



# Society Newsletter

**Michael Chan, Provincial Minister of Tourism and Culture,  
praised Port Hope for it's commitment to history at the Soci-  
ety's Pre-Confederation dinner**

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Historical Society*

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**Preserving the past  
for future generations**

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Seated, Joan Smith, Councillor Greg Burns, Sanford Haskill, Michael Chan, Ministry Staff person and Cal Morgan

**I**t was Heritage Week throughout Ontario in late February when the Port Hope and District Historical Society held its Pre-Confederation Dinner. Our special guest, the Honourable Michael Chan, used the opportunity to recognize the great work of local volunteers

Speaking on behalf of the Premier and the Government of Ontario, Chan told a very enthusiastic audience that he was honored to join them in the evening's pre-confederation dinner as we also celebrate Heritage Week in Ontario! "This past year," he said, "I have been lucky to travel throughout the province...and I must say, I think Port Hope is one of the loveliest towns I've visited."

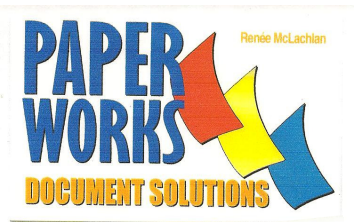
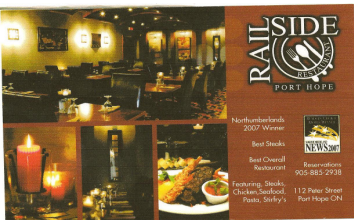
"This week gives us all a chance to reflect not just upon Ontario's rich history, but on the people who devote their time to preserve our legacy. To recognize the great work of our local volunteers, who keep Ontario's stories alive and meaningful.

"But what truly makes Port Hope a beautiful place to love and discover," the Minister said, "is its people." Chan then paid homage to the late Mel Chapple, whose passion for Port Hope led to many great achievements in conservation for the town she loved. Listing a number of her achievements, he reminded his audience that "Mel's influence reached beyond the Municipality. She received the Outstanding Service Award for her dedication to not just Port Hope's heritage — but Ontario's. Thank you for your hard work and dedication — for your efforts in preserving our living legacy." — Cont'd page 3

# President's report



**PHDHS [former EDHS] is pleased to have the support of the following business members**



**I**t's good to be back home again and pick up where we left off last fall. I want to thank the Executive for overseeing the Society's affairs in my absence. I also want to thank the Executive for appointing Rod and I again as custodians of DHM for the coming year. We appreciate their support and look forward to working with everyone in the year ahead.

Dorothy's House Museum is the last remaining building of significance in the rural area with a certified designation. It's vitally important to maintain the structural integrity of the building as well as the appearance. It is a way of preserving the work of the area's early settlers and ancestral history for generations to come

We hope to have a full summer schedule of events arranged for inclusion in the June newsletter. However, in this edition I want to especially thank Major Brenda Tucker on behalf of our organization for her excellent presentation at our November 9, 2010 meeting.

While we were away, there was a Pre-Confederation Dinner held February 23 at Calvary Pentecostal Church in Port Hope with guest speaker the Honourable Michael Chan, Provincial Minister of Tourism and Culture. Congratulations to everyone who put a lot of volunteer work and effort into making it a successful event!

On Sunday, March 27th the Society's Historical Festival was held at the Port Hope Lion's Centre which went extremely well. The weather cooperated and made for a nice day. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the event with a variety of displays. Also, thanks to the volunteers who helped throughout the day filling the many jobs associated with the Festival. As a result everyone enjoyed themselves.

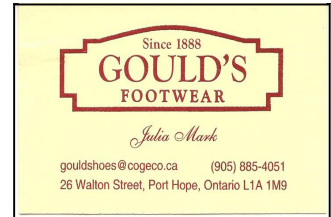
Door prizes went to: Marion Huffman [Port Hope], Jim Sandham [Cobourg], and Peter Huffman [Port Hope].



Identified in pic from left: Nelson Gardiner, Rod Parrott, Larry Ashby. See more Historical Fair pics page 4

Thank you  
Joan Ashby Parrott  
President

## Dorothy's House Museum 30th Anniversary 2011



## PHDHS Pre-Confederation Dinner photo collage – February 23, 2011

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Chan went on to say Port Hope represents the true spirit of community, of cooperation and collaboration.

