



City of Peterborough

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Peterborough Hosts Doors Open – September 24, 2011

PETERBOROUGH – Saturday, September 24th marks the 10th Annual *Doors Open Peterborough* event, with additional programming also taking place on Sunday, September 25th. Site tours and a walking tour of Jackson Park will be the focus on Saturday. A limited number of sites will be featured again on Sunday, along with several additional walking or bike tours.

To recognize the 10th Anniversary of Doors Open in Peterborough, a theme has been chosen that is reflective of community interests - "Peterborough - The Participation City". "Peterborough's rich legacy of sporting events and recreational pursuits forms a significant part of the city's history," said Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator for the City of Peterborough. "To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Doors Open Peterborough, it seemed a natural fit to recognize the contribution of organized sports and outdoor leisure pursuits to the story of our city."

Two **free** shuttle buses will operate between 10:00 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on northbound and southbound circuits all day **Saturday only**. The buses will run in a continuous loop from the Canadian Canoe Museum parking lot and City Hall. Free parking is available at both locations. The Trent Valley Archives has generously provided the services of a tour guide for each shuttle bus to comment on Peterborough's built heritage as each bus completes its circuit.

Most sites will be open Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a limited number of sites open again on Sunday – check the Doors Open Peterborough website at www.doorsopenpeterborough.ca. Many locations will be featuring displays and exhibits to inform visitors about the history of the site.

"It is hard to believe that ten years have passed already since the first Doors Open Peterborough! It is very exciting to see a focus on sports and recreational facilities and the recognition of their importance as part of our built heritage." said Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services, City of Peterborough.

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Doors Open Ontario is a program of the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Backgrounder

Doors Open Peterborough: 12 Sites Open for Tours; 1 Walking Tour, Saturday, September 24th 2011. Selected Sites Open for Tours; 4 Walking/Bike Tours, Sunday, September 25th 2011



Saturday & Sunday Sites/Tours

Trent Community Sport and Recreation Centre

Peterborough Disc Golf Club

Kawartha Gymnastics Club

Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club

Quaker Park Tennis Club

Jackson Park Walking Tour - Twice Saturday; Once Sunday

Canoe Museum - Free on Saturday; Regular admission on Sunday includes 2 free concerts

Saturday Only

The Peterborough Memorial Centre - Indoor Guided tours

Sports Hall of Fame

Peterborough Petes Hockey Club

Peterborough Lakers Lacrosse Club

Peterborough Figure Skating Club

Peterborough Pagans Rugby at Nicholls Oval

Sunday Only

Walking Tour – Cricket Place, Ashburnham / East City: "Where Peterborough Played"

Little Lake Cemetery Tour - "Legendary Peterborough Athletes"

Heroes and Rails Bike tour

FREE SHUTTLE BUS – SATURDAY ONLY

Visitors are invited to park for free at the Canadian Canoe Museum (Monaghan Road at Romaine Street), or across from City Hall on George Street - or to step on and off at any of the tour stops.

North Shuttle Bus Route	South Shuttle Bus Route
City Hall	Canadian Canoe Museum
Disc Golf - Water Street at University Heights	City Hall – North Route Link
Trent Community Sports & Recreation Centre	Hunter Street East at Driscoll Terrace
North side of Parkhill Road at Nicholls Oval	Memorial Centre
Jackson Park - Only at 10:30 and 1:30 for tours	Back to Canadian Canoe Museum
Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club – Back to City Hall	

The round trip for each tour will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. Tour guides from Trent Valley Archives (TVA) and the Doors Open Committee will provide commentary about Peterborough's built heritage throughout the day, and will inform riders about TVA activities and other tours.

