



EBENEZER, TORONTO GORE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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Fall 2019 newsletter

Doors Open Saturday, September 28, 2019 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Ebenezer, Toronto Gore Historical Foundation's Chapel is participating in the Brampton Door's Open this year. There will be tours and displays in the Ebenezer Chapel at 8999 The Gore Road. In addition there will be handouts with driving directions and information about the Air Canada 1970 Crash Site and Memorial Gardens.

This day is a great opportunity for people to visit places that are not usually open to the public. The entry to all sites is free-of-charge. Please come out and enjoy as many Doors Open places as you can fit into the day.

The City of Brampton has assigned heritage designation on several sites in the former Toronto Gore. Most of these sites are on private property but can be viewed from the road.

An interactive map showing heritage sites can be accessed through the City of Brampton website. To do so, go to www.Brampton.ca and click on the heading Business. In the first column, Building, Planning and Development, click on Heritage. This takes you to the City of Brampton Heritage page. There, click on Identification. When that page opens, the first section is titled Heritage Register. Scroll down to the last sentence under this heading and click on the Brampton Interactive Maps link. The Brampton Planning Viewer will then open after a few moments. Click the OK box. Scroll down on the legend (shown on the right side) and click on both Heritage Points and Heritage Properties.

The E,TGHF Annual General Meeting Saturday, March 9th 2019

Twenty-five people attended the Annual General Meeting. The Annual Reports were read and approved. Treasurer Frances Johnston reported that 2018 was a profitable year. For the first time ever, all of the renters were paid-in-full by the end of the year! Frances thanked Rev. Jackman for his substantial donation to the Foundation. A grant from the Federal Government was received to cover the cost of the wages, WSIB, employment insurance etc. for the summer student employee.

Cemetery Report: The balance of the Cemetery account on December 31, 2018 was \$2,923.41.

Highlights of 2018 were:

- The E,TGHF web site was re-established by our Summer Student, subsidized by the Federal Government under the "Canada Summer Jobs Creation Project". The student did an admirable job setting up our easy-to-access and interesting site. New

Information that could be added to our site should be passed on to Sandra Cation for inclusion. Please send your information to oldebenezerchapel@gmail.com

- The rental terms of payment were renegotiated for both morning and afternoon tenants and the rent rose from \$50 per hour to \$60 with a two hour minimum. Winter services such as snow ploughing will be split three ways between tenants and E,TGHF. (Please note that our Chapel facilities are available for rent at a very reasonable rate.)
- On June 17th an accident occurred at The Gore Road and Ebenezer Road intersection. This resulted in a vehicle (truck) passing through the Chapel fence, over the gas main service, and ending up just inches from the Chapel wall. The only building damage was a broken electrical receptacle. The fence, landscape and gardens suffered considerable damage, all covered by insurance with no deductible.
- A new baby change table will be installed in one of the washrooms.
- In 2018, the most memberships were bought since the Foundation began in 2008.
- Regrettably, Dick Julian resigned from the Executive due to travelling issues.
- The cost to refinish the wooden sanctuary floor will be approximately \$3,000, it was decided to defer the project to another time.
- There has been a request to have the parking lot paved. Paving the lot would require on site drainage for hard surface run-off and due to our limited site. It would mean either a pipe connection to the storm sewer beside the plaza, where our surface water now drains, or an on-site holding area which would be very expensive. This would also require a lot of negotiation and permits. The cost would be over \$100,000 plus drainage costs.
- The Book Committee is continuing to gather information for the book about “200 years in The Gore.” Dave Cook was our featured speaker for the AGM. He is a former newspaper reporter, broadcaster and municipal councillor. He told us the history of the Avro Arrow and its cancellation on Feb. 20, 1969, exactly 60 years ago and other interesting stories of the Malton area.



A note of thanks ...

Ashley Lehunewycz, granddaughter of the late Norm Boasie, a former Director of E,TGHF, donated from her backyard, three small cedar trees to the Ebenezer Chapel's yard, in her Grandpa's memory. Another grandchild, Neil Mcleod, donated Hosta plants from his perennial bed from his Mississauga home. Thank you very much for those wonderful donations.

On Wednesday July 24th, former students of Claireville School gathered for the day at the home of Gail and Don Dalziel near Gravenhurst. The weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed reconnecting with their former classmates.

Left to right: Paul England, David Creech, Diane Wright, Don Dalziel, Doug Goss, Janice Goss, David Morgan, Peter England, Frank Fleury, Larry Goss.

The original "Claireville school" was built in 1892, on the northeast corner of Steeles Avenue and Gorewood Drive, in the municipality of Toronto Gore. The school burned down in the 1940's and a new school was built on the same lot site.

After Hurricane Hazel wreaked havoc with the Humber Rivers, the Claireville Conservation Area was established which included the school. The school closed in 1965 and the students in and around Claireville attended Highfield School. The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority wanted to save the schoolhouse and convinced the Etobicoke Board of Education to put it to use as a Field Studies Centre.



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However, with the extension of Highway 407 in the late 1980's, the Centre was torn down. The entire countryside has changed dramatically over the past 40 years.

Claireville Public School 1952 Photo



Top Row, left to right: Shirley Burbidge, Frances England, Donna Wilson, Morley Kitchener, Mrs. Moore (teacher), David Rowntree, Cliff Livingston, Ken Baggs, Ron Tiveron, Harold Livingston. Middle Row: Leslie Morrel, Lynne Pantry, Paul England, David Creech, Don Rowntree, Grant Kitchener, Hele n Rowntree, Carol Treasure, Barry Beffert, Ruth Strut, Diane Wright, Barbara Kitchener. Front Row: Larry Goss, Doug Pantry, John Fleury, Don Kitchener, Harvey Livingston, Don Dalziel, Dave Berles, Bruce Tiveron, Gary Nix, David England, Eddie Kitchener.

The book, "A History of Vaughan Township Churches, 1803 to 1984" will be available for sale at Doors Open at the Ebenezer Pioneer Chapel on Sept 28th.

Newsletter written by Ann Price and Lynn Codd.