

**OJIBWAY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
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**OJIBWAY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
Year End 2018 Report From The Chair**

ANOTHER BUSY YEAR

The year 2018 was a busy year for the Ojibway Historical Preservation Society. There were some projects to continue to educate visitors to the facility of the rich Ojibway history. There were projects to assist in the protection and risk reduction of the old hotel. There were some changes in the Board. And there was follow up on the potential for the further restoration and preservation of facilities as set in priorities in 2017.

HISTORICAL EDUCATION

Initiative was taken by Nancy Lang and Helen Bryce along with Terry Clark and Bill Watts to designate a bedroom on the second floor as a "Heritage Bedroom". The effort included cleaning out a room and putting together old components of bedrooms in the past. These included the original in bedroom sink, closet, fire escape rope and over the door valance as well as period furniture. Then posters with pictures and annotated descriptions from the decades of Ojibway past. This was completed for summer visitors and many visited and enjoyed the museum like experience.

The same group collaborated to arrange for the OHPS to have a computer console in the lobby of the hotel. The console is touch screen. It contains the excellent website of the OHPS which has extensive documentation of the history of the Ojibway. The website and the console work to fulfill a responsibility of OHPS to educate and provide access to the public on the historically and architecturally significant structures and elements of the Ojibway Island area and facilities. Many visitors to the Ojibway in 2018 enjoyed the console experience and were able to sign the digital visitor's log. Make sure you check it out the console if you have not already.

FIRE RISK REDUCTION

One of the 2017 priorities was the consideration for completing the hotel sprinkler system under the hotel crawl space. A fire protection specialist was engaged to assess the need under the fire code. The report came back that stating that with certain stipulations, the sprinklers were not required. The stipulations were that the skirting around the base of the building be completed, and that no flammable materials be stored under the crawl space. A huge effort was made by Bill Watts and Steve Ramsay the Ojibway Director of Facilities to get the skirting completed and to clean out many stored materials from under the hotel. At the same time many materials were stored in the 3rd floor which also constituted a fire hazard and another effort was launched and the 3rd floor is now cleaner and safer.

BOARD CHANGES

The year saw the retirement from the OHPS Board of Helen and Doug Bryce. Helen served as Secretary and Communications Director. Doug served as the Treasurer. Both Helen and Doug were tireless workers for the legacy of the Ojibway and they will be missed but certainly deserve to step back.

We are very fortunate to welcome Celia Milne for Communications and Secretary, Sam Skuce for Facilities and Bob Kilgour as Treasurer to the Board. Celia brings her family history and attachment to the Ojibway and her extensive experience in communications and writing. Sam also brings his family history and attachment to the Ojibway as well as his experience as a Professional Engineer working with Heritage Facilities throughout Ontario. Bob Kilgour also brings his strong family attachment to the Ojibway and his business and accounting experience to the position of Treasurer.

In addition Bill Watts was elected to the position of President and Terry Clark agreed to stay on as Past President. Terry has played a major role in OHPS for many years and we appreciate his willingness to continue to provide his experience and support.

THE GIFT SHOP PROJECT

In 2017 The OHPS Board set out a list of parts of Ojibway that were expected to become in need of restoration in the future. The Main Fixed Dock, the Gift Shop, certain Walking Trails, Sprinklers under the Hotel, and Rental Cabins made the list and were discussed and debated by the OHPS Board and the Ojibway Board. The Gift Shop rose to the top of priorities and both Boards agreed on the need and that the condition of the Gift Shop was such that steps toward restoration should be taken.



In 2018 the OHPS Board embarked on a plan for the restoration of the Gift Shop. An Architect was engaged, cost estimates were developed and a fundraising campaign was initiated in July. There has been enormous support from the Ojibway community. The plans presented at the launch of fundraising in July developed enthusiasm and excitement that the restoration may be possible.

As of this writing at year end we are very pleased to announce that the fundraising goal for the Gift Shop has been met. The fundraising was directed by Jenni McIsaac and congratulations go to Jenni for this very successful campaign. And thanks goes to all those who generously donated and who share the vision to help preserve and protect the history of the Ojibway and support the restoration of the Gift Shop.

The OHPS Board will now take steps to contract further for the detail drawings and move the project to competitive bidding by spring. The plan is for building demolition to take place in September followed by building restoration and completion for re-opening in June 2020.

OTHER RESTORATION PROJECTS

Other restoration projects are being considered for the future at the Ojibway. A small extension of the Walking Trails to connect the existing trail to the Swim Pavilion. A historic log built gazebo. And there is even an investigation for the Pinewood Cabin. Pinewood was the summer residence for Hamilton Davis the Entrepreneur who built and ran the Ojibway for 5 decades. Stay tuned on these possibilities.

ONGOING SUPPORT

The Ojibway is the beating heart of the Pointe au Baril community due to the 120+ year history and due to the affection it carries with many families who are fortunate to enjoy the benefits it gives to the summer experience in Pointe au Baril.

The part that the OHPS plays in preserving and protecting the Ojibway is a critical part of the Ojibway. And that part is only possible through the donations made by the generous support community. Thank you to everyone who made donations they were able to make in the past year. Perhaps you were able to donate to the Gift Shop project. Thank you. Or perhaps you were able to donate as a "Friend" of the Ojibway. Thank you. We appreciate the support for it is the vital component initiated in 2001 that kept the property from deteriorating to collapse and now helps insure it is there for future generations.

Information about the OHPS and the history of the Ojibway is available to you anytime at www.ohps.ca. And you can enjoy the website at the Ojibway on the new lobby console. You are also invited to attend the Annual Community Meeting of the OHPS on Saturday July 13 at the Ojibway immediately following the Board Meeting of the Ojibway Club. Please come and meet the Board members and participate in the discussions shaping the work of the OHPS.

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING
OF THE
OJIBWAY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
SATURDAY JULY 13, 2019
9:30 AM
OJIBWAY MOVIE HUT**

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President & Board Chair
The Ojibway Historical Preservation Society