

## OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY COMMUNITY SUCCESS STORIES

Name of Community: Peterborough, Ontario

### **Quick Facts**

- ***What are the key economic sectors or industries in your community?***

Peterborough is a regional service centre with several major employers including the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources headquarters, a new Peterborough Regional Health Care Centre and the offices of the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board and the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board. There is a strong economic base of post-industrial, clean industry including the manufacturing of precision instruments, avionics, large aircraft refurbishment, nuclear fuel research and high-tech software development. The City is the home to the Canadian headquarters of multi-national corporations General Electric and Pepsico-QTG. Tourism and recreation contribute significantly to the local economy and the City remains a major agricultural service centre for much of the farming region northeast of Toronto. In recent years, the City has become a major retirement destination as well.

- ***Has your community been recognized with any awards or distinctions (e.g., most liveable city)?***

- ✓ Top 10 Places to Live in Canada 2009 (Money Sense Magazine)
- ✓ Number Five in the Top Ten Most Walkable Cities in Canada 2009- Up Magazine
- ✓ #1 place in Canada to do business, 2004, (Canadian Business Magazine)
- ✓ Communities in Bloom- 4 Blooms Ontario (Recognition for cultural heritage)
- ✓ Communities in Bloom- 5 Blooms Nationally (Recognition for Youth Involvement)
- ✓ Trent University in Top 3 Primarily Undergraduate Universities (McLean's)
- ✓ Government of Ontario Award for Commitment to Heritage 2006
- ✓ Canadian Museums Association Award 2007
- ✓ Ontario Museums Association Award 2001
- ✓ 1992 - Planning & Recognition Award - from CMHC Housing
- ✓ 2007 & 2008 - Certificate of Appreciation - Workforce Development Board
- ✓ Peter J Marshall 2006 Municipal Innovation Award - Certificate of Merit
- ✓ Athletic Business Facilities of Merit Award - 2006 Facility of Merit Award

- **Does your community have a special relationship with another town or city outside of Canada (e.g., twin city)?**

Peterborough has been a sister city of Ann Arbor, Michigan since 1983. The Arborough Games was a sport and cultural exchange for the Friendship Trophy, beginning in 1983 when Peterborough hosted the inaugural Games. Ten sports were included, some of which were soccer, swimming, softball, track and field, volleyball. The Games were last held in 1993.

- **Does your community hold any interesting records or “firsts” (e.g., home of North America’s first ...)?**

Peterborough, with its strong history of industry and engineering is the home to many Canadian firsts:

- ✓ On May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1884, Peterborough became the first city in Canada with electric street lighting;
  - ✓ The Peterborough Lift Lock is the highest hydraulic lock in the world;
  - ✓ The Hunter Street Bridge across the Otonabee River was, at the time of its completion, the longest span of un-reinforced concrete in Canada;
  - ✓ Canada’s first nuclear power generator was designed and built by Canadian General Electric in Peterborough;
  - ✓ Quaker Oats invented rolled oats at its Peterborough headquarters;
  - ✓ We have the oldest public cemetery in Canada;
  - ✓ We have the second oldest historical society in Ontario;
  - ✓ Our Ontario Hockey League team, the Peterborough Petes, has sent more players to the NHL than any other minor league franchise in Canada.
- **Does your community have a special nickname (e.g., Garden City) and if so, what is its significance?**

“Land of Shining Waters” - The translation of *Kawartha*, the Ojibwa name for the area.

“The Electric City” - Derived from the long association of Canadian General Electric Corporation with the city. The company started in Peterborough in 1892 when the Edison Electric Light Company amalgamated with several other firms. The company often used Peterborough to showcase its products including street-lighting and streetcars. They built some of the first hydro-electric generating plants in Canada along the Otonabee River.

- **What is your community brand message (slogan, motto, catch phrase)?**

Slogan: *Peterborough, It’s a Natural*

The City’s Motto: *Dat Natura, Elaborant Artes: Nature Provides, Industry Develops*

- **List five “fun facts” about your community.**

- 1) Stompin’ Tom Connors got his name here for the way he pounded out the beat on the old wood floors of the King George Hotel.
- 2) The floor of the City Hall foyer is an accurately scaled map of the region rendered in polished terrazzo concrete with brass inlays. It is believed to be the only floor like it in Canada.
- 3) For many years Fisher Gauge Limited, a Peterborough company manufacturing high quality precision die-cast parts to the auto and electronics industries, supplied the playing pieces to Milton-Bradley’s game Monopoly.
- 4) The Centennial Fountain, the focal point of Little Lake in the heart of the City, is the highest jet fountain in Canada. Installed in 1967, the water shoots up 76m (250 feet).
- 5) Wayne Gretzky played three games for the Peterborough Petes, and never scored a goal.

