



OSHAWA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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ANNUAL REPORT

2018



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Candlesticks, made by Oshawa's Smith Potteries

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MANDATE

The Oshawa Historical Society was founded in 1957 and is an affiliate of the Ontario Historical Society. The purpose of the Oshawa Historical Society is to bring together those individuals interested in the diverse historical aspects of Oshawa and to research, record, retain, preserve and present historical information pertaining to the Oshawa area. The objectives of the Society are:

- ◆ Encourage the study and research of the history of Oshawa.
- ◆ Secure and preserve an accurate account of the historical, architectural and archaeological heritage of Oshawa.
- ◆ Promote public interest in the history of Oshawa.
- ◆ Maintain, as an agent of the City of Oshawa, a community museum and archives as a repository for artefacts and written records of historical interest to Oshawa.

GOVERNANCE

The Oshawa Historical Society's governing body is the Board of Directors whose seven members are elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting held in May.

Standing and ad-hoc committees assist the Board in their duties. These committees report to the Board and bring important matters to the Board for discussion and direction. The Standing Committees are: Finance and Audit Committee, Governance Committee and Human Resources Committee.

The day-to-day operations of the Oshawa Museum and the Oshawa Historical Society are the responsibility of the professional staff under the direction of the Executive Director.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



In this annual report, I would like to highlight two key events that have made this year both exciting and challenging. For many years the museum has struggled with archival storage, display, and meeting issues. While we are very proud of our museum and its collection, space constraints have made it difficult to take full advantage of all the wonderful material we have. The lack of proper museum-quality storage has made conserving our collection a challenge. For many years now we have considered the possibility of building a purpose-built space that would meet all our needs. I am please to report that this year we took the first concrete steps in making that vision a reality. The location of the new facility was approved in principle by Oshawa City Council, and the architecture firm Lett was engaged to prepare a report and initial design rendering of the new facility. Meetings will be continuing as we progress with this exciting project.

While the work on this project was exciting, events later on in the year caused us to take pause and regroup. The election of a new mayor and council, coupled with the announced closure of the GM plant, resulted in the planned increases in our museum budget for 2019 not being approved. Almost all the organizations that rely on city funding saw their respective budgets frozen as well. As a result, we have had to put further work with respect to our building project on hold. The board and the staff will continue to engage with our political and community partners to build awareness and solicit support so that we will be well-positioned when fiscal matters improve.

I would also like to announce that I will not stand for election at the next general meeting and will be leaving the board. It has been a privilege to serve the members over the years, and I have enjoyed working with so many talented and committed board members and museum employees and volunteers. Thank you all for making the Oshawa Historical Society and the Oshawa Museum such a great place for our community.

Best regards,

Stoney Kudel
President, Board of
Directors
Oshawa Historical Society



2018-2019 Board of Directors, from left: Janet Dowson, Stoney Kudel, Margaret Wilkinson, Executive Director Laura Suchan, Kori Booth, Keri Semenko, David Tonkin

AT A GLANCE...



3916

Visitors to Guy House



2200

Students participating
in education programs

3



New exhibitions
opened

804



Hours contributed by our
dedicated volunteers, helping
with the collections and
programs

7831

Social Media followers



22

Objects donated to the artefact collection
PLUS the artefacts recovered from the
2018 archaeological excavations



OVER

1150

Items donated to the
archival collection



Discussions Continued:
Oshawa Museum Facility
Expansion Project



9794

Guests engaged with at
onsite and outreach events

299

Archives research
requests



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YEAR IN REVIEW 2018

FEBRUARY

Jill appeared on *What's On Oshawa* to promote March Break at the OM

Jill attended Mental Health First Aid Training

Melissa was part of a Black History Month panel at the OPL (Northview)

Outreach Exhibit and presence at OPL/Club Carib Black History Month event

11 Education Programs (6 secondary outreach, 3 elementary outreach, 1 elementary on-site, 1 education kit rental)

6 Outreach Presentations

APRIL

Partnered with CLOCA for Purple Woods Maple Syrup Festival

How 2 in 10 Festival at OPL (McLaughlin)

Jill attends First Aid Training

2 Education Programs (2 elementary on-site)

3 Outreach Presentations

1 Private Booking (1 birthday party)

JUNE

Attended the CAREA's Children's Community Fair

Co-hosted Trent University Durham open house for OHS Members, showcasing the latest Field School discoveries

