



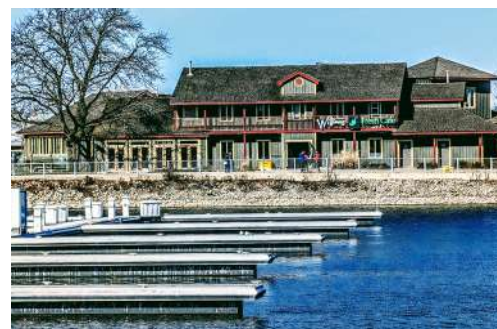
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WALKABOUT MEMORIES



SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

Winter is in the heart of the North End of Hamilton. This year was truly amazing with so much love and community spirit. The holiday season is here and we usher in the New Year.

2025 has been a challenging year. From the good, to the bad and

beautiful 2025 was a very interesting timeline in our history books. But our Canadian spirit shone brightly despite some anger and grumbles stateside and here. This too shall pass!

It was stellar and simply amazing to be here on Canada Day. It was a sea of red and white along with the beautiful sunset. The stunning fire-

works display that followed that lit up the evening skies, it was absolutely breathtaking to experience. Thanks to the City of Hamilton for putting on this display that brought smiles to faces of proud residents and the folks who came down to the Bayfront Park to celebrate Canada Day.

Remember to give on-line shop-

ping and the big box stores the boot this year. Continue to buy Canadian and support local, especially in your community.

I want to give back and to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who made my walkabouts from 2013 ~ 2026 an educational, sentimental, touching and wonderful experience. For myself it is tru-

ly the events, people, places and things that make the North End of Hamilton so unique and wonderful. You are all simply the best and continue to be NORTH END TRUE AND STRONG.

Memories are made of these special moments.

Here are my walkabouts in 2025. I hope that you have enjoyed reading, as much as I have had the joy of writing my walkabouts.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2025 - THE FLIGHT OF THE BUMBLEBEE.

Presented by Humble Bee celebrating their 5th Annual Winter Solstice & Bee Ball. We ushered out fall and welcomed the Winter Solstice on December 21st, 2024. The event took place at the beautiful Cotton Factory. For myself I like to call this Beekeeping 101. Fun was had by all, young and old and was a very educational piece to write as well.

MARCH 2025 - SPRING WALKABOUT

Discovering the wonderful neighborhoods walking through the North End and beyond. Discovering the cafes, shops and restaurants from the North End, James Street North, Locke Street South and Ottawa Street North was delightful. I have also been taking in the street festivals throughout the calendar year as well.

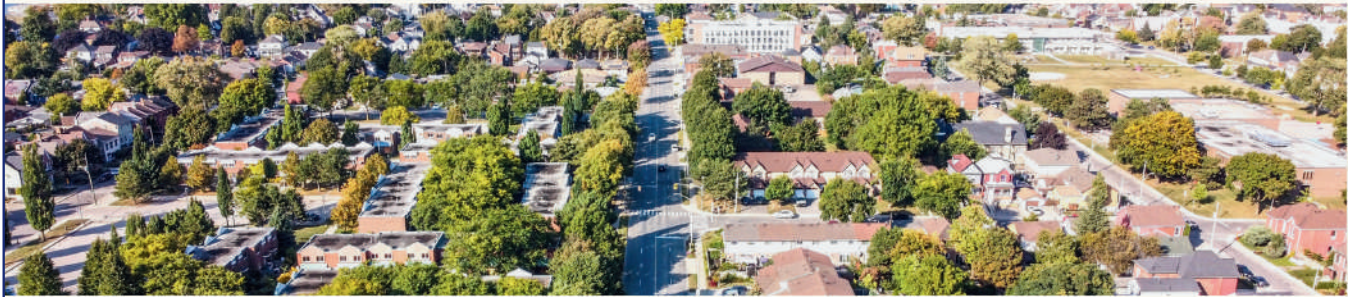
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For now, you won't see the Breezes on your doorstep—but we're still here with you every month online!

This short pause lets us refresh and renovate. Expect a fresh look, richer stories, and a few surprises along the way.

We'd love your input as we shape the next chapter. Share your ideas at office@northendbreezes.com.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

As we end 2025, we are preparing for 2026. We've sent out the reminders so watch your inbox for those. The Partner fees support our operational costs up to fifty percent of our print costs. Annual ads receive a huge discount of two free ads. If you'd like to learn more and take advantage of the discount, please check our rate sheet on the website.

As always, we can be reached at 289-933-4810 or on the following emails.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

SUBMITTED BY NORTH END BREEZES EDITOR
BRENDA DUKE

December - a time to celebrate family, home and friends. And: another year as your Editor for the North End Breezes. Happy Holidays!

We're celebrating much more and want to share that with you. The Breezes is busy building new ideas to make us the best - new community initiatives, new fundraising events to build sustainability. Our on-line only edition allows us to introduce new articles, without additional costs.

Tell us what you think. Did you try the cookie recipe featured in November? Check out December's recipe in Community Cooks to use up those leftovers. My mouth is watering just reading it. I can't wait to cook my turkey and trimmings.

I'm still in favour of a Fun Page, crosswords, word searches; anyone else? If there's something you want to see, please let us know. And if that's your special skill and you'd like to become a contributor – let us know. Help is always welcome.

It's not just the content we're improving. We will be introducing some fun too. Brush up on your Trivia, we're hoping for a fun night to break up the cold winter.

Did you hear about our Pets of the North End calendar? Cats, dogs, birds and turtles too. Send us your photos and we'll print them. If you don't get a featured spot, your photo will still be included. We're collecting pet photos in 2025/2026 for the 2027 calendar. See the information in the notice below.

Do you have ideas that could help us cover operational costs? Your ideas could make the difference.