## **History**

- **Were there any key milestones or unique circumstances that contributed to the settlement and development of your community?**

European settlement in the area began in 1820 when several ex-military officers from the Napoleonic Wars who had been given patents to land in Upper Canada began settling in the area north of Rice Lake known as the District of Colborne. Others soon followed and, in 1825, a group of settlers under the leadership of Peter Robinson arrived on the shores of Little Lake. Jackson Creek, and later the Otonabee River, provided a perfect locale for milling and very quickly the area became a major lumbering centre. The arrival of the railroad and the introduction of hydro-electric power along the river made Peterborough a desirable site for large industry. By the 1920s, there were hundreds of manufacturers in Peterborough and it had become the 5<sup>th</sup> largest exporter of goods by GDP in Canada. Factories like General Electric, Quaker Oats and Outboard Marine Corporation employed three to five thousand workers each in their respective plants. The water also made Peterborough the home to dozens of smaller plants turning out recreational watercraft and the city is considered the birthplace of the modern canoe.

- ***Were there any people, places or events in your community that helped shape the course of history (e.g., discovery of insulin; birthplace of Norman Bethune)?***

**Sir Sandford Fleming** lived in Peterborough as young engineer. Fleming is the inventor of standard time, was the chief surveyor for the Trans-Canada Railway and oversaw the laying of the first trans-Atlantic telephone cable.

**David Fife** invented Red Fife Wheat a variety of wheat that was highly resistant to the harsh Canadian climate. It produced a very high quality grain and thrived in the soils of the prairies. Red Fife Wheat is credited with making Canada the “bread basket of the world”.

**Lester B. Pearson** PC, OM, CC, OBE spent his childhood here when his father was the minister of George St. United Church. Prime Minister from 1963 to 1968, Pearson won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1957 for organizing the United Nations Emergency Force to resolve the Suez Canal Crisis. During his time as Prime Minister, Pearson introduced universal health care, student loans, the Canada Pension Plan, the Order of Canada, and the current Canadian flag.

**Robertson Davies** was the editor and then publisher of the Peterborough Examiner from 1942 until 1965. He wrote several of his most famous novels while living in Peterborough and used many of his experiences here in the creation of characters and plot lines.

**Senator Iva Fallis** was the second woman ever appointed to the Senate. She championed women's issues, human rights, Senate reform, old age security, and equality for men and women.

**Jim Balsillie** is the co-founder and CEO of Research in Motion. Born and raised in Peterborough, his invention of the Blackberry has reshaped the global telecommunications market.

**James Orbinski** is a physician and humanitarian activist. He completed his undergraduate work at Trent University before entering medical school at McMaster University. He was President of the International Council of Médecins Sans Frontières in 1999 when the organization was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for its cumulative efforts to bring humanitarian aid to war zones.

## **Geography**

- ***Are there any unique attributes to the geographic location of your community (e.g., southernmost point in Ontario)?***

Peterborough is located just to the east of the Oak Ridges Moraine in an area shaped by the receding glaciers 10,000 years ago. The region is characterized by a series of drumlins, eskers and smaller moraines that give the area a unique landscape of lush farmland, rolling hills, river valleys and long lakes. The City itself is built in the Otonabee River valley on a field of seven high drumlins that has created beautiful hillside settings for historic neighbourhoods. As the glaciers scoured the landscape they left behind fascinating geological features like the Warsaw Caves. The Kawartha Lakes is now a renowned tourist region of deep lakes and pine forests.

- ***Are there any geographic, natural or built landmarks that help define your community, for residents and visitors alike?***

Peterborough is a relatively young city. European settlement in the area began less than 200 years ago. The First Peoples, however, have inhabited the area for many thousands of years. Both groups have left their mark on the landscape and Peterborough County is notable for many fascinating cultural features.

