

THE HERITAGE YORK REPORTER

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Brent Chamberlain to speak on Pan Am Path at the Annual Fundraising Dinner Dance

A passionate supporter of inclusive city-building, Brent Chamberlain serves as the Chair of the Friends of the Pan Am Path, a role he has held since the organization's founding in 2013. He has held a number of progressive leadership positions in both the non-profit and private sectors and has been appointed to the Toronto region grant review team for the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the largest granting foundation in Canada.

Brent is a graduate of McGill University and the London School of Economics. He is the Associate Director, Diversity & Inclusion for Bell Canada, where he leads the enterprise-wide corporate strategy focused on creating competitive business advantage through workplace inclusion and diverse marketplace growth.

The Pan Am Path

The Pan Am Path is a collaborative legacy project between Friends of the Pan Am Path and the City of Toronto. The Pan Am Path will connect Toronto's extensive trail system and bring the Path to life by creating opportunities for arts, culture, sports, enriched public spaces and local tourism. The Path will connect over 84km of trails across Toronto starting at the Claireville Reservoir in the west end of the city. The Pan Am Path follows the Humber River down to the waterfront, traversing the Martin Goodman Trail to the Don River where it continues North before transferring to the Hydro Corridor in the East end of the city. The trail follows the corridor to Highland Creek where it ends at the shore of Lake Ontario, just a few minutes south of Rouge Park. Through arts and culture programming, the Friends of the Pan Am Path strive to balance two core values: local leadership in celebrating communities along the Path and the artistic leadership from South American, Central American and Caribbean artists.



Join us at our 21st Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 7th, at Lambton House!

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Membership

The annual Heritage York membership fees are:

Family	\$25
Adult	\$15
Senior (60+)	\$10
Junior (under 14)	\$10

Membership is open to all interested individuals and societies. Membership includes this publication, voting privileges at our annual meeting, advance notices of all events, a special member's reception and discount rates on rentals.

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Inquiries concerning submissions and advertising rates should be directed to Heritage York.

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Donations

Heritage York's registered charity number is 893266379. All donations made out to Heritage York can be mailed to the address above. Donations may also be made online through canadahelps.org. All donors of \$10 or more will receive an official tax receipt.

OTF grant benefits community

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is one of the leading grant-making foundations in Canada. With the support of the Foundation, three free-standing gas stoves are to be installed in the existing fireplaces in the Howland and Humber Rooms.

This addition of the stoves will reflect the historic use of them in Lambton House and provide supplementary heat on the main floor. They will reduce our need to heat the entire building excessively during the colder months and when the upper floor is not in regular use - a timely change and increased comfort for our visitors during these cold winter months!

Our thanks to the OTF for its financial support of Heritage York activities.

Michael Freeman

President, Heritage York

***Thinking
about donating
to Heritage York?***

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Dr. Lawrence Ostola to deliver Howland Lecture in 2015

Heritage York is pleased to announce that Dr. Lawrence (Larry) Ostola will speak on the future of Toronto's museums and heritage sites at the 2015 Howland Lecture to be held at Lambton House on



Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 7:30pm.

Dr. Ostola is Director, Museum & Heritage Services, Economic Development & Culture, City of Toronto. He has a B.A. in History & Canadian Studies from McGill University, an M.A. in History from the University of Montreal, and a Ph.D. in History from Laval University.

Prior to his appointment with the City of Toronto, Dr. Ostola was vice-president of Heritage Conservation & Commemoration and secretary to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. In addition to his national policy responsibilities he was head of a Canadian delegation to the World Heritage Committee.

Heritage York established the Annual Howland Lecture Series in 2014 in recognition of Sir William Pearce Howland, a Father of Confederation and Ontario's second Lieutenant Governor. Howland was the original owner of the current Lambton House.

Blast away the February blahs!

DINNER & DANCE

Saturday, February 7th, 2015

Guest speaker: Brent Chamberlain

Chair of Friends of the Pan Am Path

Cocktails 6.30pm • Buffet Dinner 7.15pm • Cash Bar • DJ • Auction

Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas Street, York

Get your ticket (\$45 each) now by calling:

Margo Duncan (416) 761-1819 Michael Freeman (416) 766-6642 Madeleine McDowell (416) 767-7633

Seniors “Making Meanings of Memories”



Many will remember the successful tour of *Old Age Ain't for Sissies*, produced by Mixed Company Theatre in 2013. Created by seniors for seniors, the play was staged at Lambton House; it highlighted the many realities of aging in a fast-paced, culturally diverse city and attracted an enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

Now Mixed Company Theatre is returning with *Making Meanings of Memories* to Lambton House under the sponsorship of Ryerson University through the Programs for 50+ and the G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education. Thanks to the sponsorship of the Nina Klowdon Social Action Theatre Fund, participation in the workshops is free.

