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Newsletter

NOTTAWASAGA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

***Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas!
May you and your families enjoy the best of
this Holiday Season.***

Our Christmas gift to you is now
FREE MEMBERSHIPS in the NLPS.
(see the Chairman's Message)

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As another year draws to a close, work has continued for the NLPS to take ownership of the Nottawasaga lighthouse. Your Board has a strong relationship with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) who have stated that the NLPS "...is the most credible group they are working with" with respect to transferring ownership of a lighthouse from government control to civilian ownership by a not-for-profit organization.

The government has undertaken an Indigenous land claims study to determine whether any claims exist on the property that might impede the transfer of ownership

A SPECIAL NOTE

Gary Norman has been an active member of the NLPS Board of Directors. He built the Fundraising Committee and became a leader with his ability to take an idea and make it a well-coordinated event. He became a juggler of many talents from organizing to advertising to merchandising. He is very effective in bringing people together with the goal of restoration of the lighthouse. With this vision he set out a path for the Fundraising Committee to follow. Gary understood the need for a long-term fundraising campaign directed at the restoration and maintenance of the lighthouse.

Gary is also an active volunteer with other organizations within our community and we all are better for it.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Fundraising Committee and the general membership of the NLPS, we thank Gary for his leadership. Gary's goal is to see a restored and protected Nottawasaga Lighthouse. Thank you Gary. You will be missed!

Thank You!

to us. This is a lengthy process and we are confident that no claims exist but this process needs to be completed. Meanwhile, our fundraising efforts will continue.

Community support is one of the key ingredients that the federal government will look at when transferring government-owned property into public hands. We need to build our membership to larger numbers including our youth. To this end, your Board of Directors have decided to eliminate the annual membership fee structure now in place.

Effective immediately membership in the NLPS is now FREE!

Preserving our lighthouse which has played a significant role in the development of our community, should be of interest to all residents of the area regardless of their age or financial status. Please pass this important new membership information along to your friends, neighbours, co-workers and others in order that we can rally the entire community behind us.

Rick Crouch



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<https://www.facebook.com/nottalighthouse>

ISLAND WORK

The wrapping which was installed on the tower one year ago has stood up extremely well and we are confident it will continue to do so in the months ahead. The federal government hired a fencing contractor to repair the downed fencing surrounding the tower. The property is now better secured and will hopefully ward off graffiti artists such as those that defaced the tower in the summer.

In June, we had an environmental engineer along with local restoration company, DKI Garbutt, visit the tower to assess what needs to be done in the way of an environmental clean-up. A thorough inspection indicated that in addition to mould, bird and animal feces, there are layers of lead paint that will need removal.

We also wanted to assess the work required to build a new docking facility on the island. We have located the site of the original dock and boathouse. Engineers from CC Tatham and Associates accompanied us to the island and have graciously prepared at no charge, engineered drawings for the construction of a new break wall and docking site. This is an ambitious project we hope to undertake once the transfer of ownership of the tower has taken place. The work will require approval from the DFO and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. We have already begun taking the necessary steps to achieve these approvals.

RESTORATION and FUNDRAISING

Through the efforts of our Engineer, Doug Hackbart, here is a detailed five year plan.

Budgeted Restoration Costs

2018	\$175,150
2019	\$346,000
2020	\$360,000
2021	\$380,000
2022	\$413,000

Note: The above budgeted restoration costs include a 20% contingency for unforeseen items that may arise through the restoration process.

Our fundraising initiatives have taken on many forms throughout 2017 and we now have in our reserves the money needed for the work we wish to complete in 2018 as shown above.

Two recent noteworthy contributions have come from Local distiller, Canadian Mist owned by Brown Forman of Louisville Kentucky who launched a premium double barrelled version of their very successful Collingwood Whisky. We have been working with Brown Forman for over a year and this whisky was launched in recognition of and in support of the NLPS along with a very generous donation.

The other noteworthy contribution is a further \$37,000 from the W. Garfield Weston Foundation bringing their donation to \$50,000. This is important to point out as the Weston Foundation does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. Their grants are made to those organizations and groups that reflect "the interests and priorities" of the Foundation's

NLPS is a legally incorporated registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). NLPS is managed by a Board of Directors elected by the membership at the first NLPS Annual General Meeting in June 2016. The Board meets monthly, communicates daily about the acquisition and restoration of the tower, actively fundraises and manages the corporation's finances. All money donated or raised must be done with the approval of the NLPS Board of Directors in order to maintain our charitable status. The Board of Directors represents the membership of the Corporation and are directly accountable to said membership. No other person(s) or party can accurately or are authorized to speak on behalf of the corporation and its members. There is no connection with NLPS to other Facebook pages and any such entities may not accurately reflect the activities of the NLPS nor are they endorsed by the NLPS Board of Directors unless they are merely shared postings to these sites that originated on the NLPS Official Facebook page.

Trustees. We feel this makes their monetary contribution of even greater importance. They value our efforts for the importance of what we are trying to preserve.

Up Coming Events



Tickets On Sale NOW! Contact vicechair@nlps.info



WINTERFEST at Devil's Glen Ski Club. January 26, 2018 is a PA Day for the Simcoe County School Board. Winterfest is a family fun day with skiing, snowshoeing, x-country skiing, a live auction and much more. For more info or to purchase tickets visit: lighthousewinterfest.ca

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