Northeast of Peterborough are the **Petroglyphs**, the largest known concentration of Aboriginal rock carvings in Canada. Carved into the white marble rock face hundreds of years ago, the 900 petroglyphs depict turtles, snakes, birds, humans and other images.

To the south of the City are the **Serpent Mounds**, a 2000-year old summer camp of the Point Peninsula Aboriginal people. On a high point of land overlooking Rice Lake are a series of burial mounds. The largest construction is a large serpentine mound, the only one of its kind in Canada.

The **Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site** passes through Peterborough and the headquarters for the waterway are here. One of its most impressive engineering features along the waterway is the **Peterborough Lift Lock**, the highest hydraulic lock in the world. Now a little over 100 years old, it operates as it did when constructed in 1904, using only the weight of an extra foot of water in the upper basin to outweigh the lower basin, causing it to rise as the other falls. No electricity is used in the entire cycle that lifts and lowers the basins 80 feet.

Peterborough also features a wealth of beautiful historic architecture. **The Market Hall and Clock Tower** is the premier heritage building in the city and has been the symbolic centre of town of nearly 130 years.

Winding through the heart of the city is the **Trans Canada Trail** which brings hikers and bikers past **The Peterborough Armoury National Historic Site**, **Confederation Square** with its nationally significant **Cenotaph** by Walter Alward, the designer of the

Vimy Memorial, and across the majestic **Hunter Street Bridge** into Ashburnham. Below the bridge is **Millennium Park**, the award winning waterfront regeneration project that stretches along the west shore of the river and Little Lake.

- ***Does your community incorporate any national or world-recognized sites (e.g., world heritage site, world biosphere area)?***

Peterborough is home to three National Historic Sites: The Trent Severn Waterway; the Peterborough Armoury and Drill Hall; and Cox Terrace, a magnificent Second Empire row house.

In addition, the buildings of Trent University's main campus, designed by Ron Thom, have been recognized as being internationally significant as a heritage site of the modern movement.

Regionally, the Petroglyphs are commemorated as a National historic Site.

## **Economic Achievements**

- ***Are there any companies or businesses in your community that have achieved success on a national or international scale? If so, please provide a brief profile (25 words or less) of each company/business and its achievements.***

### **Bryston Limited**

Formed in 1962, Bryston started business manufacturing blood analysis equipment. In 1968, John Russell, a former NASA engineer bought the company, and with his son designed the first Bryston amplifier. Since that time, Bryston components have become legendary as among the best audio electronics in the world. Bryston amplifiers are utilized in some of the world's most renowned recording studios and owned by many discerning music industry professionals.

Brian Russell: President

Christopher Russell: CEO

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### **Flying Colours Corporation**

Established in 1989, Flying Colours is a global leader in all aspects of aircraft completions and maintenance. They specialize in Green Completions; Refurbishment & Modification; Executive Conversions; Maintenance & Repair; Exterior Paint; Avionics Upgrade & Installation; Engineering & Design. Flying Colours and its subsidiaries have established a worldwide customer base as a result of its commitment to safety, quality, and elite customer support.

John Gillespie, President, Flying Colours Corp.

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### **The Innovation Cluster**

The Greater Peterborough Innovation Cluster, (est. 2004) is one of twelve Regional Innovation Networks ensuring that the programs and services of the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation are provided within the Peterborough Region. It focuses on research in the areas of environment, water quality, wildlife DNA and forensics, agriculture, health and biomaterials.

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### **Operitel Corporation**

Operitel Corporation is an information technology company that specializes in building enterprise Learning Portal solutions. They are the architects of LearnFlex™, a flexible and adaptable fourth-generation learning management system. Operitel specializes in Microsoft SharePoint Portal solutions in the learning and performance management space. They are a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner. The company was named one of 'Canada's Fastest-Growing Companies' in the Profit 100 Ranking in 2008.

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- ***Are there any companies, businesses, industry associations or educational institutions in your community that are leaders in the following sectors:***

#### **Health Sciences:**

- ✓ **ICAV (International Consortium on Anti-Virals)**

The International Consortium on Anti-Virals (ICAV) is a not-for-profit drug development organization dedicated to the discovery and development of anti-viral therapies for neglected and emerging diseases. Their goal is to bring a new drug to market every five years.