Attended the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre's (OSCC) Swing into Summer event

Attended the annual Peony Festival

Attended Pierre Elliott Trudeau Public School's Fun Fair

Attended OFAC's Annual Fiesta Week Kick Off

Laura presents at the Association for Gravestone Studies annual conference in Danbury, Connecticut

Participate in OGS Durham Workshop event

Lisa appeared on Rogers TV to promote summer cemetery events

6 Education Programs (3 elementary on-site, 3 elementary outreach)

4 Outreach Presentations

1 Private Booking (1 on-site wedding photography)

JANUARY

PA Day Camp – Artefact Explorers

Staff attended GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums) summit at ROM

2 Education Programs (2 post-secondary outreach)

1 Evening Tour

4 Outreach Presentations

MARCH

Staff participated in Personal Safety Training at Parkwood NHS

Partnered with CLOCA for Purple Woods Maple Syrup Festival

March Break at the OM (tours, 1 Doll Workshop , 1 Archaeology Day Camp)

Earth Hour at the Museum, partnered with Durham Region Astronomers Association

6 Education Programs (5 elementary outreach, 1 education kit rental)

2 Outreach Presentations

2 Private Bookings (1 birthday, 1 tour)

MAY

Start of Trent University Durham Archaeology Field School at Henry House (12 days)

Offered a Downtown Walking Tour as a Janes Walk, in partnership with Heritage Oshawa

Jennifer attends the Archives Association of Ontario annual conference in Waterloo

DDSB Heritage Fair adjudication & workshops

2 Evening Tours

3 Outreach Presentations

JULY

Canada Day at the Lake
 Hosted the Holodomor National Awareness Tour in Lakeview Park
 Hosted 4th Annual Thomas Henry's Grandpa's Picnic
 Hosted the Oshawa Civic Band for Music in the Henry House Gardens
 Melissa installed an outreach exhibit, *Milk Stories*, at Queen's Park.
 2 Outreach Presentations
 4 Private Bookings (2 private teas, 2 tours)

AUGUST

Attended a Career Day for Boyd Archaeological Field School
 Participated in the OPL TD Reading Club event
 3 Outreach Presentations
 2 Private Bookings (1 bridal shower, 1 tour)

SEPTEMBER

Scenes from the Cemetery
 Participated in MPP Jennifer French's Back to School BBQ in Lakeview Park
 Partnered with Oshawa Culture for their regular Culture Meet-Up events, offering free tours of Henry House to attendees
 Participated in Doors Open Oshawa with Union Cemetery Tours
 6 Education Programs (1 post-secondary outreach, 4 secondary outreach, 1 secondary on-site)
 3 Outreach Presentations
 2 Private Bookings (1 birthday party, 1 tour)

OCTOBER

Exhibitions Opening- *Community Health in the 20th Century: An Oshawa Perspective; A True History of Lakeview Park...*
Mostly, featuring artwork created by Eric Sangwine
 Gave tours of the Museum to members of Oshawa Fire Services, as part of disaster preparedness planning and training
 International Archaeology Day, in partnership with Trent University Durham
 Lisa presented at the Ontario Museum Association's annual conference in Toronto
 Melissa presented and Lisa co-MC'ed the City of Oshawa annual Cultural Summit
 4 Education Programs (2 post-secondary outreach, 2 elementary on-site)
 6 Outreach Presentations

NOVEMBER

Laura participated in the OPL Local History Panel
 Jill appeared on *What's On Oshawa* to promote Lamplight
 World Diabetes Day at the OM, in partnership with the Charles H. Best Centre
 Attended the City of Oshawa Bright and Merry Market
General Stores of Canada: Merchants and Memories lecture, presented in partnership with Myseum of Toronto
 Welcomed photographer Derek Cutting who took promotional photographs of OM staff in Henry House
 3 Education Programs (1 post-secondary on-site, 1 secondary outreach, 1 elementary outreach)
 4 Evening Tours
 16 Outreach Presentations
 1 Private Booking (1 tea)

DECEMBER

Annual Lamplight Tour
 Lisa attended a Citizenship Ceremony at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery
 Lisa spoke with CKDO for their Christmas Eve Extravaganza
 Attended Deck the Halls event at Northview Community Centre
 4 Education Programs (1 secondary on-site, 3 elementary on-site)
 3 Evening Tours
 1 Outreach Presentation
 2 Private Bookings (2 teas)

