



Newsletter

NOTTAWASAGA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It's hard to believe that we are at the halfway point of 2017. The NLPS Board and volunteers have been busy with a number of initiatives aimed at advancing our cause of acquiring and restoring the lighthouse to its former prominence on Nottawasaga Island..

From an ownership standpoint, discussions have been ongoing with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to transfer ownership of the lighthouse and property to us. This is a lengthy process involving a structural assessment of the tower which was completed last fall and an environmental clean-up of the exterior grounds to be done at a future date. Currently, government lawyers are investigating any native land claims that may exist.

As we celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, it is an opportune time to reflect on the importance that the various lighthouses around the Great Lakes played in the development of our country. These structures represent not only the strong maritime history of the surrounding area but they played an active role in Great Lakes shipping which helped facilitate the settlement of western Canada. They deserve both our attention and the respect

HAPPY CANADA DAY!!



Despite the fact that we had a relatively mild winter, it was a winter of severe winds. We are happy to report that as shown in the accompanying photo, the wrapping work we completed on the tower last fall has held up extremely well protecting the interior from further moisture penetration and degradation. We are seeking approval from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to access the island this summer/fall to complete further work. This will include an extensive clean-up of the tower's interior, removing years of bird excrement, lead paint and mould.

An environmental report and quote from Garbutt Construction DKI is being obtained to facilitate this.

for the trades that constructed these stately towers almost 160 years ago.

For anyone looking to contact us, we can always be reached through our website www.nlps.info and we now have a new toll free number 1-855-445-NLPS (6577).

Rick Crouch

NLPS Official Facebook Page

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

The NLPS is a legally incorporated entity and a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

As both a corporation and a registered charity, NLPS is managed by a Board of Directors that was duly elected by the membership at the first NLPS Annual General Meeting in

June 2016. The Board meets monthly, communicates daily about the acquisition of and restoration of the tower, actively fundraises and manages the corporation's finances and assets. All money donated or raised for support of NLPS must be done with the approval of the NLPS

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Plans are also being formulated to create a better landing site.

Nottawasaga Island is a very tough place to access by boat. Shallow waters combined with frequent strong winds create havoc getting both on and off the island. As shown in the accompanying photo we have located the former site of the original boathouse and dock located on the south side of the island relatively protected from the prevailing winds. A shoreline engineer from CC Tatham and Associates in Collingwood is working on a plan that will see us remediate the site to create some temporary docking to better facilitate the movement of equipment and supplies for the work we wish to complete this year.



This spring the NLPS Board had the opportunity to tour the Cove Island lighthouse off Tobermory. Cove Island is one of the five Imperial towers like the Nottawasaga light that were constructed at the same time. Subtle differences were noted between the two structures yet their overall construction and lantern rooms are identical. Unlike Nottawasaga, Cove Island remains in excellent shape with the original lightkeeper's house, fog horn building and other structures still very much intact and in good shape. Any of you that have taken the ferry to Manitoulin Island will have passed this light station 20 minutes out from Tobermory.

Up Coming Events

Saturday Mornings- Collingwood Farmer's Market Pine St.
July 13 & 27 -"Cook for a Cause" CurlyWillow Eatery
27 Hurontario St.

July 16 - Peace Market at Sunset Park 2pm-9pm

July 28-30 - Elvis Festival

Aug. 12-13 - Side Launch Days at the Promenade
Aug. 13 - Paddle Board Race at Ray & Wyn Smith's

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