- ✓ **PKA Soft Touch**

PKA SoftTouch is developing a painless, minimally invasive Micro-Needle Device for inject-able drugs, such as insulin.

- ✓ **DNA Ident**

DNA Ident makes a DNA sample collection container that stabilizes and preserves genetic material prior to laboratory testing. It is ideal for collecting bodily material for DNA fingerprinting.

### **Information and Communication Technology:**

- ✓ **Capella Telecommunications**  
Capella provides the cable, telecom, broadcast and utility industries with support services and products, such as VOIP, fibre optics, digital video, etc.
- ✓ **Breken Group**  
Breken Group is a technology consulting company that specializes in process automation, customized software engineering solutions and legacy system redesign.

### **Advanced manufacturing/transportation:**

- ✓ **Siemens Milltronics**  
Siemens Milltronics offers a variety of different instruments for both point level and continuous measurement of liquids, solids, slurries and interfaces.
- ✓ **Safran Electronics Canada**  
Safran Electronics Canada, formerly Hispano-Suiza, specializes in airborne applications for electrical power. They have supplied power transmissions for more than 22,000 aircraft engines worldwide, logging 430 million flight-hours.

### **Clean technology/alternative energy:**

- ✓ **Camel's Back Construction**  
Camel's Back has been building with straw bales for twelve years. They were Ontario's first straw bale construction company. They now have over 80 residences, studios and other assorted buildings to their credit.
- ✓ **Generation Solar**  
Generation Solar designs, supplies, installs and services a broad range of renewable energy systems for residential and commercial applications, including solar electric and solar water heating technologies.
- ✓ **Kawartha Ethanol Plant**  
Kawartha Ethanol Inc. is constructing an ethanol plant in Havelock that will produce 80 million litres of ethanol per year.
- ✓ **Carbon Control Systems**  
Carbon Control Systems Inc. turns organic waste into energy. They implement Anaerobic Digestion (AD) systems, which produce renewable energy in the form of biogas (60% methane and 35% carbon dioxide) and digestate (nutrient rich material that can be used as a fertilizer).

✓ **Hitachi Nuclear**

Hitachi Nuclear is a subsidiary of General Electric. They have been providing advanced technology for nuclear energy for over five decades. Hitachi Nuclear has four main product lines: reactors, nuclear fuel, reactor services and performance services.

✓ **Centre for Alternative Wastewater Treatment**

The Centre for Alternative Wastewater Treatment promotes constructed wetlands and other innovative forms of wastewater treatment.

**Advanced research facilities:**

✓ **SGS Lakefield**

SGS Minerals Services is the global leader in testing, consulting and on-site services for mining companies. They have metallurgical, analytical, mineralogical and environmental technical expertise.

✓ **Worsfold Water Quality Centre**

Worsfold Water Quality Centre specializes in low-level metal analyses for the mining, manufacturing, pulp and paper and nuclear industries.

• ***Have any important break-throughs in research, invention or innovation taken place in your community?***

The Greater Peterborough Innovation Cluster is working with a number of researchers in the areas of environment, water quality, wildlife DNA & forensics, sustainable agriculture, health and biomaterials to assist in the commercialization of their findings. There is a wide variety of innovative research currently underway including the work of Dr. Ralph Shiell and Dr. Andrew Vreugdenhil.

Dr. Ralph Shiell has developed an optical sensing device for use in spectroscopic instruments. This technology is used in emissions analysis, materials characterization and medical diagnostics. The unique device combines readily available active-pixel image sensors with programmable microcontrollers, allowing sophisticated control of a low-cost, highly sensitive sensor array. Combining these off-the-shelf components with an optically dispersive element and a display unit, such as an LCD, allows the device to operate as a compact, low-cost and extremely sensitive spectrometer.

Dr. Andrew Vreugdenhil has been working on a family of anti-corrosive coatings that do not contain any harmful carcinogenic chromate that many coatings currently use. Sol-gel derived materials show a great deal of promise for use as protective coatings particularly when they combine both traditional inorganic sol-gel components and organic components. One of the most developed aspects of Dr. Vreugdenhil's research has been the production of a dense, hybrid, coating material generated and deposited

under mild conditions to produce thin films which provide excellent corrosion protection of aluminum alloy and other metal substrates. The coatings have exhibited both self-healing and time-controlled properties.

