhoused in our community, or those who must work outside, wear a mask, take your time, carry extra water, and keep an eye out for your neighbours during this time, especially those who may be struggling to breathe or walk.

Speaking of air quality, you may have noticed that a handful of new trees have been planted along the Strachan Street greenway. While it will be years before they grow enough to help us all reap the benefits of cleaner air, they’re in the ground and the process has begun. City staff had a few in stock and wanted to get a jump start on the planting that will take place in the fall in order to start replacing those lost due to the track renovations. Some of you have asked about a watering plan and I have confirmed that the new trees have been included in the City’s tree watering plan and will be well taken care of as they grow. I’ll be announcing the date for the official fall tree planting as soon as I have it and will keep everyone



Councillors Maureen Wilson, Cameron Kroetsch, Craig Cassar, Alex Wilson, and Nrinder Nann at Bike Day in front of City Hall

updated through my social media channels, and in the Breezes, if the timing works out.

Since last writing to you, I’ve held two Ward 2 Neighbourhood Town Halls - one in the Central neighbourhood and another in Corktown. Our visit to all 6 neighbourhoods will take a break until our next stop in Durand on September 14 at 6:30pm at the Central Presbyterian Church. After Durand, we’ll be in the North End and Stinson.

I’ve also hired a part time Constituency Coordinator, Joey McCullough, to help the Ward 2 Team’s two full time staff with the

day-to-day calls, emails, social media messages, and letters that come our way. We continue to receive an incredible amount of contact from residents and want to be able to keep providing excellent service.

For those who missed it, I was the Deputy Mayor for the month of June. Being Deputy Mayor, something that each Councillor gets a chance to do, means that I chair the City’s General Issues Committee and fill in for the Mayor when she’s unavailable to attend an event. It’s been a wonderful way to get to know the broader community and to partici-

pate in citywide events and festivals.

I’ll be out and about a fair bit this summer at festivals and events and will also be taking a much needed break for 2 weeks in July. If you see me out there, be sure to say hello! And as always, the Ward 2 Team is here to support you. Please reach out to us at [Ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ward2@hamilton.ca) or through our office phone number at (905) 546-2197.

- Cameron Kroetsch



## CRIME STOPPERS OF HAMILTON UPDATE

SUBMITTED BY TREVOR MCKENNA

On June 21st we celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day – A day where we can all recognize and celebrate the history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Metis across Canada. Last month, the Hamilton Public Library hosted the Red Dress exhibit – a showcase of red dresses to symbolize missing and murdered Indigenous women and 2 spirit. The dresses ranged from adult sizes to infant. Some were tattered, others filthy with dirt, and one had tire marks running across it.

Statistics of crime against indigenous people are just as shocking. Indigenous women are 3x more likely

than non-indigenous women to be victims of violence. 26 percent of indigenous women experienced sexual violence during their childhood vs only 9 percent on non-indigenous. Lastly, Indigenous people are twice as likely to have little or no confidence in their local police department.

Crime Stoppers is reaching out to members of the Indigenous Community. If you have a crime to report and are not comfortable speaking to Police, reach out to us. We keep all our tips 100% anonymous, we offer cash rewards, and we’re open to all communities 24-7 at 1 800 222 TIPS.

Please have a safe and happy Summer!  
Hamilton, Stand Up Stand Together.

# SUMMER IN THE GARDEN

SUBMITTED BY CANDY VENNING

I find that the enthusiasm of garden folks starts to peter out in July and August, myself included – I just want to wander around amongst the flowers and stop trying to grow them but... in case you're still keen;

May I recommend sequential planting – this is where you continue growing plants from seeds (after June) like Calendula, Sunflower and even Cosmos (plus veggies of course) to either have a continuation of flowers until the frost or as cut blooms to gift to friends or include in salads and desserts. Some of my favourite flowers also make it into cocktails as a flourish or frozen in an ice cube or just about anything from salads to BBQ garnishes and atop desserts – Pansies, Calendula, Sunflowers, Roses, Borage, Lavender, Chives, Nasturtiums, Marigolds and more.

So, we have sequential planting to keep your flowers going for food or beauty – there's also seed collection – whatever you have that you love – it's worth trying to collect seeds and either start them from your own stash next year (write the collection date too) or if they're native perennials – try 'winter sowing' with your collected seeds. (The Halton Master Gardeners have good articles online about this) This is one of the easiest ways to grow native plants but you do still have to get them past that tricky seedling stage into a second year to get flowers. (Proper labels that don't fade really help)

Plus, not flowers but fully leafed-out trees – it's easier to know what to trim to keep branches away from wires or just to let more light into your yard. If you have big invasive species (unfortunately very common) like Ailanthus / Tree of Heaven or Norway Maple – this may be the year you finally get an arborist in to quote you for removals – the great thing is that you can plant native shrubs like Serviceberry, Ninebark, Redbud, Fringe tree, right up to large species (if space permits) Oak, Tulip Tree or multitudes of other varieties. Bonus, you can also keep the wood from the trees you're removing, in your yard as benches or stumpy side tables and stools. There is also another way, as I've done – stacking logs up to make interesting 'low walls' little habitats and encourage mycorrhiza and mushrooms – as well as insects for birds to feed on and rich soil – that whole ecosystem thing!

And speaking of ecosystems – it's a wonderful time to observe what is coming to visit your flowers. I had a named variety of Black-eyed Susan, bred for larger petals and mildew resistance but although the flowers were pretty, no bees or insects at all visited that sad creature – out she went – if something isn't 'more than just pretty' (as fellow gardener Bev Wagar often says) it's not welcome in my garden. On a final note, take a look at what's in bloom in other gardens to learn what to plant in your own to fill any non-blooming times - Asters to Zizia – there can always be something blooming or fruiting in the garden and serving a wonderful interconnected purpose.



# THE NORTH END BREEZES NEED YOUR HELP!

Since 1972 this newsletter has been published in a variety of forms, but it is the partnership with our readers that has always been at the heart of what we do. This is seen in the financial stability of the newsletter as in 2015 24% of our income came through donations and fund-raising activities.

But now, we need your help. Costs have increased just as we've grown. Our advertising support that we relied on has dropped; some because after 50 years of support, they are retiring – go figure – and some have decided to dedicate their ad-

vertising budget in other ways. That means that we are working on a month to month basis.

Our small volunteer publication team works tirelessly to find and publish the news but we could use more people. Our Board of Directors is active in their jobs and community and their time is filled. We have ideas for fund raising but no help to do it.

We know that The Breezes is appreciated by our readers in the North End and beyond. We wouldn't be here 50 years later if that wasn't the case.

## Where do we need help?

- Events and fundraising
- Ad Sales referrals
- Community Partner sponsorship
- Board Members
- Social Media posting



We hope that you will join us with a financial gift that will allow us to continue to keep the people and resources of the North End connected. You will receive a charitable donation receipt for your donation.

We hope that you continue to support us. Your donation, whether small or large allows us to continue to bring the news of the community to the community.

### Creamy Atlas

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10 MULBERRY ST

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### HAMILTON'S BUSIEST MORTGAGE GUY!

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# WALKABOUT: CREAMY ATLAS

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FRONT PAGE

SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

The Creamy Atlas maps are from his vast collection of maps from around the world, the shop has over 100 Atlases and National Geographics for visitors to read and enjoy.

Stepping through the bright yellow, inviting doors of this charming early 1900's house.

It is really stepping back in time into Daryl's own parlour or sitting room in the lower level of his home. The dairy bar is well equipped carrying the best in Ice Cream from Hewitts. The Creamy Atlas is a relaxing way to cool down this summer on their beautiful courtyard which is wheelchair accessible from the street.

The Top 3 customer favorite flavours are Chocolate Peanut Butter, Blue Berry Cheesecake and Salty Dogg. They also offer cold drinks, milkshakes, popsicles as well as sherbet. Check the menu board for they aim to have Vegan options and European flavours. They are looking into options for those who are diabetic.

Daryl's love for maps overlaps with strong interest in environmental issues. So he is starting this summer to make a depository for those dead batteries. So don't throw those toxic batteries into the garbage - instead simply drop them off at Creamy Atlas when your in the James/Mulberry area. Don't feel obligated to buy ice cream when you drop off those old batteries but it always could be a reward for doing good. Mark your calendar for July 16th is National Ice Cream Day, so treat yourself and drop by the Creamy Atlas, instead of leaving tip simply drop off a battery instead would be greatly appreciated.

Daryl would especially like to thank Asaad and Kathy for being there with a helping hand when needed. Thanks to the neighbors, the wonderful customers and friends for lending their smile, good stories and cheers.



## Creamy Atlas

10 Mulberry Street

(905) 546-0590

Instagram @CreamyAtlas

Hours: Tuesday through Sunday 3.00 till 9.00 Closed Monday and Tuesday. Open until Labor Day.

As for the little tyke Wyn pictured here having his first ice cream cone after graduating from a la mode. His favorite nursery bedtime saying "I scream for ice cream"

Continue supporting the small businesses in your neighborhood this summer from the patios, restaurants and small shops along the way, as you stroll along the streets, boardwalks and piers enjoying summer in the city.

My rating 5 stars! The best customer service here in Hammer Town, all that is missing is a cow grazing in the backyard.



# HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER FUN

*HPL Closures All Hamilton Public Library branches are closed on Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2. The Bookmobile is off the road. Regular service hours resume Monday, July 3.*

## Summer Reading Club Starts Saturday, June 24

HPL's Summer Reading Club makes a splash on Saturday, June 24! Stay cool this summer with special performances and concerts, crafts and programming, and of course, reading! Visit [hpl.ca/src](http://hpl.ca/src) for the daily events taking place at your local branch. Browse or pick up the What's Happening Summer Guide at your local branch or bookmobile visit.

## Summer Reading Buddies Program Returns this year from July 3 to August 21

Do you have a child completing Grades one through six? The program encourages reluctant readers, ages 6-12, to enjoy reading throughout the summer months. Register your children starting Monday, June 19 in-person at your local branch.

## 29th Annual Power of the Pen Creative Writing Contest

The writing competition invites writers ages 12-18 to submit original poetry and short stories in English, French or both languages. Prizes are for 1st and 2nd place in seven age groups in poetry and short story categories. Submit your work via the official entry form before or on Friday, September 29.

## 2023 Hamilton Reads Title Choice is Unveiled

Read Nothing The Same, Everything Haunted: The Ballad of Motl the Cowboy by local author, Gary Barwin, this summer. Pick up a tic tac toe card at any branch or bookmobile visit, complete the activities and win yourself a stylish HPL Reads belt bag to sport around town. Visit our website for full details.

Send Postcards to Someone Special Pick up the two newest summer-themed postcards and send special greetings to seniors living in long-term care homes and socially isolated residents. Select one or all of the homes listed, complete the mailing address and drop off at any branch – we'll take care of the postage.

Beat the heat! Grab a good book and find a cool spot and read!

# PILOT TO CO-PILOT

SUBMITTED BY GEE CLEVERLEY

This was a familiar call that could be heard up and down Barton Street in May. The moving van carried donations and made trips to the landfill in the successful task of moving our dear friend Margaret (Megs) Smith to a new home. We all wish our past "North Ender of the Year" a speedy recovery and well-being.

Thank you to Ken Hirter for being my Co-pilot! I could not of done this without your support.

Margaret and I would love to say "Thank-You" to all that helped along the way with your warm and loving support. It is so appreciated.



# HOPA PORTS



## HOPA UPDATE

The Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA) proudly marks its fourth year of successful operations, celebrating significant milestones and setting ambitious goals for the future. Since the Hamilton Port Authority was amalgamated with the Oshawa Port Authority by the Minister of Transport in 2019, HOPA has emerged as a leading integrated port network, playing a vital role in driving economic growth, building resilient supply chains, enhancing trade networks, and developing sustainable solutions in the Golden Horseshoe Region.

"We've had phenomenal growth over the past four years," says Ian Hamilton, President and CEO of HOPA Ports. "We've moved from one location to four locations and it's been phenomenal how our team has been able to rise to every challenge."

During its first four years, HOPA has made substantial investments to expand

and enhance infrastructure across its port network, continued to build partnerships with key stakeholders and implemented various initiatives aimed at reducing its environmental footprint.

"Sustainability is one of our core values and it's something we take very seriously and are more than happy to invest in," continued Hamilton. "We see it in three different ways; one is the goods we consume and how can we be as efficient as possible in that, the energy that we use and then most importantly, what can we do to facilitate greener solutions and greening supply chains for our customers."

As HOPA enters its fifth year, it remains focused on strengthening its position as a leading port network on the Great Lakes, while upholding its commitment to sustainability and deepening its engagement with waterfront communities to build Port City Pride.

The future looks bright at HOPA Ports!

## HOPA PORTS

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**500 James St N, Hamilton**

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**Email: [office@jamesnorth.church](mailto:office@jamesnorth.church)**

**Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9AM - 4PM**

**[www.jamesnorth.church](http://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](http://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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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 (12:15 p.m. during school year)

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.