Doors Open Peterborough Sites

- Peterborough Memorial Centre** (151 Lansdowne Street West)
The iconic Peterborough Memorial Centre pays tribute to veterans of two World Wars and the Korean War. Its 2003 renovations resulted in many new amenities to be shown on guided tours, including executive suites, Skyboxes, and the club seating area.
(Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM) www.memorialcentre.ca
- Peterborough and District Sports Hall of Fame** (151 Lansdowne Street West)
The Peterborough and District Sports Hall of Fame began in 1978. Dedicated to preserving the rich history of sports in City and County, its 4,000 square feet of display space houses a vast collection of memorabilia and artifacts dating back into the 1800s.
(Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM) www.pdshof.com
- Peterborough Petes Hockey Club** (151 Lansdowne Street West)
The Petes are the oldest continuously operating Junior OHL team. Since 1956, the club has been known for sending 152 OHL players to NHL ranks. Legends such as Bob Gainey, Steve Yzerman, Scotty Bowman and many others continue their proud associations with the team. Special tours and displays are planned.
(Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Petes Dressing Room tours from 2:00 -4:00 PM **only**; Alumni Room open all day) <http://www.qopetesgo.com>
- Peterborough Lakers Lacrosse Club** (151 Lansdowne Street West)
The 2010 Mann Cup Champion Peterborough Senior Lakers are proud to feature displays and personal experiences as part of the Memorial Centre offerings for Doors Open 2011. One of Canada's most storied lacrosse franchises, the Lakers and their fans are legendary. Come see what "Laker Fever" is all about!
(Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM) <http://www.peterboroughlakers.ca>
- Peterborough Figure Skating Club** (151 Lansdowne Street West)
Since 1946, the Peterborough Figure Skating Club has been providing skating instruction to people of all ages. From humble beginnings on an outdoor rink, the club has grown to several hundred skaters, ranging from Canskate Beginners to Gold levels. Displays and historic video footage will be featured within the Memorial Centre.
(Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM) <http://www.peterboroughfigureskatingclub.ca/>
- Kawartha Gymnastics Club** (Morrow Park, 33 Roger Neilson Way)
The KGC has been defying gravity since 1971! Celebrating its 40th anniversary, their clubhouse adjacent to the Memorial Centre at Morrow Park will showcase historical exhibits and ongoing recreational and competitive gymnastic displays. Come see what happens when fun, fitness and fundamentals come together.
(Saturday, 10 AM – 4:00 PM; Sunday, 12 – 4:00 PM) www.kawarthagymnastics.ca
- Trent Community Sport and Recreation Centre** (1600 West Bank Drive)
The newly-enlarged, LEED certified TCSRC will host an open-house event. Visitors can explore first-hand all that the new centre has to offer including cardio loft and weight room, climbing wall, rowing/paddling tank, 25 metre pool, fitness classes, youth activities and more. Historical information about the centre will also be provided.
(Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Sunday, 12 – 4:00 PM)
<http://www.trentu.ca/athleticscampaign/highlights.php>