- ***Are there any companies, businesses or industry associations in your community that are known for their community support? If so, please provide brief description:***

- ✓ **General Electric Canada, Pepsi QTG Canada and Siemens Milltronics** all donated over \$20,000 to the United Way in 2008.
- ✓ **Lockington Lawless Fitzpatrick LLP** a Peterborough law firm donated \$10 000 to Trent University in 2008.
- ✓ The Peterborough office of **Freedom 55 Financial** pledged \$100,000 to support the Outpatient Care Cancer Treatment Room for the new Regional Health Centre.
- ✓ **OMNI Health Care**, a Peterborough business that operates long-term care facilities throughout Ontario, donated \$100 000 to the capital campaign for the new YMCA.
- ✓ **Baskin Robbins, M&M Meat Shops, Minute Maid and Fisher-Gauge** all make generous donations to numerous local charities.

## **Tourism Assets**

- ***What are the three top tourism attractions or experiences in your community?***

Peterborough loves to have fun and we certainly invite the rest of the world to join us. The area has thousands of individual attractions and it is just about impossible to pin down three that everyone would agree on.

Tops on most people's list however would have to be the **Kawartha Lakes region and the Trent Severn Waterway** for unparalleled boating, fishing and cottaging. Hundreds of deep glacial lakes and the magnificent Canadian Shield landscape make The Kawartha Lakes a wilderness jewel of unsurpassed beauty.

Beyond the natural environment the region is known for its **arts, cultural & heritage**. Within the City, the heritage landscape is admired nationally for the sheer extent of historic structures now being restored and rehabilitated. The City's historic core is thriving and is considered one of the healthiest in Ontario. It has become the home to a blossoming arts and culture scene of dance, music and theatre.

There is not a weekend that goes by when there is not a dozen things happening, either drawing in tourists or bringing participants to shows, sports tournaments and festivals.

The Atom Hockey Tournament annually brings in 1600 young players from across the province for three days of tournament play filling every arena in the City. **Boat shows, sporting events, concerts and festivals** (more about those later) mean that there is always something wonderful going on somewhere in the City.

- ***Are there any new attractions or experiences being developed that are unique or targeted at a new or emerging tourism market?***

- ✓ **Kawartha Choice FarmFresh**

Kawartha Choice FarmFresh consists of a dynamic group of farmers, producers, chefs and retailers who promote and sell agricultural products grown and produced in the Kawartha Region. The Kawarthas have long been associated with producing world-class agricultural products. An abundance of clean air, fresh water, and rich farmland provide for products that rival the best in the world. From beef to buffalo, honey to maple syrup, or apples to sweet corn, the Kawartha Choice FarmFresh logo is your assurance of the quality and integrity of locally grown products.

- ✓ **Culinary Tourism**

Peterborough & the Kawarthas Tourism is embarking on our first Culinary Tourism experience guide. This guide will provide our guests with various exceptional culinary tourism experiences that can be found in our region. The guide will contain information on chefs and dining establishments, accommodations that have a dining/ culinary experience, attractions and festivals and events that have a culinary focus. This guide will be distributed at targeted consumer shows like the Royal Winter Fair and it will complement our marketing to the corporate meeting and incentive travel as well as group and motor coach tour markets. This is a targeted guide to those guests looking for and travelling for a culinary experience.

- ✓ **Ontario Speed Skating Oval (Lakefield)**

The track will be the first 400-metre, temperature controlled, outdoor speed skating oval in Ontario and will be built in Lakefield, just north of Peterborough. The oval has been designated as a Regional Training and Development Centre for Ontario and Eastern Canada and will help Canada reach its Olympic goals for Vancouver in 2010. In keeping with the Olympic value of environmental sustainability, the oval uses a leading-edge geothermal ice creation system. The system will create a superior, cost effective ice surface, without the use of liquid ammonia or the emission of green house gases or other air pollutants.

- ✓ **Mario Cortellucci Hunting and Fishing Heritage Centre**

Through a donation by millionaire entrepreneur Mario Cortellucci, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters will soon unveil a new interpretive complex at their Peterborough Headquarters chronicling the contributions that hunters and anglers have made to conservation. The more than 100 interactive exhibits, including wildlife dioramas are designed to tell the story of Ontario's tradition of hunting and fishing. The centre will feature the spectacular 2,400-gallon Shimano

Freshwater Aquarium, state-of-the art Toronto Sportsmen's Show Amphitheatre, and a display of record Ontario fish.