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

Speaker Series (8/year)	Museum Victorian Teas (7/year)	Union Cemetery Tours (9 tours)
Tea & Talk (8/year)	Pop Up in the Park (4/year)	
Sunday FUNdays (12/year)	Yoga in the Garden (12 days)	

To Be Vibrant and Vital

The OM is part of a vibrant cultural community in Oshawa. We continued to provide meaningful experiences for our audience and to make valuable contributions to the community through our programs, events, research and stewardship.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Provide inspiring, safe and accessible spaces for the community, public and our visitors

Explore new ways to support audience development

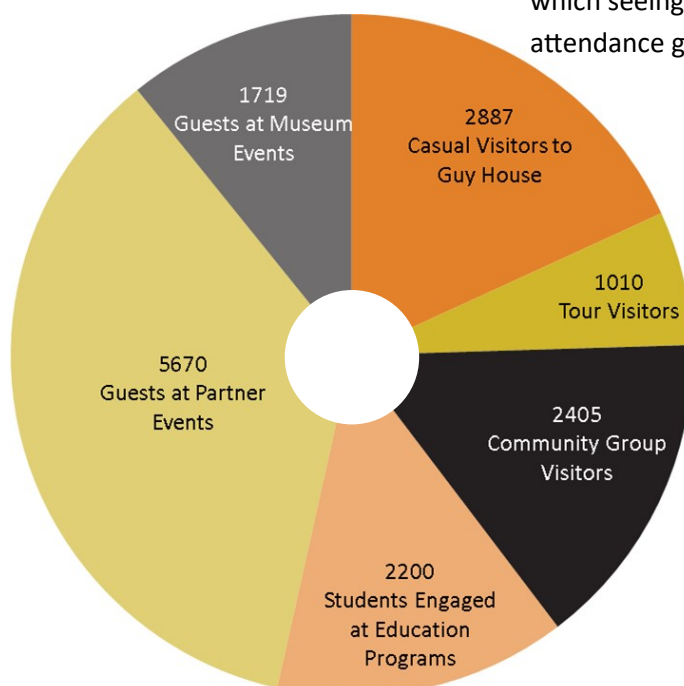
Continue to demonstrate our value and utility to the community



- ⇒ Recognition by PFLAG Durham as a Safer Space, with new decals installed of this designation
- ⇒ Continued to promote the museum as a space of respite and beauty

- ⇒ Two special outreach opportunities offered (February: Black History Month; November: Remembrance); attendance: 869
- ⇒ Continued to offer popular Sunday FUNdays and Tea & Talks, both of which seeing yearly average attendance growth

- ⇒ Installation of new signs in Lakeview Park, to increase visibility



8% yearly increase in Oshawa Historical Society Memberships: 198 Memberships at year's end

21% increase in Facebook followers, 5% increase in Twitter followers, 19% increase in Instagram followers



RELEVANT AND MEANINGFUL COLLECTIONS

The OM continues to explore **alternate and relevant strategies** to broaden reach, appeal to new audiences and capture diverse stories.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Deliver excellent on-line, on-site and outreach experiences

Continue to develop an exhibition strategy that is inclusive and appeals to new audiences

Increase awareness of our collections and research



⇒ Offered weekly Union Cemetery Tours through July and August—total attendance: 123; 7 new memberships direct result of this program

6 Staff training sessions

- ◆ LGBTQ2+ & Positive/Safe Spaces
- ◆ Changing the Narrative – Minority History in Oshawa
- ◆ Intro to Summer Programs & OHS
- ◆ Disaster Preparedness
- ◆ Mental Health and the Museum
- ◆ Lamplight & Christmas Tours

⇒ *From Trash to Treasure*: highlighting Oshawa's Caribbean history; fostered relationship with Club Carib, offered new Sunday FUNday in partnership

⇒ *Community Health in the 20th Century*: two new partners in presenting this exhibit, Lovell Drugs and the Charles H. Best Centre; new event, World Diabetes Day, in November

⇒ New publication: *To Cast a Reflection: The Henry Family in their Own Words*; began research of new publication of Oshawa's unwritten history

⇒ The OM utilizes various online portals to showcase our collection, including our podcasts and the OM Blog, which saw combined over 64,000 views/visits

In The Galleries:

"Thank you for the beautiful display of the pan, the podcast was an added bonus. Thanks again."