Led by Simon Malbogot, the artistic director of

MCT, Ryerson University and Heritage York invite older adults to find our creative voices, to empower us with ways to explore our social experiences, and to encourage us to share our stories and community concerns. In a fun, playful and supportive setting we may set out to explore what we fear as we age and express our thoughts on how to enjoy life while growing older.

The six afternoon workshops begin on February 10th at 2pm and continue on the 12th, 17th, 19th, 24th and 26th. A mini-presentation will follow on Sunday, March 1st. Please bring any portable musical instruments you play. Early registration is appreciated.

To register or to get more information please call Joy Cohnstaedt at 416-766-8679.

The Second Annual Howland Lecture @ Lambton House

Future directions for the City of Toronto's museums and heritage sites

Dr. Lawrence Ostola

Director, Museum & Heritage Services,
Economic Development & Culture, City of Toronto

January 15, 2015

Doors open 6:30pm * Lecture 7:30pm

Free admission & refreshments

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4066 Old Dundas St., York M6S 2R6 (Bus 55 from Jane TTC station stops at the door.)

Sponsored by Heritage York

Wintery fair at its best

Bean Croquettes

“Ingredients – Cold boiled beans, bread-crumbs, onion, egg, or flour and milk, oil or butter for frying. Mash the beans, add flavouring of salt, pepper and chopped onion, and enough bread-crumbs to make a stiff paste enough to mould. Form mixture into balls or cakes, egg-and bread-crumbs them, or dip them in milk and then in flour, and fry a nice bright brown in oil or butter. Serve very hot with sauce or brown gravy. Peas, the ordinary ones, split ones, or German lentils may be substituted for the beans, and parsley and herbs, with a little lemon-peel, may be used if preferred to the onion.”

Mrs. Beeton's Every Day Cookery and Housekeeping Book

London: Ward, Lock & Co. 1893

Note: Over one hundred and twenty years later we have the convenience of using canned beans, without the tin-lead alloy soldering, rather than cooking the dried beans first.



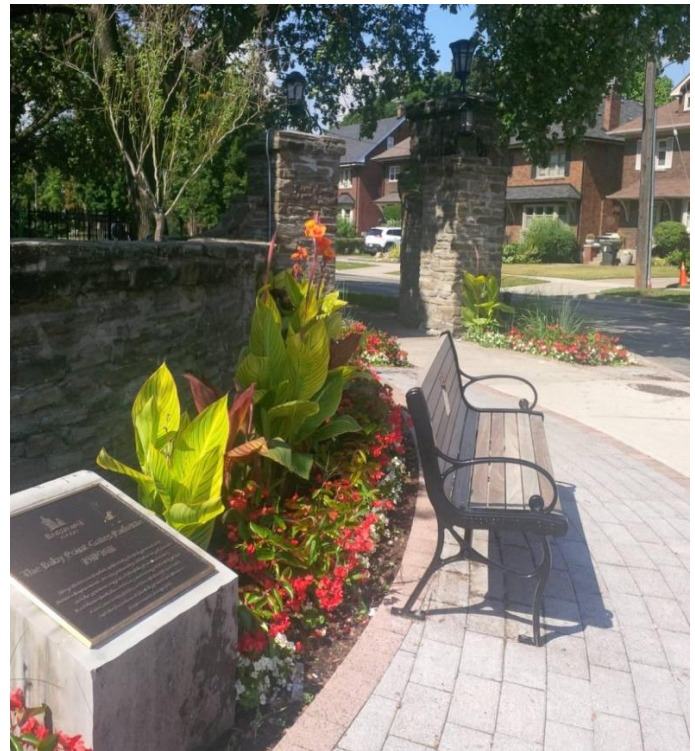
Volunteers welcome

Heritage York is actively recruiting volunteers to assist our group in a number of areas, including Open Sundays, Doors Open (May), Gardening, Events and Community Outreach. We also have occasional short-term projects.

If you are interested in any of these areas or have a particular talent to put to good use please contact us at your earliest convenience at volunteers@lambtonhouse.org.