8. **Canadian Canoe Museum** (910 Monaghan Road)
Peterborough and area sustained a world-renowned canoe and boat-building industry for over a century. Since 1997, the museum has celebrated the canoe's enduring significance with wonderful canoes, kayaks and related artifacts. The canoe is one of Canada's "seven wonders". Enjoy an "open house" in the collection storage facility and guided tours at noon, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm and 4:00 PM.
(Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM - FREE ADMISSION;
Sunday, 12:00 - 5:00 PM REGULAR ADMISSION & FREE CONCERTS)
www.canoemuseum.net
9. **Peterborough Pagans Rugby Club** (newly moved clubhouse, at Nicholls Oval, 116 Parkhill Road East)
The Pagans have been in existence more than 50 years. In 2010, the club made arrangements to purchase the Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club's heritage clubhouse, saving it from destruction. It was moved to Nicholls' Oval this summer; thus returning it to rugby's original "home field" in Peterborough. Visit Nicholl's Oval to learn more about the history of the Peterborough Pagans and their fascinating new clubhouse. Historical exhibits and unique viewing opportunities available.
(Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM) www.peterboroughrugby.com/
10. **Quaker Park Tennis Club** (off Driscoll Terrace, 434-500 Driscoll Terrace)
The Quaker Park Tennis Club was originally a private club. It was organized in 1922 as part of the employee social and athletic association at Quaker Oats. In the 1950's the club's membership was opened to the general public, and the club now numbers over 200 adult members. Historical displays and memorabilia will be featured during Doors Open Peterborough 2011. Check out live demonstrations, try a round of tennis, and enter a free draw for tennis lessons.
(Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Sunday, 12:00 – 4:00 PM)
<http://quakerparktennis.ca/>
11. **Peterborough Disc Golf Club** (Riverview Park and Zoo, 1230 Water Street)
Disc Golf? It's been called "the greatest sport you've never heard of". Also known as Frisbee Golf, it's one of the most affordable, accessible and fun sports and is right here in Peterborough! Local Peterborough Disc Golf Club members will be on-hand with lots of extra discs to show you the basics. Play a round on the 18 hole course in around an hour with the option of a guided tour. Drop your name in the free raffle to have a chance to win 1 of 3 disc golf discs. Free mini-discs for the kids (while supplies last).
(Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Sunday, 12:00 – 4:00 PM)
www.peterboroughdiscgolf.ca
12. **Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club** (577 McDonnell Street)
Organized lawn bowling in Peterborough dates back to 1901. The present club has been at this location since 1928 and has been in continuous operation since 1930. The brand new facility opens in 2011 and still features the "finest lawns in Ontario". Watch a lawn bowling demonstration and then try it for yourself.
(Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Sunday, 12:00 – 4:00 PM – Front door / accessible entrance on east side)

Walking and Bike Tours

Back by popular demand, several tours will focus on Peterborough's longstanding love affair with sports and recreation. Jackson Park recreational pursuits; cemetery tour of sporting heroes' resting places; and a history of sports in East City (Ashburnham) are all worth checking out!

1. Jackson Park Recreation Walking Tour

Join us on a 1-hour tour of this beloved park. From the streetcar turnaround to the restored Pagoda Bridge, and then along Jackson Creek, we will touch on early recreational pursuits, ending with brief glimpses into the architecture and settlement histories of Bonaccord, Park, and McDonnell Streets.

(Saturday at 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM and Sunday at 1:00 PM).

Tours will be led by Mary and Doug Lavery (Saturday) and Kristen Eckersley (Sunday).

2. Walking Tour of Cricket Place and environs, East City – Ashburnham: “Where Peterborough Played”

From early times to the present, Peterborough's sportsmen and fans found sanctuary at the east end of the Hunter Street Bridge. There was the cricket ground and the riverside park. The Peterborough Amateur Athletic Association (PAAA) was there by 1883. The cricket field became a residential street in 1903, but the nearby lawn bowling green lasted to 1928. After the building of the concrete bridge, the former industrial park became recreational and included baseball and tennis, and later the city's only outdoor swimming pool. The area has changed dramatically, but “sports” is still spoken here.

Tour will be led by historian Elwood Jones of the Trent Valley Archives.

(Sunday, September 25 at 11:00 AM)

3. Little Lake Cemetery Tour - “Legendary Peterborough Athletes”

Come and visit the final resting places and learn about the great accomplishments of some of our well-known local athletes, coaches, and generous sponsors and supporter of local sports, many of whom are inducted in our Sports Hall of Fame. There will be a wide variety of sports represented including hockey, lacrosse, ornamental swimming, weight lifting, football and rowing. Tour is approx 1.5 hours in length, led by Catherine Dibben.

(Sunday, September 25 at 2:00 PM)

4. Heroes and Rails Bike Tour

Join your guide and bike Peterborough's historic rail trails to discover some fascinating places and people who have made our City great. Tour is 1.5 hours in length at a leisurely pace.

(Departs Silver Bean Café, Sunday, September 25 at 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM)