



Media Release

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Peterborough Hosts Doors Open - October 4th

PETERBOROUGH – Saturday, October 4th marks the 7th Annual Doors Open Peterborough event. “This year, we have 17 sites taking part ranging from the Main Fire Station and nine buildings in the Rubidge and Brock Streets area, to the Canoe Museum, with several new central locations in between. We are also partnering with Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio to celebrate *Artsweek* in Peterborough.” stated Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator for the City.

A FREE Shuttle Bus will operate between the sites all day, running in a continuous loop from the Canadian Canoe Museum parking lot, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Parking is free at the Canoe Museum. The Trent Valley Archives has generously provided the services of a tour guide for the shuttle bus, who will comment on Peterborough’s built heritage as the bus passes by.

Most sites will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – check the Doors Open Peterborough website at www.doorsopenpeterborough.ca. A complete listing, including hours, is included in the Backgrounder. Many locations will be featuring displays and exhibits about the history of the site.

A Media Kick-Off Event will be held Monday Sept. 29 at 1:30 p.m. at the Education Centre, Canadian Canoe Museum, 910 Monaghan Road (Lions Club entrance).

The Canoe Museum will provide a reception for the media to meet and interview representatives of the 17 sites. **All media outlets are invited.**

“Doors Open Peterborough celebrates our unique heritage,” said Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services for the City of Peterborough, “We are excited to invite people to some new buildings this year and with our Artsweek partner, Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio, to recognize the contributions that the arts make to the character and heritage of the City.”

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Doors Open Ontario is a program of the Ontario Heritage Trust.
Visit www.doorsopenontario.on.ca for an updated list of Doors Open Ontario events.

Backgrounder – 18 Sites Open for Tours in Peterborough Saturday October 4, 2008

FREE SHUTTLE BUS

Visitors are invited to park free at the Canadian Canoe Museum (Monaghan Road at Romaine Street), or to step on and off at any of the tour sites. Stops are: Canoe Museum, Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio on O'Connell Road, Rubidge and Simcoe, Rubidge and Brock, Brock and Aylmer, Brock and George, the County Courthouse, George and King, Bethune and King, the Fire Station, the Art Gallery, and back to the Canoe Museum. The round trip will take approximately 50 minutes to complete. A tour guide from Trent Valley Archives (TVA) will provide commentary about Peterborough's built heritage throughout the day, and will inform riders about TVA activities and other tours.

Canadian Canoe Museum (open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) 910 Monaghan Road

Visit the Canadian Canoe Museum and explore the canoe's enduring significance to Canada. Opened in 1997, it is North America's only canoe museum. Its collection of over 600 canoes and kayaks and 1,000 related artifacts is the largest of its kind. The canoe was recently voted one of Canada's 'Seven Wonders' in a CBC contest. "The Canoe in Miniature" is a new exhibit.

Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio (open 1 to 4 p.m.) 420 O'Connell Road

Artsweek partner KAGS is encouraging its member artists to get out and paint, sketch, and photograph the many sites on Doors Open tours this year. In addition, the Gallery will be open in the afternoon as the Kawartha Photographers' Guild showcases its new exhibit.

Knights of Columbus Hall (Cathedral Centre) (open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) 317 Hunter St. W.

The north half of this building was erected in 1865. Expanded in 1890, the south half introduced Italianate details. For many years, it was a school run by the Sisters of Notre Dame and later the Sisters of St. Joseph, and is now the home of the Knights of Columbus.

Ridley Cottage / Old Stone School (open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) 297 Hunter St. W.

This small stone building was originally the home of Robert Ridley and his wife and was built around 1845. It was converted to a schoolhouse in the late 19th century. Owned by the Roman Catholic Church, it is now used as meeting space.

**Hospice Peterborough Offices (open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
439 Rubidge St.**

Land for St. Andrew's church was secured in 1835 and while the church was built immediately afterward in 1836, its manse was not constructed until 1869 since the original minister, Rev. John Morrice Roger, lived elsewhere near Jackson Park on Park St. North. The manse was built of solid brick using the Flemish bond technique and is a two-storey, hipped roof structure. Little change took place in the building until 1979, when the manse was rented to others. Hospice Peterborough took over the building for offices and meeting rooms, and transformed it in 2002.

**St. Andrew's United Church (open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
441 Rubidge St.**

Although a Presbyterian congregation existed in Peterborough from 1833 onward, the present building replaced an earlier sturdy stone structure in 1885. Charlotte Nicholls, a faithful member who donated \$5,000 towards its construction, laid the cornerstone. With its 82-foot high square tower, its light coloured brick and Gothic design, St. Andrew's was officially opened in 1886. It was also the first church in Peterborough to have electricity.

**Hutchison House Museum (open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
270 Brock St.**

Built by the townspeople for one of Peterborough's first doctors, Dr. John Hutchison, this is one of City's oldest surviving houses. His cousin, Sir Sandford Fleming, also lived here in the mid 1840's. Hutchison House is now a living history museum owned and operated by the Peterborough Historical Society. Visitors will be able to purchase its full Scottish Tea for \$6 per person, view hearth cooking demonstrations, check out the 30th anniversary exhibit, and tour all three floors of the building.