✓ **The Camp Kawartha Environment Centre**

Using innovative green architecture, the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre will showcase alternative energy in action. Designed and built by students in Fleming College's Sustainable Building Design and Construction program, the centre will be one of Canada's most sustainable buildings. Located on more than 200 acres of Trent University's stunning wildlife sanctuary lands, this unique 2,000 square foot structure will be open for programming year round and will be able to accommodate up to 80 people at any one time. The Centre will deliver curriculum linked environmental programming to regional schools and showcase sustainable living practices to the broader community. The centre will also provide workshops to local teachers and student teacher candidates in environmental education at Trent University.

• ***What signature festivals or events does your community host?***

Peterborough loves a party and we have festivals and event every weekend of the year. Some highlights include:

**Festival of Lights** - A twice-weekly series of free concerts all summer long with headliners like Natalie McMaster, Gordon Lightfoot, Tom Cochrane and Murray McLaughlin.

**Buckhorn Fine Art Festival** - Quality and innovative 'fine art' is available for your appreciation, viewing and purchase in a vibrant and rural community. A magnificent presentation of quality art exhibited by professional artists in a beautiful country setting, the festival celebrates the ongoing expansion from our 'wildlife' legacy. Named as one of the top 100 Ontario Festivals, the festival promotes North American artists who collectively display a vibrant array of forms and mediums.

**The Havelock Jamboree** - What started 20 years ago with a simple wooden stage and a handful of country music aficionados in tents has become a weeklong celebration of the very best in country music. Stars now perform on three stages and festival goers are treated to performances by stars like: Randy Travis, Jo Dee Messina, Loretta Lynn, Deana Carter, Charlie Major, Doug Kershaw and many others.

**2009 Canadian Wakeboard Championships** – This four-day action sports and music festival takes place on Little Lake in the heart of Peterborough. Combining the best of wakeboarding, wakeskating, live music and FMX into one action-packed festival, the Wakeboard Championships is truly a one of a kind fan experience.

**Kawatha Autumn Studio Tour**- For two days, 28 local artists open up their studios to the public. You will see them creating their work, including furniture, oil, watercolour, acrylic, and encaustic paintings, mixed media constructions, and ceramics. The artists

are happy to answer questions, share techniques, and a few even do demonstrations to highlight their skills. The Kawartha Autumn Studio Tour signals the annual celebration of Artsweek, a multidisciplinary arts festival held in Peterborough throughout the city.

**International Dragon Boat Festival (2010)** - Breast cancer survivor teams from all over the world are preparing to participate in the International Dragon Boat Festival in 2010 in Peterborough. This is the third festival of its kind; previous festivals have been held in Vancouver and Australia. The venue for the festival will be Little Lake in downtown Peterborough. Survivors Abreast, Peterborough's survivor team, is tickled pink to be hosting this worldwide event.

**Ode' Min Giizis (Strawberry Moon Festival)** - This is a multi-disciplinary Indigenous arts festival with over 30 programmed artists, and 10 community partners, Ode'min Giizis is a cultural feast for everyone. Ode'min Giizis (strawberry moon) is the sixth moon of the Anishnaabe calendar. It marks the beginning of summer, the longest day of the year and the harvest of the strawberry in June. The root word of ode'min is ode, which signifies the "heart" in Anishnaabe language. As the strawberry resembles the shape and colour of the human heart it also represents the sweetness and kindest of emotions that bring people together to feast and exchange ideas.

**Curve Lake Pow Wow-** Every year, the end of the summer brings with it the annual Curve Lake Pow Wow. This celebration consists of two days of dancing, contests and presentations, to re-establish old friendships and meet new people, with many vendors and performers in attendance.

**Lakefield Literary Festival-** The Lakefield Literary Festival celebrates its rich literary heritage each July on the weekend closest to Margaret Laurence's birthday, and showcases many current Canadian authors. The festival was created to celebrate the work of Catharine Parr Traill, Susanna Moodie and Margaret Laurence, among others, all of whom lived and wrote in Lakefield.