There's still a need for members if you want to join our Board of Directors. It's not a huge commitment; one meeting per month for two hours. The Board is looking at restructuring and firming up policies and procedures so perhaps your work or life experience would be an asset. It's a great way to help out in a different way. Please send a resume outlining your skills to office@northendbreezes.com

As always, reach out to me by email or by phone at 289-933-4810 if you have any questions.

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ABOUT THIS DECEMBER AND JANUARY: A BRIGHT, BUSY SEASON IN OUR COMMUNITY

SUBMITTED BY CHRISSY
CHRZAN & SHERI SELWAY

As the year winds down and a new one begins, our community steps into two wonderfully meaningful months. December brings sparkle, celebration, and togetherness, while January offers reflection, cultural appreciation, and learning. From festive markets and twinkling lights to heritage moments and important days of remembrance, this is a beautiful time to connect, honour our shared history, and support our neighbours. Sheri & Chrissy hope your holiday season—and the fresh start that follows—is full of warmth, joy, curiosity, and community spirit.

DECEMBER 2025 – A MONTH FULL OF HOLIDAY CHEER

December in Hamilton is all about cozy evenings, joyful gatherings, and traditions old and new. As the lights go up around the city, families and friends come together to celebrate what matters most.

Commemorative & Health Promotion Days

December 1 – World AIDS Day

A global day to raise awareness and promote compassion for people living with HIV. It's a time to recognize progress in treatment, celebrate resilience, and recommit to accessible health care for all.

December 3 – International Day of Persons with Disabilities

A celebration of the achievements and contributions of people with disabilities, and a reminder of the importance of building inclusive, barrier-free communities.

December 6 – National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Honours women whose lives were taken due to gender-based violence, including the 14 women killed at École Polytechnique. Local support is available through SASHA's 24-hour line: 905-525-4162.

December 10 – Human Rights Day

Celebrated worldwide, this day recognizes the importance of justice, equity, and dignity for all people. It's a reminder that protecting human rights—locally and globally—is

a responsibility we all share.

December 25 – Christmas

Trees, lights, cookies, gatherings—Christmas brings the cozy magic that so many look forward to all year long.

December 25 – January 1 – Kwanzaa

A celebration of African heritage and community, honouring seven beautiful principles including unity, creativity, and purpose.

December 25 – January 2 – Hanukkah

The Jewish Festival of Lights brings eight nights of joy marked by menorah lighting, special prayers, songs, and delicious traditional foods like latkes and sufganiyot. Hanukkah celebrates resilience, hope, and the light that shines even in the darkest times.

AT THE FARMERS' MARKET

December 6 – Santa at the Market (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Santa makes a magical appearance for photos and holiday greetings—always a highlight for families.

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.: Gingerbread House Decorating

Kids can craft their dream gingerbread cottages using icing, candy, and imagination.

December 13 – Jeanie at the Market (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Jeanie's storytelling delights children with heartwarming tales and interactive fun.

December 20 – My Friend Christopher (10:30 a.m.)

A lively, musical morning tailored for little ones—full of singing, movement, and giggles.

AROUND HAMILTON

Nov. 24 – Jan. 7 – Victorian Christmas at Dundurn Castle

Step into the elegance of the 1800s with greenery, ribbons, and Victorian holiday traditions brought to life.

December 5 – Hamilton Holiday Tree Lighting at Gore Park A treasured annual

event that lights up the city (and the smiles of everyone who attends).

December 20–21 – Christmas Model Train Show (11 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Museum of Steam & Technology

Intricate model railways, nostalgic scenes, and a perfect outing for families and train enthusiasts.

NEW YEAR'S – DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1

Hamilton rings in the New Year with family-friendly celebrations across the city. Look for local skating parties, special events at recreation centres, and midnight fireworks at popular viewing spots. January 1 marks a fresh start—perfect for a winter walk, a warm brunch, or simply relaxing at home.

JANUARY 2026 – A Month of Heritage, Reflection & Awareness

As we welcome a new year, January offers a meaningful opportunity to learn, honour cultural communities, and reflect on our shared history.

January Is Tamil Heritage Month

Canada is home to one of the largest Tamil populations in the world. Many Tamil families arrived as refugees during the Sri Lankan Civil War, seeking safety and new beginnings.

January recognizes their contributions to Canadian culture, arts, education, and community life. It's a wonderful chance to explore Tamil food, music, language, and stories that enrich our country's diversity.

JANUARY COMMEMORATIVE DAYS

January 17 – Raoul Wallenberg Day

A day to honour Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Jewish lives during WWII by creating safe houses, hospitals, and protective passports. He later disappeared after being taken by Soviet forces, and his fate remains unknown.

In 1985, Canada named him our first honorary citizen.

January 21 – Lincoln Alexander Day

Many Hamiltonians drive the “Linc” without knowing the man behind the name. Lincoln Alexander was Canada's first Black Member of Parliament and later Ontario's Lieutenant Governor. His legacy continues to inspire leadership, equality, and civic engagement.

January 24 – World Day of African and Afrodescendant Culture

A global celebration acknowledging the influence, resilience, and creativity of African and Afrodescendant communities.

January 27 – International Holocaust Remembrance Day

A solemn day dedicated to remembering the millions of lives lost during the Holocaust, and recommitting to education, action, and the fight against antisemitism.

January 29 – National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia

Honours the victims of the 2017 attack and encourages Canadians to work toward peace, inclusion, and understanding.

HEALTH PROMOTIONS IN JANUARY

Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Learn more about dementia, its impact, and how to support those affected.

Resources and supports: alzheimer.ca/en

Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month

Firefighters face increased cancer risk due to exposure to toxic substances on the job. January highlights prevention, safety practices, and community appreciation for their service.

JANUARY EVENTS IN HAMILTON

Winterfest (late January – early February)

Hamilton's annual Winterfest features outdoor art, music, performances, and family-friendly activities across the city. Many events are free and perfect for getting outside after the holidays.

