



# Newsletter

NOTTAWASAGA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

## VICE-CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

In addition to our website [nlps.info](http://nlps.info), and **Our Official Facebook Page**, [facebook.com/nottyighthouse](https://facebook.com/nottyighthouse)

it is our intention to keep you apprised of the progress we are making with respect to saving our iconic lighthouse and how you can assist us throughout the process.

An update on things happening on Nottawasaga Island.....

By now you have likely heard about the NLPS's "shrink wrapping" project that started a few weeks back. You may also have heard that last weekend when the tower was shrink wrapped, Mother Nature turned against us and the gales of November literally ripped the plastic wrap off the tower. I must mention that this was no one's fault; time and weather were against us. Many times throughout this project we have lost days to the wind and the resulting wave action in Nottawasaga Bay.

The shrink wrap was an excellent product and is used around the world to wrap tall buildings under construction. Wrapping an object like a lighthouse presented many challenges. Although the wrap was



Enough of the negative news!

Approximately two weeks ago, the Department of Fisheries and Ocean's consulting engineer visited the island. He found the inside of the lighthouse to be structurally sound and the tower itself is true to plumb. He agreed with our approach to wrapping the outside and agreed with our assessment that the outer stone would have to be completely removed.

The NLPS is not giving up on this project! This story could have been much worse; the wood framing covering the entire lighthouse is still intact. The zoom-boom and associated equipment and tools are still on the island and the barge is still in the Collingwood Harbour. The NLPS views all these things as a jump start to trying again. The Board of the NLPS held an emergency meeting on Monday evening and in consultation with our engineer, Mr. Doug Hackbart P.Eng and our Project Manager, Mr. Erle Heintzman, we decided to purchase some heavier material and heavier strapping devices. In the coming days look for our crew to be back on the island covering

and is an excellent product, we simply didn't get the finishing touches put on the installation. The wrap required banding to be put around it. Using our 85 foot zoom-boom was a time consuming process to do this.

However, we did in fact get the middle area of the lighthouse banded last Friday. This section of shrink wrap held on for quite a while, despite the bottom section having been torn early in the storm. Another challenge was the actual shrinking of the wrap. Due to high winds last Friday, it was impossible to apply the heat properly using the recommended propane heat gun. All of these things in combination with some of the strongest and most sustained winds we have experienced in 2016 resulted in the failure of all the shrink wrap.

*Stephen Emo*

up our *Imperial Tower* to protect it from the winter weather.

Please stay tuned for further updates.

In the meantime we are continuing to fundraise for the next stages of the restoration. Purchasing scaffolding and later stone to restore the entire outer course of materials.

This past Tuesday we had a "Lighthouse Lecture" at the Simcoe Street Theatre. It was attended by some 50 supporters. We are currently selling tickets on a "Fine Wine Raffle". This prize includes 12 bottles of spirits, champagne and wine. Tickets won't last long. We will be selling tickets at both the LCBO and Canadian Tire in Collingwood. They are also available from any member of the board. Email [lightkeeper@nlps.info](mailto:lightkeeper@nlps.info) to purchase a ticket. Tickets are limited to 2500-so they won't last long!

Recently, we started our Capital Campaign with a direct mailing to some 7,000 households in the Collingwood area. We are starting to receive donations from that mailing this week. Our fundraising team continues to research other fundraising opportunities. Thank you to all who have donated and continue to support our efforts to

*Save the Light.*

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