~Carlyle & Juliet Julal

Donors of Oshawa's first steel pan, the feature artefact in *From Trash to Treasure*

- Two feature exhibits: *From Trash to Treasure: Oshawa's First Steel Pan*, and *Community Health in the 20th Century: An Oshawa Perspective*
- Special exhibition in Guy House Galleries: *A True History of Lakeview Park... Mostly*, featuring artwork of Eric Sangwine
- Outreach exhibit: *Milk Stories*, featured at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

CONTINUE TO BE STRONG AND SUCCESSFUL

The Oshawa Museum maintains **strong relationships** with our partners and other organizations and will continue to **seek new relationships** to strengthen and support our mandate.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Continue to encourage additional sources of revenue



Through 2018, we continued to encourage additional sources of revenue, including the **TOP 5 ARTEFACT CHALLENGE**, launched in advance of Giving Tuesday.

Through the Young Canada Works and Canada Summer Jobs programs, we brought three summer students onto the OM team and in the fall created the Research & Publication Assistant position.

Continue to work collaboratively with individuals and organizations in the community and beyond, where necessary, to share resources



Continued collaboration with Oshawa's cultural organizations through various means, including cooperative promotion and quarterly meetings with Executive Directors.

Collaborations with the higher education sector include our relationships with Trent University Durham, Durham College, Fleming College, University of Ontario Institute of Technology (now Ontario Tech University), and University of Toronto.

Practice good governance to ensure effective and efficient management



Staff held various positions as members or board members of: Heritage Oshawa; Cultural Leadership Council; Archives Association of Ontario; Abandoned Cemeteries Committee; York-Durham Association of Museums and Archives; Durham Region Area Archives Group; Ontario Museum Association's Regional Museum Network Committee; Trent University Alumni Association – Oshawa Chapter; Group of Ontario Emerging Museum Professionals; and, Ontario Museum Association's Awards of Excellence committee.

SPACE AND FACILITIES

The OHS will continue to investigate the provision of **space and facilities** to allow the OM to **operate efficiently and sustainably**. See page 12 for a word from the Executive Director about the new building.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Promote facility as 2024 project

Continue discussions with City staff and members of Council regarding the facility expansion project

Develop an initial design concept which seeks to define general scope, scale & relationships of building components

AN EFFECTIVE AND COLLABORATIVE STAFF

The OM has a **committed, professional staff** and ongoing skill development is encouraged. Staff will continue to pursue **meaningful connections** with academia.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Continue to initiate and sustain strong partnerships that offer new opportunities

Support a research framework which facilitates museum work and demonstrates our impact on the community

Continue to provide workforce development opportunities to engage youth



- ⇒ Thanks to support from Ontario Power Generation and Walmart Canada, 639 students participated in onsite Oshawa Museum's education programs.
- ⇒ For the third year, we partnered with Trent University Durham's anthropology department for the Oshawa Field School, excavating for the first time to the north of Henry House; for more information, see page 18.

- ⇒ Hosted the Holodomor National Awareness Tour for the second year.
- ⇒ Continued Oral History Project around Displaced Persons in Oshawa after World War II—this research is featured in an online exhibit and will contribute to a feature exhibit in 2020.
- ⇒ Oshawa Museum staff attended several conferences throughout 2018 and was invited to present at the Association of Gravestone Studies Conference and the Ontario Museum Association Conference.

- ⇒ 504 hours contributed to the Oshawa Museum from 5 students (high school and college level)
- ⇒ 14 youth volunteers engaged throughout 2018, assisting with events, social media, transcriptions, and gardening.

A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In 2018, the Board of Directors continued to move forward the plan for a new Visitor Centre for the Oshawa Museum. Working with Lett Architects of Peterborough, a rendering of the Visitor Centre was completed. We told Lett Architects that we felt it was important for the new building to be visible from both Simcoe Street and the Lakeshore path. We chose the Robinson House location as it presents the potential to provide access from both sides of the building and solidifies the connection between all the buildings of the OM.

As shown in the photo on page 13, the Robinson House location is ideal because it:

- Provides visibility from Simcoe Street and Waterfront Trail;
- Creates unity between buildings of the museum;
- Provides an outdoor courtyard in the centre;
- Allows use of Robinson House;
- Encourages minimal tree removal.