RBG Winter Blooms

The Royal Botanical Gardens offers indoor tropical gardens and seasonal displays—a warm escape from the cold.

Winter skating at Pier 8

Lace up your skates for a classic Hamilton outing with beautiful waterfront views.





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James North is a church where everyone is valued, no matter their background, education, or income.

We love being part of this diverse and vibrant neighbourhood! James North has been in the North End since 1887.

It is our desire to offer a place of hope and connection for individuals and families navigating life's challenges.

We are more than just a church service on Sundays. Check out our website to see the various ministries and programs we regularly offer.



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10:00 – 11:30AM

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Fr. Paul Mathew
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Weekday Mass Schedule:

~No Mass Monday~

Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday and Friday 12:30 p.m. Mass

Confessions before Mass on Tuesday,
Thursday and Saturday.
Adoration before Mass on Thursday.

*NB: Please check our website for
weekly updates and changes*

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

Upcoming Events and Dates

Friday December 5
Annual Christmas Turkey Roll

Sunday December 14
CWL Christmas Bake Sale

Thursday, December 18
Advent Celebration

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 - Christmas Eve Mass 5:00 pm
Midnight Mass
Christmas Morning Mass 11:00 am

Hall Rentals are available! Call the office or
visit stlawrencehamilton.ca/hall-rentals for more information



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YOUR VOICE MATTERS: HOPA PORTS LAUNCHES COMMUNITY SURVEY AHEAD OF 2026 CHCH MORNING LIVE BROADCAST



HOPA Ports is thrilled to announce the return of CHCH Morning Live to Hamilton's waterfront in 2026, but this time, the spotlight shines first on you, our community. As part of our ongoing commitment to transparency, engagement, and continuous improvement, we're launching the "Your Voice Matters" Community Survey, inviting residents, partners, and stakeholders to share what they'd like to see and learn about HOPA Ports.

Why Your Voice Matters

HOPA Ports is more than a gateway for trade and industry, it's a vital part of our region's economic growth, supporting thousands of jobs and connecting local businesses to global markets. Yet, research shows that many in our community aren't fully aware of the port's modernization efforts, sustainability initiatives, or the diverse opportunities it creates.

"The 'Your Voice Matters' survey is a unique opportunity for you to shape how HOPA Ports connects, informs, and partners with our community during this special four-hour live broadcast," shares Kelly Noseworthy, Communications Advisor at HOPA. "Maybe you're curious about port operations, or are interested in the latest infrastructure projects, passionate about sustainability, or hoping for more exclusive, behind-the-scenes stories. Your insights will help us create meaningful broadcasts, engaging events, and impactful outreach that truly reflect what matters to you."

Building on Success

In 2024, the CHCH Morning Live broadcast from HOPA Ports was a resounding success, drawing over 280,000 viewers and generating thousands of social media engagements. The campaign not only showcased the port's role in economic development and supply chain resilience, but it also highlighted the power of community storytelling and visual engagement. Audience feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with viewers expressing newfound appreciation for the port's impact and operations.

"Our goal is to build a sense of port city pride," continued Noseworthy. "This year, we're taking it a step further by asking for our community to share what matters most to them."

The survey results will directly inform the content and focus of the upcoming CHCH Morning Live special, ensuring the broadcast reflects what is important to viewers in our community and the region.

How to Participate

- Visit the HOPA Ports website or follow us on social media for the survey link.
- Complete the "Your Voice Matters" survey and share your thoughts.
- Enter your email address at the end of the survey for a chance to win a HOPA Ports prize pack!

Share Your Ideas—And Win!

As a 'thank you' for sharing your perspective, every survey participant can enter their email address for a chance to win a HOPA Ports prize valued at \$150. It's our way of showing appreciation for your time and insights.

Looking Ahead

HOPA Ports is committed to fostering strong relationships with our community, partners, and stakeholders. By participating in the survey, you're helping us build a more transparent, inclusive, and responsive port network; one that reflects the priorities and aspirations of the people it serves.

Stay tuned for more details about the CHCH Morning Live broadcast in 2026.



LIBRARY UPDATE

All HPL Branches are closed on the following dates: Sunday, December 21, Christmas Day, December 25, Boxing Day, December 26, Sunday, December 28, New Year's Day, January 1st, 2026,

Regular service hours resume Friday, January 2, 2026.

Spend your Holidays at HPL Spend the school holiday Break filled with crafts, family concerts and movies, and more. Visit your local Branch or Bookmobile visit to pick up your Holiday titles to get in the festive mood.

Hamilton Civic Museums and Your HPL Library Card Go back in time this Holiday season! Explore Dundurn Castle, Whitehern Historic House and Garden, and other Hamilton Civic Museums FREE with your Hamilton Public Library card. Each person over the age of five must have a physical or digital Hamilton Public Library card to gain free entry. Learn more at our website to plan your next visit.

Study Halls on Study Break Pause Study Halls pause from December 19 and resume on Monday, January 5, 2026. Study or work quietly at Central Library and the Dundas, Red Hill, Terryberry, Turner Park, Valley Park, and Water-

down branches after hours Monday through Thursday, 8pm to midnight. Full details can be found online.

Learning with HPL Find activities, book lists, tutoring help, online courses, and more for students, families, and educators. Visit our website for a collection of educational resources.

Lendporium - Borrow Unique Items from HPL Your Hamilton Public Library card lets you borrow anything in our Lendporium, including Art Gallery of Hamilton and Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) passes, birding backpacks, early year engineering kits, and home support devices.

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PET CALENDAR

AN INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

The North End Breezes, your community newspaper, is working on a fun initiative - and we need your help! In an effort to support The Breezes, we are launching the **Pets of the North End wall calendar for 2027!**

Interested in having your pet featured in the calendar? Visit bit.ly/NorthEndPets or scan the QR code to submit a photo of your furry friend today!