## **Cultural/Athletic Achievements**

- ***Is your community known for any cultural organizations, attractions or experiences that showcase Ontario's cultural diversity and creativity?***

We have numerous institutions in Peterborough that chronicle and interpret the creativity and cultural diversity of Ontario. These include:

### **New Canadians Centre**

The NCC supports immigrants and refugees new to Peterborough and helps ease the process of adjusting to a new life in Canada. It provides staff and facilities for settlement services required by new Canadians and acts as an advocate and resource partner for new Canadians. The Centre promotes acceptance of new Canadians through education

and awareness projects and helps increase the active participation of new Canadians in the community.

### **The Hunter Street Cafe District**

In 2005, The City of Peterborough undertook a major infrastructure reconstruction of the main east west artery through the City. Bucking the trend of ever-widening streets for cars, Peterborough removed parking and narrowed lanes to create patio and performance space for artists and entrepreneurs. In the last four years, dozens of restaurants and bistros have opened or expanded. On most evenings, there is a wealth of live music to choose from and the area flourishes as the cultural hub of the downtown.

### **The Peterborough Museum & Archives**

The Peterborough Museum & Archives is a 'Category A Collecting Institution' indicating that it cares for artifacts of the greatest significance to the country. Few local museums can lay claim to such a distinction. Among the collections is the Parks Studio photographic collection and the Balsillie Collection of Roy Studio Photographs. These two collections comprise nearly 400,000 images of the City, spanning its development over a 100-year period. There is no other such collection in Canada that so completely documents the story of a place. Peterborough area settler, Catharine Parr Traill, author and amateur botanist, created a herbarium album in 1891 which consists of mounted ferns, grasses, moss and flower specimens from the Peterborough area. It is extraordinarily rare to find an intact Traill album of this size (51 pages) and it was designated as Canadian Cultural Property of "Outstanding Significance and National Importance" in 1999.

### **Showplace Performance Centre**

Showplace is a not-for-profit organization operating professional performing arts facility featuring a 600-seat theatre in the historic Odeon movie house. Since 1995, it has hosted performances from nationally renowned performers like: guitarist Pavlo, Stuart McLean, Bruce Coburn, Chantelle Kreviazuk, John McDermott, Ron James, Blue Rodeo, Leahy and local talent like Peterborough New Dance, the Peterborough Symphony Orchestra, St. James Players, The Theatre Guild, New Stages and many others.

### **Market Hall Performing Arts Centre Inc.**

A vital cultural landmark - For almost one hundred and thirty years Market Hall has been a Peterborough icon, first as home to the city's market and, since 1984, as an arts centre and community events venue. Located in the heart of the downtown, Market Hall is a small to mid-size multi-functional space that hosts a wide variety of performing arts groups, a series of youth presentations, community fundraising events and educational programmes. The Folk Under The Clock concert series has featured some incredible acts from Canada and around the world.

### **The Art Gallery of Peterborough**

The AGP was incorporated in 1974 and is home to a nationally significant collection of art including works by A.Y. Jackson and A.J. Casson. The Gallery holds the largest collection in Canada of works by avant-garde artist Ron Bloore, a member of the Regina Five. It holds a major collection of works by David Bierk a long time Peterborough resident who championed the rich cultural scene we now enjoy in Peterborough. As well, there are works by nationally recognized contemporary artists including Nobuo Kubota, Michael Snow, Greg Curnoe, Dennis Tourbin, Allan MacKay, Jim Reid, Bill Vazan, Joyce Weiland, Ivan Eyre, Paterson Ewen, Micah Lexier, Ron Shuebrook, Dorothy Caldwell, Mary Anne Barkhouse, Michael Fortune, John Ireland, Carolyn Langille and Ernst Daetwyler.

### **Canadian Canoe Museum**

The Canadian Canoe Museum is North America's only canoe museum. With 580 canoes and kayaks and 1,000 related artifacts, The Canadian Canoe Museum's collection is the largest of its kind. Exhibits explore how the canoe defines the Canadian character and spirit. The main hall features a dramatic waterfall. Visitors can hear creation stories inside a traditional Mi'kmaq wigwam and feel what it was like living as a voyageur during the Fur Trade era, or enjoying the cottaging life of the early 20th century. The canoe is the ultimate link to Canada's rich cultural heritage, connecting the people, the past and the unique Canadian landscape.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre**

4<sup>th</sup> Line is a unique theatre company dedicated to preserving and promoting our Canadian cultural heritage through the development and presentation of regionally based, environmentally staged, historical dramas. It develops and presents original Canadian works of artistic excellence that explore regional themes, history and heritage, in a politically responsible and culturally sensitive manner. The company presents Canadian plays – written by and about Canadians; small town stories or broad national sagas that touch a nerve in all of us. The 4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre is committed to artistic exploration and excellence, authenticity of presentation, innovative staging, community involvement and the development of regional artists.