Our new building would provide space for all visitor and museum services which are currently spread out between the three museum buildings.

The following is the preliminary summary of the functional program assessment:

PUBLIC AND EXHIBITION SPACES

Patio

- Partially covered to be able to use in shoulder seasons when it rains
- Meeting point for walking tours
- Host Victorian teas, musicals, yoga, and other events

Reception

- Connected with the patio
- Meeting point for services and events offered by OM

Tourism Kiosk

- Take advantage of the lakeshore and future marina to offer tourism information

Gift Shop

Cloakroom adults

Cloakroom children

Public washrooms

Multi-purpose space to accommodate 150-200 people

Boardroom

Storage

Orientation Gallery to host semi-permanent exhibit on the history of Oshawa

Exhibit Gallery to host temporary and touring exhibits

Public archive work / processing area

STAFF AREAS

- Offices
- Kitchen / staff room

CURATORIAL AREAS

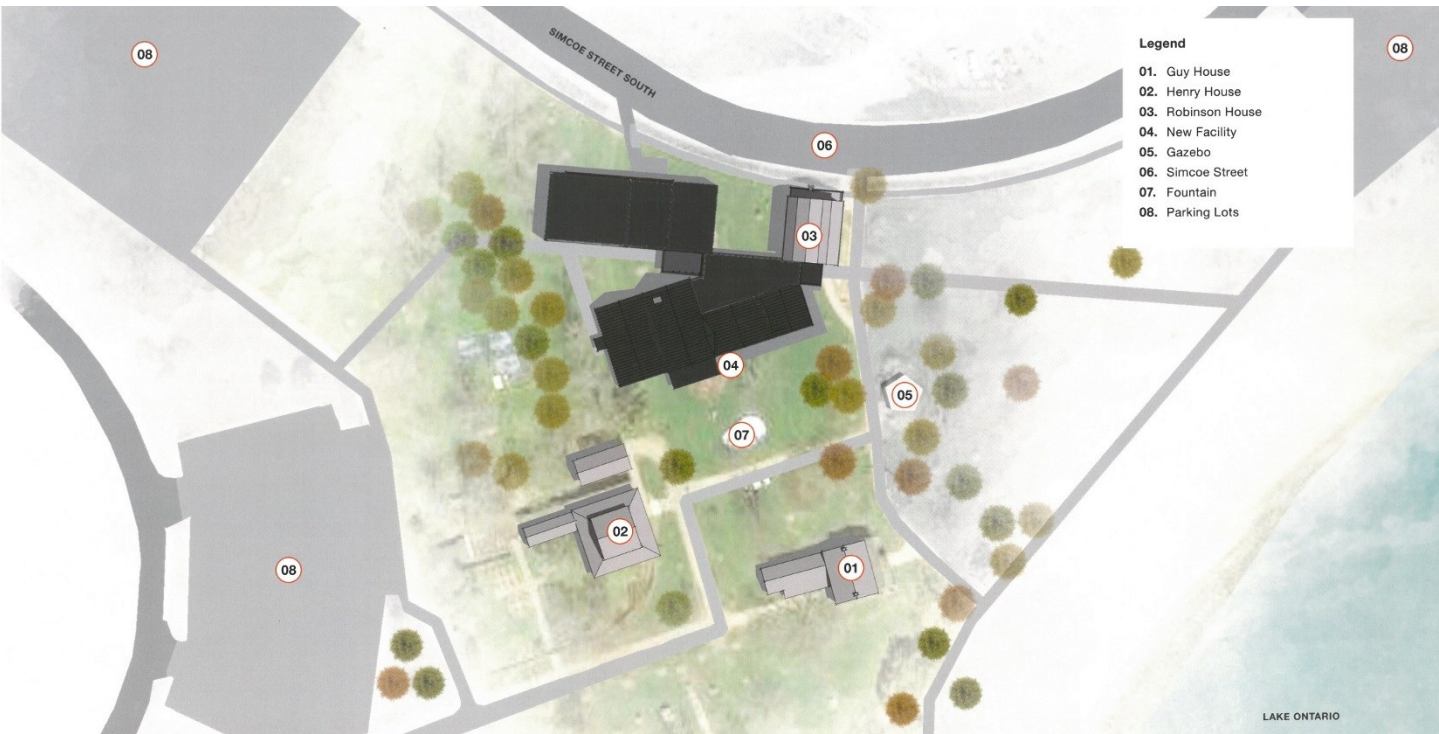
- Archive office and processing area
- Archive storage
- Collection storage
- Exhibition / conservation area
- Loading dock

The need for a purpose built museum facility has been discussed for many years. In 1996 the Oshawa Historical Society completed a Master Plan study that recommended collections and museum support services should be consolidated in a new purpose designed building. In 2016 this recommendation was once again echoed by the Canadian Conservation Institute in their Facilities Assessment Report noting, “Oshawa Museum staff have exhausted options for using historic spaces efficiently; therefore, new space is needed” (CCI: *Oshawa Museum Facilities Assessment Final Report*, December 2016, pg. 11).

A new museum facility in Lakeview Park would support the efficient and sustainable operation of the Oshawa Museum going forward. Our building would also complement the vision of Lakeview Park as an “urban waterfront jewel” and promote the lakefront as a four season destination. The upcoming 100th anniversary in 2024 of Oshawa becoming a city is the perfect opportunity to not only celebrate our past but embrace our future with the opening of a new, improved, community museum facility.



Top image: Concept perspective; Bottom image: site plan.



SPONSORS AND DONORS



The Oshawa Historical Society appreciates the support of the City of Oshawa, the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and Canadian Heritage.

We are also grateful for the individual donors and local businesses/organizations who supported our programs and activities throughout 2018. Thank you for your support.

2018 DONORS

Leslie Abrams
David and Joan Andrews
Steve Barker
Fred Cacciotti
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David Dowsley
Sprague Furey
Sandra Gaskell
Brian Gough
Armour Hanna
Sharon Henderson
Sharon Henry (Garden Brick)
Regan Hutcheson
Zelda Jackson (Garden Brick)
Dorothy Kitchen
Chris Locke
Christopher and Jennifer Maddigan
David and Margaret Perkin
Ronald Pierce
Kathy Ranstead
Ted Rundle
John Stephenson
Suzanne Sutton
Mary Townsend
Mayor John Henry and members of City Council

Thank you to members who made optional donations with their membership renewals.

2018 SPONSORS

Robert Bell
Brooklin Floral & Garden Shoppe
Buster Rhinos
Lisa Cooper & Family
Janet Dowson
IODE: Golden Jubilee Chapter
Lions Club Of North Oshawa
Oshawa Community Credit Union
Oshawa Express
Oshawa Port Authority
Ontario Power Generation
Walmart Canada

2018 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Alumni, Oshawa General Hospital School of Nursing, Class of '68
Canadian Automotive Museum
Canadian Blood Services
Cedarcroft Retirement Residence
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)
City of Oshawa – Art and History Committee
Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre
The Costume People
Downtown Oshawa BIA
Durham District School Board
Durham College
Durham Region Area Archives Group
Durham Yogi Community
Fleming College, Conservation Program
Heritage Oshawa
Holodomor National Awareness Tour
Rick Kerr
Lovell Drugs
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nations
Myseum of Toronto
Museum and Gallery Educators Collective – Durham (MAGEC-D)
Ontario Genealogy Society: Durham Region Chapter
Ontario Regiment Museum
Oshawa Civic Band
Oshawa Express
Oshawa Folk Arts Council
Oshawa Little Theatre
Oshawa Public Library
Oshawa Senior Community Centres
Parkwood National Historic Site
Eric Sangwine
The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
Trent University Durham
Union Cemetery
University of Toronto, Museum Studies
Welcome Cyclists Network
What's On Oshawa
Women's Herstory Connection, Durham Region

York-Durham Association of Museums and Archives

EDUCATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Oshawa Historical Society is pleased to support Oshawa students, their scholastic achievements, and their endeavours of post-secondary study with the **Oshawa Historical Society Award**.

This award is received by a student in the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) in Arts and Culture program **or** a student who is entering post-secondary education to study Canadian history or Indigenous studies, Canadian studies, or museum studies. The value of the award is \$50.

The Oshawa Historical Society has been offering a scholastic award to Oshawa secondary students since the 1990s, and we are proud to continue our support of excellence in academic achievement.

The 2018 recipients were:

Kelly Bulger: Eastdale CVI
Anonymous: GL Roberts CVI
Fiona Gibb: Maxwell Heights Secondary School
Michael Moore: MSGR John Pereyma CSS
Ella Burdhardt: MSGR Paul Dwyer CHS
Eric Jose & Hunter Ritchey: O'Neill CVI
Alicia Blake : R.S. McLaughlin CVI

MINUTES, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2018

Held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at the Arts Resource Centre; 45 Queen Street, Oshawa.

1. **Welcome:** Stoney Kudel, President, called to order the 60th Annual General Meeting of the Oshawa Historical Society and drew attention to last year's minutes printed on page 16 of the Annual Report.
2. **A motion was called to accept the Minutes** of the April 18, 2017 Annual General Meeting as distributed.
Moved by Brian Gough
Seconded by David Tonkin
Carried.
3. Stoney then asked the Membership to review the information contained in the 2017 Annual Report. **A motion was called to adopt the 2017 Annual Report as written.**
Moved by Helen Haines
Seconded by Sharon Henry
Carried.
4. Stoney read a Financial Report, detailing an Amending Formula for the Special Gift and Memorial Fund Policy 1991 to the membership; it was recommended by the Board of Directors at the April 8, 2018 to dissolve the Special Gift and Memorial Fund, thereby simplify its accounting operations by consolidating accounts that are not frequently used and recommending the remaining \$6661.84 will be used to finance an appropriate project at a later date, as determined by the Board of Directors. **A motion was called approve the recommendation of the OHS Board of Directors to dissolve the Special Gift and Memorial Fund.**
Moved by Stoney Kudel
Seconded by Merle Cole
Carried.
5. Stoney read the Nomination Committee Report detailing the members put forth for positions on the Board of Directors. **A motion was called to approve the Nominating Committee Report, dated April 9, 2018.**
Moved by Stoney Kudel
Seconded by Beth Rundle
Carried.
6. Stoney asked for a motion regarding the appointment of Deloitte as auditors for 2018. **A motion was called "to reappoint Deloitte as auditors for 2018."**
Moved by Erika Redermeier
Seconded by Winston Legrand
Carried.
7. Next Stoney called upon Jillian Passmore, Visitor Experience Co-ordinator, to recognise the 2017 Earl Hann volunteer of the Year Award recipient. **Patty Davis was the Earl Hann Award recipients for 2017.**
8. Jillian next presented Volunteer Certificates to the Oshawa Museum's 2017 volunteers, as follows:

Ashley Allen, Adam Arko, Mackenzie Bodnar, Dave Bruce, Trish Bruce, Gerry Cowley, Joanne Cowley, Derek Cutting, Pat Davies, Patty Davis, Kathryn Holden, Ariel Peters Jack, Kaelyn Kerr, Liz Kiberd, Dorothy Kitchen, Sydney-May Legault, Bob Lewicki, Ann Lloyd, Peter Lloyd, Lindsey Mack, Donna Martino, Jane McIntyre, Jo-Ann McNeil, Susan Pleasance, Rachel Rivoire, Nick Sills, Susanne Sutton, Ann Thurn, Roland Thurn, Keith Wilkins
9. **Membership service pins and recognition** were presented by Lisa Terech, Community Engagement, to the following long-standing members:
5 Year:
John Auld
Sprague Furey
Leonard & Gwen Glover
Victoria Gould
Jim Grieve
Justin Henry
Heritage Oshawa
Anna Knutel
Joe Marion
David Tonkin
Margaret & James Wilkinson

10 Year Pin
Marlene Malish
Edward Novak
Mary Townsend

15 Year Pin
Karen Boissain (Life Member)
Alan Dickson
Sharon Henderson
Stoney Kudel (Life Member)

20 Year Pin
Val Foster (Life Member)

25 Year Pin
Robert Bell
Robert & Bev Leask (Life Member)
10. Stoney then called for **a motion to adjourn the 60th Annual General Meeting of the Oshawa Historical Society.**
Moved by Keri Semenko
Seconded by Sandra Kell-Cullen.

FINANCIAL REPORT

SPECIAL GIFTS & MEMORIAL (BEQUEST) FUND

This fund was established in 1990 and is financed entirely by contributions and bequests from individuals, organizations and businesses interested in the preservation of Oshawa's history. The income earned from the fund is used towards projects that result in a tangible, permanent product and communicate a message regarding the history of Oshawa.

Financial Statement

Dec. 31, 2018 **Balance \$7,289**

(A motion was approved at the 2018 AGM to dissolve the Special Gift and Memorial Fund, and that is to be completed in 2019).

HENRY HOUSE BEQUEST FUND (ENDOWMENT)

In 1973, the Society received a bequest of \$2,000, the interest from this is to be used to finance projects that result in a tangible product and communicate a message regarding the heritage of Oshawa through Henry House.

Financial Statement

Dec. 31, 2018 **Balance \$3,178**

VOLUNTEER AWARD INVESTMENTS (BRICK FUND)

In 2007 an investment was started at DUCA Financial Services by Tedd Hann in memory of his uncle Earl Hann. The interest from the investment funds the purchase of a garden brick to commemorate the recipient of the Earl Hann Volunteer of the Year Award.

Financial Statement

Dec. 31, 2018 **Balance \$1,629**

SOCIETY INCOME & EXPENSES

The Society's income is based on membership fees, 50/50 draws, and donations. The Society also received an Organization Development Grant from the Province of Ontario in the amount of \$622. The majority of the expenses in 2018 were for speaker honorariums, history awards and auditorium rental.

Total Income **\$4,499**

Total Expenses **\$678**

The 2018 Financial Statements completed by Deloitte LLP is on file and available upon request.

WHO WE ARE

The Oshawa Museum is administered by the Oshawa Historical Society through a duly elected Board of Directors as an agent for the City of Oshawa. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Oshawa Historical Society detail the election process and the roles and responsibilities of the Board. The 2018 Board consisted of six members elected annually at the Annual General Meeting by the Oshawa Historical Society.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stoney Kudel – President

Keri Semenko – Vice President

Janet Dowson – Treasurer

Margaret Wilkinson – Membership Secretary

Kori Booth – Director-at-Large

David Tonkin – Director-at-Large

MUSEUM STAFF

Laura Suchan—Executive Director

Jennifer Weymark—Archivist

Melissa Cole—Curator

Jillian Passmore—Visitor Experience Co-ordinator

Lisa Terech—Community Engagement

William Fiddler—Maintenance

Karen Albrecht—Visitor Host

Carrie Bugler—Visitor Host

Kathryn Holden—Visitor Host

Caitlan Madden—Research & Publication Assistant; Visitor Host

Alexandra Petrie—Research & Publication Assistant

Lauren Rupert—Visitor Host

Mia Vujcic—Visitor Host



TRENT DIGS OSHAWA'S HISTORY

In May 2018, the Oshawa Museum welcomed back Trent University Durham for their third archaeological excavation of Henry House. Through this partnership, students are offered an opportunity to participate in a historical archaeology excavation followed by a term of artefact processing and analysis. This project promoted collaboration and a partnership between the university and the Oshawa Museum. One of the goals of the project was to promote community engagement in history and connectedness with the historical process. Museum visitors were able to watch the students and Dr. Haines at work in the excavation pits. The students were encouraged to speak with visitors discussing their work and the artefacts they were finding. The project garnered a lot of local publicity and helped raise the visibility of Trent Durham and promote its work within the community.

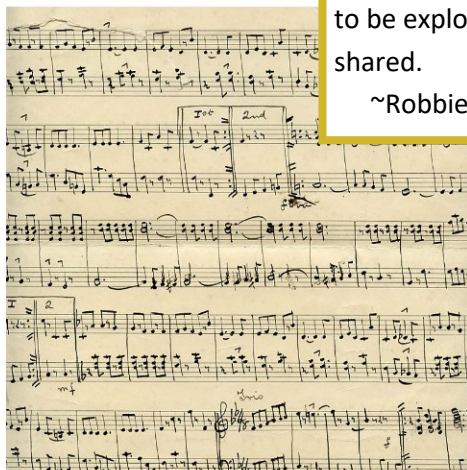
This year saw the excavation to the north of Henry House, whereas in years previous, the excavations took place to the south, within the fenced gardens. An exciting discovery was that of what Dr. Haines believes was the Henry family's midden (garbage disposal site).

We are grateful for this partnership, increasing knowledge of the Henry family and local history, as well as supporting post-secondary learning.





You don't stumble upon your heritage. It's there, just waiting to be explored and shared.
~Robbie Robertson





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UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS: 2019

January to April

Community Health in
the 20th Century
An Oshawa Perspective



Opening May 2019



The Vintage
Catwalk

In partnership with The Costume People