



EBENEZER, TORONTO GORE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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FOUNDATION NEWS

The year started with a very successful annual meeting held at the Chapel on Saturday, February 13th, 2010.

At this meeting we were sorry to accept Frances Johnston's resignation from the board of directors but are happy to announce that she is will continue on as an active and involved member.

Frances is one of the founding members of the Foundation and has been the recording secretary since the beginning. She has also been actively involved as a member of the rental committee, overseeing the bookings and contracts of the various tenants. In addition to these duties she diligently unlocked and locked up the Chapel before and after each booking.

Thanks Frances for your dedication, advice and help in the past. We look forward to continuing to work with you on future projects.

The planning and financing to install a fence around the cemetery and chapel has been completed and the committee is currently arranging for the ordering and delivery of the required materials.

The first section to be installed in the next few months will be along The Gore Road and a short section on the south side to meet up with the current fence along the plaza.

The final section on the north side along Ebenezer Road will be done once the road and sidewalk in that area have been completed.

Another project some of your members are involved in is the updating and documenting of the history of the various communities of Toronto Gore and the families that settled and lived there. If you would like more information or would like to contribute to this project, contact Anna Sheardown at

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The 2010 Officers and Directors were decided at a meeting in April.

Judy Hyde – President/Treasurer
Richard Piekutowski – Vice President
Dianne Ray – Membership Secretary
Bruce Fieldhouse – Cemetery Chairman
Anna Sheardown – Historical Librarian

Norm Boasie – Director

Ken Henry – Director

Peter Hyde – Director

Fred Julian - Director

Richard Julian – Director

Cecil Ray – Director

Isabel Risebrough - Director

ETGHF Hosts Vaughan Historical Society

When the Vaughan Historical Society asked if they could meet at the chapel for their April meeting, we decided this would be an opportunity for a spring fundraiser.

Twenty-five of their members attended a luncheon followed by a presentation of the history and restoration and a tour of the building and cemetery.

Thanks to those volunteers that made this a successful event.

RENTAL ACTIVITIES

The activity at the Chapel has increased significantly.

The original tenant continues to conduct Sunday morning church services and another regular tenant has weekly Friday evening fellowship meetings.

Another group rents Wednesday evenings for fellowship meetings.

Beginning April 1st, the City of Brampton rented the Alma Room for a Seniors Group to meet Monday to Fridays from 1-4 pm. They were previously using the Community Centre (Ebenezer School) across the street and due to proposed renovations on that building they needed temporary space for the next 12 months.

Occasional renters Farm Start, Peel Standard Condominium Corp and the MPP for Bramalea, Gore, Malton, Dr. Kuldip Kular have booked the chapel for various meetings.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT?

If you are planning a special celebration such as a wedding, birthday, anniversary or a reunion, contact us at 905-867-3101 or email old.ebenezer.chapel@gmail.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD CHANGES

Renovation of Community Centre

The City of Brampton has received funds to move and restore the Community Hall, or as a lot of people remember it, Ebenezer School S.S. #10. This building sits on the northwest corner of The Gore Road and Ebenezer Road. The building will be relocated west on the same site to accommodate road construction. The restoration of the building and the planned landscaping of the site will take place over the next year. The Seniors Group currently renting the Alma Room used this space for a number of years and we were able to accommodate the City's request to allow them to continue to meet in the local community.

The City is looking for any old pictures or artifacts of the Ebenezer School building. If you have any, please contact us and we will arrange to get them to the City.

Recognizing Ebenezer Corners

There is some activity suggesting upcoming development on the southwest corner across from the Chapel (the location of the former Toronto Gore Council Hall) It was suggested to your board that they petition the City for a monument or some sort of recognition of the former Ebenezer community. A letter requesting the City to consider this request has been sent but to date no decision has been made. We will keep you informed of this project.

New Brampton East Library & Community Centre

This is a project to create a city-wide park at the corner of The Gore Road and Castlemore Road. In addition to the library, the community centre will include a gymnasium, fitness room, activity rooms as well as outdoor areas for basketball, a playground and gardens. The site is over 200 acres which will, over time, become a city-wide park for all of Brampton.

The ground-breaking ceremony is June 11, 2010 and the first part of the facility is scheduled to open in 2012.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bramalea's 50th Anniversary

Events are being hosted by various recreation centres from Thursday June 3 to Thursday July 1, 2010

For more information contact Greenbriar Recreation Centre at 905-791-2240 or www.brampton.ca

Claireville Conservation Area- Wiley/Lawrence Heritage Hike (2-hour guided tour)

Saturday, June 26, 2010 10:00 am

Start point at Claireville Conservation Area (northern terminus of Gorewood Drive, Brampton.

Contact www.trca.on.ca for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are always looking for volunteers to help with various activities. Current positions available are recording secretary for meetings, rental committee, historical committee, newsletter editor. Call us if you can help.

NEW OR RENEWAL MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships are available for \$20 single/family.

Send your cheque to

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(a tax receipt will be issued)