*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**

Save the Date! our celebration of the Feast of St. Lawrence will be Sunday August 13 11:00 a.m. Mass, followed by community celebration Watch for details on our website.

Congratulations Graduates of St. Lawrence School! The Grade 8 students of St. Lawrence School celebrated their graduation starting with a liturgy here at the church on June 19th. We wish all of you success in your future studies!

Happy Canada Day! Through the intercession of St. Jean de Brébeuf, patron saint of Canada, we pray for blessings upon our community and Country.

### **Hall Rentals are available!**

Call the office or visit [stlawrencehamilton.ca/hall-rentals](http://stlawrencehamilton.ca/hall-rentals) for more information. Please keep an eye on the bulletin or our parish website for further updates. [www.stlawrencehamilton.ca](http://www.stlawrencehamilton.ca)



## 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!**

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neighbours and hear about what's  
happening in the North End.

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[www.northendneighbourhoodassociation.com](http://www.northendneighbourhoodassociation.com)

# CATHARINE STREET NEIGHBOURHOOD BLOCK

SUBMITTED BY KATIE FITZGERALD

On Sunday, June 25, neighbours on Catharine Street North between Ferrie and Simcoe organized to close their portion of the street to host their first block party. The event was a success complete with arts and crafts, food, live music, karaoke and incredibly welcoming neighbours. As someone from a few blocks away on James North, I didn't know anyone on the block, but any hesitation I had was quickly forgotten upon arrival. I met the wonderful neighbours who helped to put the event on, as well as neighbours from other areas of the North End. The sense of community was strong and it was yet another reminder of why the North End is a fabulous place to live. I'd like to extend a sincere thanks to the many hosts of the event, organizer Stevan Garic and the many friendly neighbours I had the pleasure of connecting with. I hope to see this event become a mainstay in the North End!



Performer B.A. Johnson entertaining the crowd during his set at the block party



Event organizer Stevan Garic thanks the many neighbours who hosted and participated in the event



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# PIER 8 - TOWER DESIGN UPDATE



Revised Residential Tower - June 19 2023 Community Meeting, Pier 8 Block 16 Development Applications

SUBMITTED BY KATHY RENWALD

A revised design for a proposed 45-storey tower on the waterfront at Pier 8 was called refined and elegant by the design team at a virtual public meeting June 19th, but public reaction was mixed.

Though the meeting was called by the city and developer Waterfront Shores Inc. to gauge reaction to the polarizing high-rise, the format was restrictive and unsatisfying. The public could not speak at the meeting, and instead sent in questions via a chat line. No one could see the questions but the meeting facilitator. Some questions were dismissed as “comments” and went unanswered. Contrast that to an in-person city run town hall about encampments the same night where the public asked questions on a microphone for all to hear. Estimates on social media pegged attendance at the encampment meeting at nearly 600 people. About 50 people were online for the virtual 45-storey

tower meeting according to the facilitator.

Project architect Bruce Kuwabara of KPMB highlighted features of the revised building design he called “lily”-which the public has seen before. Changes include a public observation deck that is about one storey off the ground, and space for a potential cafe in the podium section of the building. The flowing design of the building will better handle the windy site, and the potential for bird strikes could be mitigated by specially treated window glass the renowned architect said.

Due to the format of the meeting it was difficult to tally up the numbers of those for or against the proposed hi-rise residential tower. Several people did speak in favour of the building, endorsing the notion of a “landmark” building on the waterfront. As presenter and planner James Webb stated at the meeting, the “motivation is good design.” Others however stated that the

45-storey tower which would be linked to a 30-storey tower belongs with other towers in the centre of the city.

Another question challenged the complex route that led to the 45-storey tower proposal. From the beginning through the Setting Sail planning process, to public meetings, and an international design competition, the preferred concept was a village like cluster of townhome style buildings of 6 to 8 stories. City officials took several opportunities to state that the idea of a high-rise tower did not come from them, but was the result of an LPAT (Local Planning Appeal Tribunal) challenge by a small group of North End residents and a subsequent settlement. “The settlement outcome was simply this -the city agreed to consider residential development on Block 16, there was no pre-established height that was assigned to it,” said planner James Webb.

Even with the 45-storey tower, the num-

ber of residential units would remain the same at 1,645. The mix of a tower and stacked condos or townhomes would result in more two- and three-bedroom units that could be occupied by families. There was not much info on a pledge to make five percent of the units “affordable” through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

A drop-in information centre on the tower proposal is set for Thursday June 22 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Discovery Centre on Pier 8. There will be no presentation.