Proceeds will help The Breezes team to continue bringing community news to your doorstep.



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with the North End Neighbourhood Association

MEETINGS EVERY MONTH

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

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When submitting an article for the Breezes we also like to share the content on our social channels. Please include as many pictures as possible and a couple lines of copy we can use for Facebook, Instagram and Twitter posts. The articles written represent the opinions of the individual and must meet the Mission and Vision of The Breezes and the Board of Directors as set out. Articles may be edited for length, tone, clarity and are subject to publication based on available space.

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 volunteers who produce a monthly newspaper and online publications to promote connectivity, share community news and encourage mutual support by engaging our North End neighbourhood community.

NORTH END BREEZES VISION
The North End Breezes is a vital resource in the North End that promotes harmony, pride and collective community action in a diverse and ever-changing neighbourhood. For over 50 years we've been a resource for the community and rely on our volunteers to keep the information flowing for years to come.

Help us grow your Breezes. Please email your thoughts to office@northendbreezes.com or call 289- 933-4810.

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WALKABOUT MEMORIES

SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

Lift as you climb care as you lead - caring, compassion, empathy, love and support reside here. It is a place where friends become family. It is now home to many former residents of Hamilton, the North End and Toronto as well. Thanks to the delightful Christina Dale, PSW coordinator for taking the time to talk about senior care. Thanks to all the staff across board, everyone I have met here were simply wonderful. To my friends and to the wonderful ladies and gentlemen here at Queens Garden, where compassion resides within this loving and caring community.

MAY 2025 - NORTH END FARMICIA/PHARMACY

The friendliest neighbourhood pharmacy for all of your needs. Thanks to the wonderful and knowledgeable owner and pharmacist Nirja Sakura, along with her great staff here serving the North End and Hamilton since 2016.

JUNE 2025 - PATIOS & COURTYARDS -

Saying goodbye to spring and hello to summer, savouring summer and a walkabout through the James Street North patios and courtyards - beautiful and stunning. From eating, drinking or simply sitting outside on the courtyards and patios in the sunshine. From Fisher's Pier 4 Pub to the St. James Coffee house and bistro, James Street North did not disappoint. It was taking in the summertime spirit with music playing along the way, especially during the monthly Art Crawl and street party. It made for such a wonderful summertime experience and fun times. There was so much to do, see and take in, it was magical.

JULY 2025 - CELEBRATING WITH SENIORS

Celebrating with the wonderful Seniors here at Welcome Inn Community Centre's Diners Club at their annual BBQ, at Compass Community Health Centre. This event was

celebrating Senior Month. This year over 100 lovely seniors came out to celebrate. The weather was perfect and fun was had by all; it was such an enjoyable day. The delicious food and the music made for a delightful afternoon. Tunes, Laughs and Summer Vibes

AUGUST 2025 - MY SUMMER STAYCATION

This summer was about keeping my tourist dollars and attractions local. From the delightful trolley rides, biking and walking trails at Bayfront Park, the Harbourfront and the beautiful piers along the way. With that "Up North" feel and vibe right here in the City, it is so beautiful throughout all seasons.

SEPTEMBER 2025 - PARK "N" PARTY WITH COMPASS

It was another great annual event at the Park "N" Party and Community BBQ at Compass Community Health Centre, hosted by Compass since 1999 This year saw over 700 community members, neighbors from the North End, Hamilton and beyond. It was such a beautiful sunny day to give thanks together celebrating with Compass, the Community Partners and the wonderful staff of volunteers. The summer season memories are made from these special moments every year. From the door prizes, great entertainment and delicious food it made for a delightful day.

OCTOBER 2025 - NORTH ENDS LITTLE URBAN FARM

In this Autumn Walkabout with the beautiful colors and the scent of the season in the air I visited this little Urban Farm at Compass that yielded over 500 pounds of food this year. It was a pleasure meeting and speaking with the informative Leah Janzen, Community Development Worker and Food Security Specialist at Compass Community Health Centre. Farming 101 and a delightful little green acre with a Greenhouse - charming and bountiful.

NOVEMBER 2025 - WALKING WELL TOGETHER 5 K FUNDRAISER

The Welcome Inn Community Centre's walking well together and Community BBQ was held on October 04 2025., in support of the wonderful programs at Welcome Inn - their children's programs, senior support and the diners club, food bank and immigration support/programs. The goal this year was to raise \$10,000 - they raised \$40,070. Over 150 neighbors and community members came out to walk or to show their support. Community Spirit at its finest and it was such a successful and wonderful fundraising event. Welcome Inn Community Centre serving the North End since 1966.

THE 2025 NORTH ENDER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

NENa and the North End Breezes hosted the North Ender of the Year Awards 2025 on Saturday October 18th 2025 at James Street North Baptist Church. The neighbors, friends and family who came out together to celebrate Community Spirit and those that have made a difference in the North End Community. The North End is a close knit loving community and neighborhood. Reflecting a TRUE NORTH END STRONG and the people who have made a difference. Congratulations to all the Nominees and the Recipients for making such a big difference and impact within the North End Community we thank you.

Brent Esau (Ed Stewart Legacy Award)

Chrissy Chrzan (Community Building Award)

Tyler Morris Roofing (Professional Award)

Remember that for some people 2025 was not a banner year. There were hardships, losses, death, illnesses among our friends, family or chosen families. Give back when and where you can and give thanks. Support the causes that you hold dearly to your heart this holiday season and New Year.

Thanks for the memories.