Baby Point Gates BIA awarded for historic rejuvenation

The City of Toronto awarded the Baby Point Gates Business Improvement Area with the Outstanding Gateway Award for the Baby Point Gates Parkette at the annual Toronto BIA Recognition Awards dinner on December 2, 2014. Restoring the over 100-year-old gates at Jane and Annette streets was a two-year project of the Baby Point BIA. They funded the restoration and beautification project with support from the City and the Baby Point Club. A new plaque commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Robert Homes gates and the creation of the BIA in 2011. Congratulations!

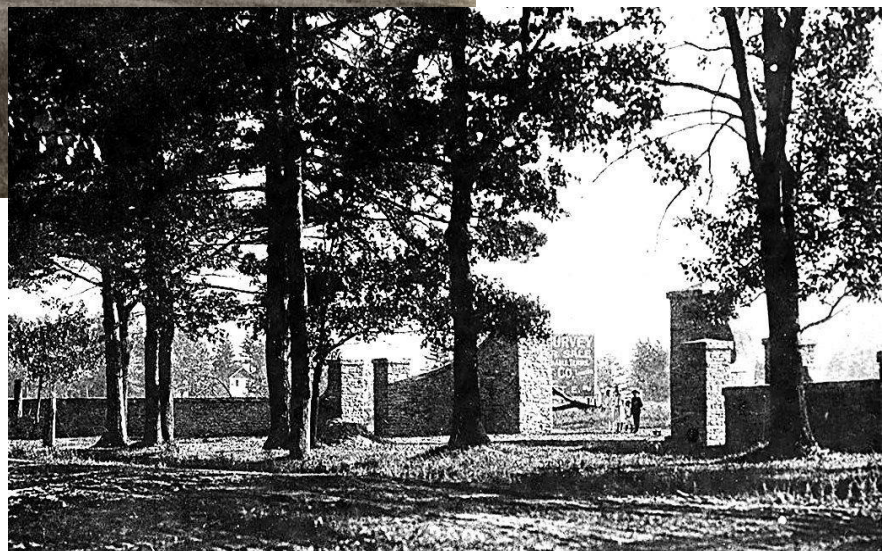


The revitalized gateway to Baby Point is vibrant and inviting. Photo: BPG BIA



The Baby Point Gates amidst construction around 1913.
City of Toronto Archives

The gates seen from Jane Street at 1912.
City of Toronto Archives



HY Calendar Highlights

Pub Nights @ Lambton House

Monthly community pub nights began on January 9th. There is no pub night in February due to the Annual Dinner Dance, but we get back into the swing of things on March 6th. On April 3, John Dorsey takes the stage and rocks the house. During the Pub Nights hot roast beef sandwiches and a good choice of beers and wines (as well as tea and coffee) are available to purchase. *No cover.*

Heritage Talks @ Lambton House

In 2015 Heritage Talks begin with the Annual Howland Lecture on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 7:30pm, with Dr. Lawrence Ostola, on the future directions for the City of Toronto's museums and heritage sites. Writer of *A Flag for Canada*, Rick Archbold, speaks on February 12th. On March 12th, Professor Emeritus Bill Andrews will show and tell us *How to Achieve Beauty, Diversity and Low Maintenance in Your Garden: The Summer/Autumn Garden*. Bob Galway will return as guest speaker on April 9th.

Winter Hours @ Lambton House

Starting January 4th, 2015, Lambton House is open to the public from 12 noon until 4pm each Sunday. Free admission and house tours; refreshments available.

Sundays @ Lambton House

On Sunday, March 8th, at 2pm, Alix Aylen will tell about building a bike and touring from Toronto through Mexico on it; features a visual presentation and "The Bike".

Winter exhibit @ Howland Room

"Selling History/Giving Credit" is an exhibition of original display boards, opening in the Howland Room on January 15th, 2015. A former local grocery store on Dundas Street West near Runnymede, recognized neighbourhood properties of cultural and historic value by displaying large photographs in the store, which drew attention to our local heritage.

Winter Display @ Humber Room

"*People Make Things*", a display of traditional handmade items opens in the Humber Room in early January.

Watch our website www.lambtonhouse.org for more news and updates.

High quality ceramic mugs depicting

Lambton House of 1898

on one side, with 'Heritage York' on the other.

\$7 each or 4 for \$25

Mug + T-shirt only \$20