“Through active partnerships with local heritage groups, the Ontario Heritage Trust and the municipality — you have achieved great success.

“Like the Capitol Theatre — one of our nation’s last operating “atmospheric” theaters, drawing in locals and visitors from within Ontario and beyond.

“Our government recognizes the importance in protecting and promoting the built, cultural and natural heritage assets here in Port Hope and across Ontario.

“Over the past five years, municipalities have designated over 700 individual properties, establishing 25 new Heritage Conservation Districts, ultimately protecting 4600 properties. Across Ontario there are now 103 Heritage Conservation Districts. I’m proud to say at least 2 of these districts include Port Hope’s Walton Street and John, and Ontario and Queen Streets here in Port Hope and the surrounding area, home to over 280 designated buildings, more per capital than anywhere else in Canada!

“Through our unique heritage, we draw visitors in and give them reason to return, time and time again....In 2008 alone, tourism spending in Ontario was \$22 billion dollars supporting 300,000 direct and indirect jobs.

“Over \$29 million in funding to the Community Museum Operating Grants program, provided \$1 million dollars to local historical societies through Heritage Organizations Grants.”

The Honourable Minister had much more to say but brought his remarks to a close by reminding his audience that the people of Port Hope know the values of their unique historical treasures. He said these legacies “...provide a narrative that speaks to our collective past, and give us a pride of place.”

**“The passion of the people in Port Hope is truly inspiring.”**

— Michael Chan



From top, first row: Dr. Bill Harris, Alex Reda [costume judge], Minister Chan, Helen Anne Haskill. Second row: Alex Reda, Penny Harris, Minister Chan, Joyce Bentham. Third row: Marlene Minaker, Councillor Mary Lou Ellis, Bill Sunday, Rev. Jon & Karen Foster. Bottom: Carrie Osborne, Julie Beckett, Mystery lady, Jon van de Wall at rear, and unidentified individuals. [See page 3 for Historical Fair pictures of more guests]

## Major Brenda Tucker addresses the Port Hope and District Historical Society at its November 9, 2010 public meeting

On November 9th last year the Port Hope and District Historical Society was honoured to have Canadian Forces Major Brenda Tucker as guest speaker at their meeting. Speaking with considerable knowledge and experience she presented a bird-eye view of the Canadian Forces Base [CFB], Trenton, Ontario.

Major Tucker joined the Canadian Forces on 1982 upon enrolling at the Royal Military College [RMC] in Kingston. After completing a Bachelors and Masters degree in Chemical Engineering, she undertook the necessary training to become an Aircraft Maintenance Officer.

Over her 26 years in the military she has been posted to the National Defense Headquarters, Air Command Headquarters in Winnipeg, the Aerospace Testing Services in Cold Lake, and Air Maintenance Squadron in Trenton, 307 Technical Services Detachment Toronto, and Chemical Engineering Department at RMC as an Assistant professor.

Major Tucker retired from the Regular Forces in 2008 and accepted a position as the Engineering Manager at Airborne Systems Canada. In 2010 she signed up as a reservist and is now employed at CFB Trenton in the Admin Branch as the A1 Program Officer.



One of her duties is that of the 8 Wing Heritage officer. Major Tucker resides in Brighton, Ont. with her husband and two teenage daughters.

## Historical Festival a rewarding success, thanks to the generous help of volunteers



## Events Calendar

Regular Monthly meeting at the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Meeting Room, 2216 Hwy 28 North, Port Hope, ON

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**Saturday, April 16, 2011**

Battery Drive at Evergreen Farms & Garden, Taunton Road, Orono. Proceeds to Durham East 4H Club

**Sunday, April 17, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.**

200 Anniversary Canton Cemetery

**Wed., April 20, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.**

Annual General Meeting and Show & Tell at the GRCA Conservation Meeting Room, 2216 Hwy 28 N, Port Hope, ON.

**Sunday, June 12, 2011.**

HAHC Beef Barbecue at Carman Irwin Farm Gate open 4 p.m. Info: 905-753-2387

**Wednesday May 18th == TBA**

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Single	\$15.00
Couple	\$25.00
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**\*Please note: Membership fees are now due for the calendar year 2011. Send your payments to postal address above.**

**Our next quarterly Newsletter will feature Carroll and June Nichols and their first meeting on a train to a Liberal Convention in Winnipeg, 1944. They were married in 1946.**