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WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE: HAMILTON'S ENDURING SPIRIT

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN ROULSTON

It's easy to look at the headlines today—trade tensions between Canada and the United States, shifting global economies, and concerns for vital industries like steel—and feel a bit uncertain about Hamilton's future. But for many of us who've called the “Ambitious City” home this feeling isn't entirely new. We've been here before. Long before the industrial giants of the post-war era began to falter, Hamilton confronted two other major economic crises that, despite their potential, ultimately failed to permanently alter the city's trajectory.

The 1862 Hamilton City Bankruptcy: Railway Woes

In 1862, the city encountered a period of bankruptcy. In short, this largely stemmed from its substantial investment in the Great Western Railway, a venture that was undermined when the Canadian government favored the rival Grand Trunk Railway. Compounded by the economic depression of 1857-1862, Hamilton's population plummeted as people left the 16-year-old city for a better life elsewhere. Hamilton found itself defaulting on interest payments for bonds largely held by British investors, who insisted on immediate settlement. The city was in arrears for \$2 million, a phenomenal sum for the time. Many of Hamilton's services were cut or items like a fire engine, the mayor's chair, desks, and other city owned objects were sold off to the highest bidder. A sombre mood hung over the valley. The Sheriff's office hosted the auction, but people in the city were encouraged not to bid in order not to feed the investors looking to reap the money they were owed on the bonds. The air at the auction was heavy, and a profound silence fell like a shroud, almost as if it were a funeral. The auctioneer's voice boomed, calling out numbers like a song, as the clap of the hammer sealed the fate of each item. Hamilton's eighth mayor, James Cummings who served in the early months of 1854, bought most

of these items and kindly loaned them back to the city.

Hamilton's streetlights operated on gas. The gas streetlights were introduced in 1850. The lamplighters were told not to light the white globes to save money. The Gore Park fountain's pump, perhaps steam-driven, had fallen silent for the first time since Prince Edward visited Hamilton and officially unveiled the fountain on September 14, 1860, two years earlier.

This period witnessed the failure of several foundries, including D.C. Gunn Locomotive, established in 1853. Gunn closed his shop in 1857, and other machine shops connected to the Great Western Railway also ceased operations. Additionally, established wholesalers were forced to close their accounts.

Henry Beasley, for whom the Beasley neighborhood is named, famously removed the tax assessment rolls to temporarily protect the city from its creditors, thus preventing a surtax on residents to recover their money.

Despite wage cuts and layoffs, some manufacturers, especially those producing farm implements and stoves, persevered. The textile industry, already experiencing modest growth, was bolstered by Richard Wanzer's sewing machine factory and Eli Sanford's introduction of the ready-made clothing industry. This enduring spirit laid the groundwork for the manufacturing industry to later revitalize. The advent of inexpensive, accessible hydroelectric power from the Power Glen Plant in Decewsville, in the Niagara region, in the late 1890s, ignited a new period of expansion.

The Great Depression's Grip

The Great Depression, which began in 1929, also significantly impacted Hamilton. During this period, 51% of men and 33% of women in Hamilton lost their jobs or experienced drastic reductions in working hours, a higher rate than any other Canadian city except Windsor.

In response to widespread unemployment, governments across Can-

ada implemented 'relief' programs for men. During the 1930s, “relief programs” were ways the government tried to help people who had lost their jobs and had no money because of the Great Depression. They often gave out food, shelter, or small payments, and sometimes offered “work-for-relief” jobs on public projects instead of just handing out cash. It was a basic lifeline for those struggling to survive. Hamilton funded a two-million-dollar work-for-relief program in 1930. This initiative led to the completion of various civic projects, including the city's northwest entrance and rock garden, a maternity hospital constructed on the site of the earlier Mount Hamilton Hospital (now known as Juravinski Hospital or Henderson Hospital), sewer installations, playground construction, road construction, and alleyway paving, all carried out by unemployed laborers.

Despite the widespread economic hardship, the majority of Hamilton workers were not severely distressed or prone to dissent, as some accounts of Canadian workers during the Depression suggest. Most workers either saw protest as wrong or simply lowered their expectations for finding secure work. While there were waves of strikes and political unrest across the country, the vast majority of Hamilton workers were not directly involved.

Great War Ends the “Dirty Thirties”

The First World War ultimately transformed Hamilton's industry. Local factories retooled for war production almost overnight, effectively ending the long decade known as the ‘Dirty Thirties’ and sparking another resurgence for the city during the Second World War.

The Late 20th Century: A New Test

From the late 1970s well into the 90s was a time of profound change. It was a period that truly tested the spirit of this “workingman's town”. The post-war ideal—that a factory job guaranteed a lifetime of employment, even for those with only a Grade 8 education—started to crumble. Facing global competition, the industrial giants of the era that had employed your father and his father and maybe even his, started

closing their doors.

Companies as Communities: The Echoing Names

Many of our Breezes readers will remember. These weren't just companies; they were communities, woven into the fabric of our neighbourhoods and families. In a sense, to the employees their workmates were like a second family. It felt like a relentless wave. The names still echo like ghosts in the hall:

Otis Elevator (1987)

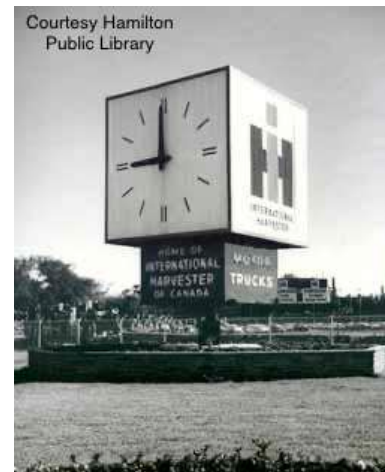
Firestone Tire & Rubber (1988)

International Harvester (1992)

Canadian Westinghouse, once the city's largest employer, shut its doors in 1997.

Procter & Gamble followed in 1998.

It was a tough time. Some called it a “death blow” to the old way of life. Pundits worried Hamilton might become a “mirror image” of American rust belt cities like Detroit, Pittsburgh, Buffalo or Philadelphia.