Public comments can also be sent to the Development Planner reviewing the file, Mark Kehler – Senior Planner by email [Mark.Kehler@Hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Kehler@Hamilton.ca) or by phone at 905-546-2424, ext. 4148

A recording of the virtual public meeting can be viewed at: <https://www.hamilton.ca/sites/default/files/2023-06/waterfront-pier8block16-communitymeeting-presentation-Jun2023.pdf>

# MACHINERY, TOWERS AND BIRDS: FINDING LIFE THROUGH ART IN THE NORTH END

SUBMITTED BY ROBYN GILLAM

When Sandra Chrisante's family emigrated to Canada from Italy, they settled on Niagara Street, near Burlington and Wentworth. When she was not watching the world from the front porch with her family, Sandra was exploring an intriguing landscape extending all the way from the giant, inscrutable structures of the industrial lands to the grasslands and reeds that bordered the marina and shoreline of the West Harbour and teemed with wild-life. During the Summer, Sandra and her friends would enjoy making figure eights with their bikes at the foot of Wentworth, discovering the natural world of West Harbour and biking to the nearest library on Barton Street. Such days would often end with a treat from Nino's variety on Wentworth at Burlington.

Sandra remembers collecting unusual coloured rocks along the CN railway line, but most especially the series of mysterious, elevated towers that used to line Burlington Street and dot the neighbourhood. Now existing only in old photographs, these structures consisted of an elevated silo, suspended on a jumble of iron stilts and ladders. She wondered what they contained (water or something else?) and dreamed of climbing them one day. Her childhood reflects the experiences of many North Enders, but it also forms an important part of her work as an artist creating drawings, paintings and sculptures, some of which were recently exhibited at the You Me Gallery on James St. North.

Sandra creates her work using direct experience, memory and imagination. The process always begins with writing, which acts as a stimulus to the imagination, drawing on objects and experiences to create works like the multimedia sculptures in the current exhibition. Entitled 'Earth and Sky,' these pieces use objects collected from the natural and manufactured environments that tie memory together with the real and imaginary world. Although an important part of this work explores the artist's Italian heritage, we can also see impressions of a North End childhood showing through.

Birds and flight are an important theme, indicated especially by feathers. They are as prominent in these works as they are on the shoreline of the West Harbour.

The industrial North End is more directly reflected in the sculpture Burlington St. No.5, which uses pieces of found metal and Meccano to create an object inspired by the towers Crisante saw growing up in neighbourhood. Like the other sculptures, it relates to the theme of rootedness and aspiration, symbolized by flight. Roots are the central subject of Becoming No 4 and in Diverging No 6, the figure of an acrobat with rootlike hair sprouts wings as she soars high on a swing. In Perched No 2, a humanlike bird spreads its wings, ready to leave the nest. The feathered face on top of Burlington St. No.5, shows that the artist did indeed climb the tower to wider prospects. The sculpture captures perfectly how an apparently inhospitable environment can be a catalyst for imagination, creativity and aspiration if only we can approach it with an open minded, playful spirit.

Sandra Chrisante developed as an artist by drawing on her experience of the North End. We can all do this by nurturing both its human inhabitants and its natural spaces. Just as this artist has drawn deep inspiration from her life here, so this should inspire us to appreciate it and cultivate it the more. As Chrisante puts it: "A community grows and evolves when we become actively involved in it. There is no limit to the richness of the North End..."

The author would like to thank Sandra Chrisante for her generosity in sharing her art and personal experience.



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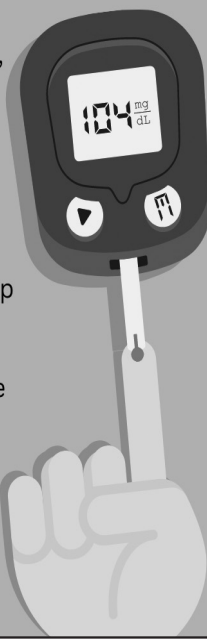
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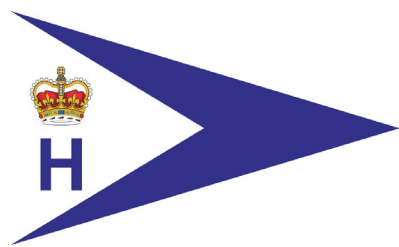
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