**Kingan House (open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
271 Brock St.**

Robert Kingan emigrated from Scotland in 1840 and opened a hardware store in Peterborough in 1850. His red brick home was built about 1863. Originally the front of the house faced east towards Bethune Street and resembled a Georgian structure with a symmetrical façade, flanking 6-over-6 sash windows and a restrained entryway with side lights and a transom. A number of additions and annexes have been added. The Kingan family continued in the hardware business on Simcoe Street until Charles Kingan, Robert's grandson, retired in 1976. Formerly the Brock Mission, it is being restored by a local software company as offices.

**Carlson Wagonlit / Stewart Travel, Hammond Hall (open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
232 Brock St.**

Part of Brock Street's 'Doctor's Row', Hammond Hall was originally the home and office of Dr. D.H. Burritt. Named for his successor, Dr. Hammond, the longest running tenant

in the buildings' history, it has recently been carefully renovated to become the new home of Carlson Wagonlit Travel/Stewart Tours. Both floors are open to the public.

**Youth Emergency Shelter (open 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3 p.m.)
196 Brock St.**

Thought to be the second brick house built in Peterborough, this building was home to a long line of Peterborough doctors, as well as a private school in the late 1800's. This critical social service agency is proud to open its doors for the 2008 Doors Open Peterborough event. Guided tours will be available every 10 minutes.

**The Pig's Ear Tavern (open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
144 Brock Street**

The Pig's Ear Tavern opened in 1865 as the St. Maurice Saloon, operated by Dolphus Faucher. Originally a 4 storey building, the top storey was seriously damaged in a fire in the 1930's and never rebuilt. The Pig's Ear is a popular stop on the Pub Crawl Tour sponsored by Trent Valley Archives. Join proprietor John Punter at one of Peterborough's most legendary pubs!

**Peterborough County Courthouse and Jail (open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
470 Water St.**

The Peterborough County Courthouse building holds a commanding position overlooking Victoria Park. Built of cut stone with a central portico, it is considered one of the finest examples of courthouse architecture in Ontario. It continues to house the Courthouse, County Council Chambers and administrative offices, and until recently, the County Jail. The main courtrooms, former jail and jail yard will be open to self-guided visits.

**St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
120 Murray St.**

St. Paul's congregation began in 1833, moving to its present location upon completion of this building in 1859. It was expanded to its present form in 1883-85; a modern addition was built in 1959. Neo-gothic architecture, a "graffiti gallery", glowing stained glass windows, and soaring spaces await the visitor. Guided tours will be given of the former church hall in the basement of the main building at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**Showplace Peterborough (open 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
290 George St. N.**

Showplace Performance Centre is a not-for-profit organization that owns and manages a professional performing arts facility. Located in the heart of downtown Peterborough, in the old Odeon Theatre building, Showplace features a professionally equipped auditorium with fantastic acoustics, comfortable seating for 647 and a spectacular stage. A special rehearsal by the Peterborough Symphony Orchestra will be featured.

**428 (Peterborough) Wing, Air Force Assoc. of Canada (open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
274 King St.**

Joseph Buller, a grocer, bought this property in 1880 and by 1888, he and his son, William Henry Buller, were listed as carters (horse drawn couriers) with stables here. William Henry Buller was later both an Alderman and Mayor of Peterborough. After World War II, Silverwood Dairy used the stables for its wagons and horses. The ten-room house with stables and hayloft was bought by 428 (Peterborough) Wing in 1960 and was renovated into meeting rooms, cadet offices and classrooms. In the Wing's distinguished history, it has been named "Wing of the Year" five times and has hosted many events and conventions.

**King Bethune Guest House (open noon to 4 p.m.)
270 King St.**

Built by a lumber baron in the early 1890s, this century home was restored and opened as a European style guesthouse in 1992. Three suites (including one set up as a spa), and a delightful private garden, refresh the traveller and local day spa enthusiast alike, all within walking distance of Peterborough's historic downtown. Stained glass, a wide wooden staircase, original trim, and high ceilings will delight you.

**Main Fire Station (open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
210 Sherbrooke St.**

Peterborough's main fire hall contains a sophisticated communications centre, sleeping quarters, gymnasium, lecture room, and state of the art fire fighting equipment. The Department is also proud of its vintage fire engine and an intriguing collection of historical photographs, early helmets, uniforms, and equipment— all on permanent display.

**Art Gallery of Peterborough (open 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.)
250 Crescent St.**

John and Alfred McDonald constructed this home in 1880. It was refurbished by local businessman David Foster in the 1960s, and was officially opened as the Art Gallery of Peterborough in 1979 after the completion of a new wing and incorporation by provincial charter in 1974. As part of Artsweek, a special 24-hour printmaking workshop will be underway for visitors to watch and learn.