New Technology and Industry Shifts

The late 20th century saw the rise of affordable new technology, largely manufactured in places like Japan. This, coupled with many industries relocating to Toronto, made Hamilton appear outdated and archaic. But that's not what happened. Hamiltonians, true to character, held onto their “gritty urban identity”. We refused to give up on our city. That same resilient spirit, the one that saw the community band together to build Hamilton Place back in the early 70s when governments said no, was still alive.

Adapting to New Horizons, Growth and New Opportunities

Slowly, painstakingly, the city began to adapt. The loss of those big industrial jobs forced Hamilton to look towards new horizons. New opportunities emerged in areas our parents might never have imagined. And that brings us to today. The latest numbers from 2024 show a Hamilton transformation. While manufacturing still plays a vital role (employing around 41,400 people in the Hamilton area – including Burlington and Grimsby – in 2024), it's no longer the only game in town.

The “Eds and Meds” Economy

Let's have a look at where the growth is now, according to 2024 figures: Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services saw huge job growth, employing over 46,600 people locally.

Educational Services also boomed, employing 38,500 people, with McMaster University being a top hirer.

Health Care and Social Assistance remain a massive pillar, employing nearly 55,800 people. Hamilton Health Sciences alone employs almost 13,000 people. Interestingly, even with a slight dip in the total number employed in health care recently, the demand is still huge – hospitals are constantly hiring, highlighting that the challenge now is finding enough skilled workers.

A Legacy of Resilience


The seeds planted during those challenging years began to grow. We saw the rise of what people now call the “Eds and Meds” economy – our world-class hospitals and educational institutions became major employers.

Facing Today's Challenges with Enduring Strength

From the railway woes of 1862 to the industrial shifts of the late 20th century, Hamilton has consistently demonstrated an extraordinary capacity to adapt and thrive. It's not going to be easy, but it will be worth it. Today, as the “Eds and Meds” economy flourishes, the city continues to write its narrative of progress, proving that its enduring spirit is not merely a relic of the past, but a vibrant force shaping its promising future.


GYM SCHEDULE – WINTER 2026 – January 5, 2026 – April 5, 2026						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Cardio, Balance & Strength (55+) 10:30am – 11:30am *\$3.18 per visit	Open Gym (Parent & Tot) 10:30am – 12:00pm	**School Gym - FREE (Bennetto School students only) 1:15-1:45pm	Open Gym (Parent & Tot) 10:30am – 12:00pm	Cardio, Balance & Strength (55+) 10:30am – 11:30am *\$3.18 per visit	Open Gym (Under 17 w/parent FREE 12:30pm – 1:30pm	
Volleyball (16+) 7:00pm – 8:45pm		Basketball (18+) 8:15-9:45pm	Pickleball (18+) 12:30pm – 2:30pm	**School Gym - FREE (Bennetto School students only) 1:15-1:45pm	Pickleball (18+) 1:45pm – 3:45pm	
			Open Gym (Under 17 w/parent FREE 5:00pm – 6:00pm	Open Gym (13-17 yrs) 5:15pm – 6:45pm		
			Pickleball (18+) 6:45pm – 8:45pm	Volleyball (18+) 7:00pm – 8:30pm		

NOTES: Centre will be on a modified schedule on February 16, 2026 (Family Day)
Centre will be on a modified schedule From March 14-22, 2026 (March Break)
Centre will be closed on April 3, 2026 (Good Friday) and April 6, 2026 (Easter Monday)

 **Hamilton**

Name: Bennetto Community Centre
Address: 450 Hughson St N
Phone: 905-546-4944

For real time program info:
hamilton.ca/swimming



SWIMMING SCHEDULE – WINTER 2026 – January 5, 2026 – April 5, 2026							
PROGRAM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open Swim 18+	10:00-11:15am	10:30-11:30am	10:30-11:30am	10:30-11:30am	10:00-11:15am	1:30-2:30pm	
Open Swim	7:15-8:45pm	8:00-9:00pm		7:15-8:45pm		2:30-3:30pm	
Open Swim FREE					6:45-8:15pm		
Open Swim (Family)		9:30-10:30am 5:00-6:00pm		9:30-10:30am	5:00-6:30pm		
Water Fit	11:15-12:00pm	7:15-8:00pm	9:45-10:30am		11:15-12:00pm		
Length Swim Swims marked with a * 2 lanes only	12:15-1:30pm 7:15-8:45pm*	9:30-11:30am* 11:45-1:00pm	11:45-1:00pm 8:30-9:30pm	9:30-11:30am* 11:45-1:00pm 7:15-8:45pm*	12:15-1:30pm	12:15-1:15pm	

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For information on swim admission criteria and supervision requirements:
<https://www.hamilton.ca/things-do/recreation/customer-service/swimming-policies-guidelines>

MONDAY				
Program	Time	Ages	Code	Fee
Swimmer 3	5:00-5:45pm	6-12yrs	28709	\$87.39
Swimmer 1	5:00-5:30pm	6-12yrs	28803	\$79.20
Splash 1/2/3	5:00-5:30pm	3-5yrs	28788	\$79.20
Swimmer 2	5:30-6:00pm	6-12yrs	28790	\$79.20
Splash 1/2/3	5:30-6:00pm	3-5yrs	28805	\$79.20
Parent and Tot 1/2/3	5:45-6:15pm	4m-3yrs	28757	\$70.38
Splash 1/2/3	6:00-6:30pm	3-5yrs	28786	\$79.20
Hamilton Lifesaving Club	6:00-7:00pm	12-15yrs	28768	\$87.39
Swimmer 1	6:15-6:45pm	6-12yrs	28802	\$79.20
Swimmer 2	6:30-7:00pm	6-12yrs	28806	\$79.20
TUESDAY				
Program	Time	Ages	Code	Fee
Swimmer 4	6:00-6:45pm	6-12yrs	28810	\$87.39
Splash 4/5/6	6:00-6:30pm	3-5yrs	28800	\$79.20
Private Swim Lesson	6:00-6:30pm	3yrs +	28773	\$325.35
Private Swim Lesson	6:30-7:00pm	3yrs +	28774	\$325.35
Private Swim Lesson	6:30-7:00pm	3yrs +	28775	\$325.35
WEDNESDAY				
Program	Time	Ages	Code	Fee
Splash 1/2/3	5:00-5:30pm	3-5yrs	28791	\$79.20
Swimmer 1	5:00-5:30pm	6-12yrs	28804	\$79.20
Swimmer 2	5:30-6:00pm	6-12yrs	28807	\$79.20
Splash 1/2/3	5:30-6:00pm	3-5yrs	28792	\$79.20
Bronze Medallion	5:30-8:15pm	13yrs +	29420	\$260.06
Adult 1/2/3 Swim Lesson	6:00-6:45pm	12yrs +	28765	\$69.93-87.39
Swimmer 7/8/9	6:45-7:45pm	6-13yrs	28769	\$87.39
Private Swim Lesson	6:45-7:15pm	3yrs +	28776	\$325.35
Private Swim Lesson	7:15-7:45pm	3yrs +	28777	\$325.35
Private Swim Lesson	7:45-8:15pm	3yrs +	28780	\$325.35
Private Swim Lesson	7:45-8:15pm	3yrs +	28781	\$325.35
THURSDAY				
Program	Time	Ages	Code	Fee
Private Swim Lesson	5:00-5:30pm	3yrs +	28782	\$325.35
Splash 4/5/6	5:00-5:30pm	3-5yrs	28798	\$79.20
Splash 1/2/3	5:30-6:00pm	3-5yrs	28771	\$79.20
Swimmer 3/4	5:30-6:15pm	6-12yrs	28794	\$87.39
Bronze Cross	5:30-8:15pm	13yrs +	29417	\$166.13
Splash 1/2/3	6:00-6:30pm	3-5yrs	28795	\$79.20
Swimmer 3/5/6	6:15-7:00pm	6-12yrs	28770	\$87.39
Splash 4/5/6	6:30-7:00pm	3-5yrs	28799	\$79.20
SATURDAY				
Program	Time	Ages	Code	Fee
Swimabilities Beginner/Intermediate	9:00-10:00am	3-17yrs	28760	\$75.06
Swimabilities Intermediate/Advanced	10:00-11:00am	3-17yrs	28763	\$75.06
Swimabilities Adult	10:00-10:45am	18yrs+	28764	\$79.20
Parent and Tot 1/2/3	11:00-11:30am	4m-3yrs	28759	\$70.38
Private Swim Lesson	11:30-12:00pm	3yrs +	28784	\$325.35
Swimmer 1	11:00-11:30am	6-12yrs	28801	\$79.20
Swimmer 2	11:30-12:00pm	6-12yrs	28808	\$79.20
Splash 1/2/3	11:00-11:30am	3-5yrs	28796	\$79.20
Splash 4/5/6	11:30-12:00pm	3-5yrs	28797	\$79.20

Bennetto Recreation Centre
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(905) 546-3747

Gym & Club - Winter Registered Programs

Starting week of January 05, 2026

MONDAY				
Program	Time	Ages	Barcode	Fee
Volleyball	5:00pm - 6:00pm	9-12 yrs	31599	\$43.47
Volleyball	6:00pm - 7:00pm	12-17 yrs	31608	\$43.47
Yoga Hatha	6:00pm - 7:00pm	16+	31613	\$68.40-\$84.69
Pilates	7:15pm - 8:15pm	16+	31620	\$68.40-\$84.69
Anime	5:30pm - 6:30pm	9-12 yrs	31626	\$43.47
Cartooning	6:45pm - 7:45pm	9-12 yrs	31632	\$43.47
TUESDAY				
Program	Time	Ages	Barcode	Fee
Sports Blast Fundamentals	5:00pm - 5:30pm	3-5 yrs	31646	\$28.98
Recreational Basketball	5:45pm - 6:30pm	6-8 yrs	31729	\$32.58
Soccer	6:45pm - 7:30pm	6-8 yrs	31731	\$32.58
Soccer	7:30pm - 8:30pm	9-12 yrs	31735	\$43.47
WEDNESDAY				
Program	Time	Ages	Barcode	Fee
Tumble Playgroup (with parent)	10:00am - 11:30am	1-2 yrs	31651	\$63.63
Tumbling Fundamentals (with parent)	5:30pm - 6:30pm	1-2 yrs	40842	\$42.39
Tumbling Fundamentals	6:45pm - 7:45pm	3-5 yrs	31665	\$57.96
THURSDAY				
Program	Time	Ages	Barcode	Fee
Exploring Art	5:15pm - 5:45pm	3-5 yrs	31686	\$28.98
Crafts	6:00pm - 6:45pm	6-8 yrs	31688	\$32.58
Sports Blast Fundamentals	6:00pm - 6:30pm	3-5 yrs	31682	\$28.98
SATURDAY				
Program	Time	Ages	Barcode	Fee
Pilates	9:00am - 10:00am	16+	31720	\$68.40-\$84.69
Tumbling Fundamentals (with parent)	9:00am - 10:00am	1.5-2yrs	31695	\$42.39
Tumbling Fundamentals	10:15am - 11:15am	3-5 yrs	31705	\$57.96
Exploring Science	11:00am - 11:30am	3-5 yrs	31711	\$37.08
Flag Football	11:30am - 12:15pm	6-8 yrs	31736	\$32.58
Anime	11:45am - 12:45pm	9-12 yrs	31715	\$43.47
Vocal Ensemble (Collaboration with Hamilton Music Collective)	1:00pm - 1:45pm	6-8 yrs	37181	\$32.58
Vocal Ensemble (Collaboration with Hamilton Music Collective)	1:45pm - 2:45pm	9-12 yrs	37180	\$43.47

Registration Information

Registration Date: December 17, 2025 at 8:00am
Ways to Register:
 Online - hamilton.ca/recreation
 Be sure to obtain your USERNAME and PASSWORD prior to registration day. Go to hamilton.ca/recreation or in-person at your local recreation centre



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Turkey Stew

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Ingredients

- 3 Celery stalks (cut in half-inch chunks)
- 1 Small Onion (chopped)
- 3 Potatoes (peeled and cut into 1/2-inch chunks)
- 2 Large Carrots (peeled and cut into 1/2-inch slices)
- 1/2 teaspoon Dried Sage
- 1/2 teaspoon Black Pepper
- 3/4 cup Water
- 2 tablespoons All-Purpose Flour
- 3 cups Turkey (leftover cooked, pulled apart into 1-inch pieces)



Instructions

1. Combine ingredients in a slow cooker or large pot and simmer until tender. Can also be done in the oven in a roasting pan.
2. Add easy dumplings on top to finish the dish: Combine 1/2 cup butter, 1 and 2/3 cups self-raising flour and add 3 tbsp of water slowly. Once combined, roll into dumplings (makes about 10) and place on top of your turkey stew and bake until golden to finish off your casserole (about 25 minutes).

But wait! Don't you already have most of these ingredients sitting in bowls under plastic wrap? Try my "lazy" idea. I throw all those leftovers in a big pot (or slow cooker). Yes, even the mashed potatoes and dressing, add the gravy, clean the turkey bits off the carcass and if you don't use the carcass for broth, I throw that in too! All I have to peel and prepare is the celery. I save the sliced turkey for those late night sandwiches. You can sit back and relax after the empty dishes are washed. Add the dumplings and you're done!

NORTH END BREEZES FUNDRAISING FUN!

We have the Pets of the North End 2027 calendar – to be for sale by fall 2026. Give us your pet photos. And then there's the memory challenge!

How good are your trivia muscles? We are planning a Trivia night with prizes and laughter. Once we have the location and date – we'll let you know. Funds that we raise will go to help The Breezes keep coming to your door.



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COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

SUBMITTED BY WARD 2 COUNCILLOR,
CAMERON KROETSCH



Winter is here and I hope you're looking forward to taking a break, big or small, with your family and friends in December and January. For many in our community this is a time of celebration, but for some it can include difficult memories, loneliness, or isolation. If you have an extra seat at your holiday table or event, consider inviting a neighbour who might benefit from some of the joy of the season.

As you likely know, this part of the Council calendar year is primarily focused on the water and tax budgets. It's why I held a town hall on the budget at the end of November, like I did last year, to ensure residents could provide feedback about their concerns to me in person and get a sense of what the budget process is all about from me directly.

Apart from that, I'm focused on wrapping up committee work for the year and preparing for winter and spring in Ward 2. I'm proud of the work we all did together to get some major safety interventions funded and on the books, but now the difficult process of waiting in the queue is in front of us. There are projects, some even in Ward 2, ahead of those I've put forward on behalf of the community.

The cybersecurity incident delayed many projects, unfortunately, but we're finally back on track at the City and things are moving forward. The im-

pacts of losing so many of our systems has been felt across the organization and in every Ward. I'm grateful we're recovering and learning from this to make our IT systems better than ever.

As much as it pains me, we'll have to be patient as each and every project goes through design and procurement processes. Some things are quicker than others, especially speed cushions, so look for those to come online in neighbourhoods where people voted in favour of them, this coming spring.

I should have dates soon for everything else I've funded through Ward 2 reserves, like pedestrian crossings, traffic signals, road resurfacing, and other safety features coming in the next year or so to the North End. For a complete list of the projects I've funded, that Council has approved, please read past issues of my newsletter at ward2hamilton.ca/newsletter.

I'm also planning on connecting with all of you by mail in the new year to outline where things stand at the end of this term and the work we still have to do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood, including in the North End. You deserve a report from me about the priorities I put forward when I ran to be your Councillor and what I was and wasn't able to get done in my first term.

As a reminder, I'll be hosting a community meeting at the Discovery Centre on December 4 to talk about the future of both Eastwood and Strachan Linear Parks. There's a lot to review and I really want to hear your feedback, so please consider coming out at 7:00pm to find out more and have your voice heard on what's going to happen next.

I'll also be holding public skates on two Saturdays early in the new year at the Pier 8 outdoor rink - January 17 and February 21. As with our public skate last year, skate rentals and hot chocolate are free for anyone who shows up between 1:00pm and 3:00pm. I'll be there so if you want to chat about an is-

sue important to you, or just say hi, feel free to come by, no skating required!

Our office will be closed on December 22 and will reopen on January 5. We won't be available during that time, but if there's something urgent I need to know about you can email me directly at Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca as I will be checking my email regularly.

In the meantime, we've changed our hours as we weren't getting enough requests to engage on Saturdays. You can now reach us Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 8:00am to 4:00pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am to 8:00pm. The easiest way to be in touch is Ward2@hamilton.ca but feel free to call us at (905) 546-2197. If we don't answer, leave a message and we'll get back to you.



Harper: Candidate for the North End Pet Calendar

And in case you haven't heard, the Breezes is looking for submissions for a new North End Pet Calendar. Those of you looking for inspiration to take the leap and submit a photo, here's my best little fur friend Harper for encouragement. I adopted her on Valentine's Day of this year and she's been such a joyful part of my life ever since. Hope you have a purrfect December and January!

Cameron Kroetsch



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