### **Artspace**

Artspace is Peterborough's artist-run centre, a non-profit organization committed to nurturing contemporary art and artists. It offers presentation spaces to accommodate the broad scope of disciplines that comprise Canada's vibrant contemporary arts community and favour work that is challenging, innovative and provocative. It advocates for artists and nurtures dialogue across disciplines, cultures and perspectives. An expansive main gallery houses monthly exhibitions, while an incubator, the MUDROOM, is shared among local artists to produce and perform. A resource centre, the Tool Box, welcomes both members and the public to further their understanding of contemporary art through a library, media archives and lending services. Ongoing exhibitions, screenings, a speaker series, symposiums and workshops round out a programming mix that continues to pique the interests of the community and artists across Canada.

### **Lang Pioneer Village**

Opened in 1967, Lang Pioneer Village consists of many buildings, some moved over 90 miles from their original locations and donated by local residents and municipalities. Over the years, Lang has grown into a site with over 25 restored historic structures complete with all of the makings of a true pioneer village. Lang's volunteers and employees recreate the activities that were part of every day life for the early settlers of the area. Demonstrations include carpentry, blacksmithing, making beeswax candles, weaving and spinning. Lang also boasts an original Grist Mill from 1846 where visitors can see the process of wheat to flour unfold.

- ***Is your community home to any notable cultural figures?***

With such a rich cultural scene, Peterborough is or has been home to hundreds of musicians, artists, actors and performers over the years. They include:

Ronnie Hawkins, Musician  
Serena Ryder, Musician  
Jimmy Bowskill, Musician  
Peer Christensen, Artist  
Michael Fortune, Cabinet Maker  
R. Murray Schaeffer, Producer  
Rob Winslow, Producer  
Sean Cullen, Actor, Comedian  
Linda Kash, Actor  
Estella Warren, Actor  
Susanna Moodie, Author  
Catherine Parr Traill, Author  
Margaret Laurence, Author  
Sebastian Bach, Musician  
Jason Dunn, Musician  
Trevor McNevan, Musician  
Emily Haines, Musician  
Matt Frewer, Actor  
Barclay Hope, Actor  
William Hope, Actor  
David Kaye, Actor  
Neil Sanderson, Musician  
Christian Tanna and Jagori Tanna, Musicians  
Greg Wells, Songwriter and record producer  
Rob Wells, Songwriter and record producer

- ***Is your community home to any former or future Olympians or Paralympians? Any other notable athletes, coaches or trainers?***

**OLYMPIANS:**

|                        |  |   |
|------------------------|--|---|
| Mark Platt             | Rowing                                 | Atlanta, 1996   |
| Albert Smoke           | Marathon                               | Antwerp, 1920   |
| Mark Bedlington        | Shooting                               | Los Angeles, 1984   |
| Rob Marland            | Rowing                                 | Gold, Los Angeles, 1984   |
| Phil Graham            | Rowing                                 | Athens, 2004; Beijing, 2008   |
| Rick Johnston          | Baseball                               | Seoul, 1988   |
| Roy Henderson          | Paralympic Basketball                  | Seoul, 1988; Barcelona, 1992; Atlanta, 1996; Gold, Sydney, 2000; Gold, Athens, 2004 |
| Bill Cridland          | Boxing (referee)                       | Montreal, 1976  |
| Richard “Rick” Kinsmen | Gymnastics                             | Mexico City, 1968   |
| Carol Love             | Rowing                                 | Montreal, 1976  |
| Steve Yzerman          | Hockey                                 | Nagano, 1998; Gold, Salt Lake City, 2002; Turin, 2006                               |
| Chris Pronger          | Hockey                                 | Nagano, 1998; Gold, Salt Lake City, 2002; Turin, 2006                               |
| Eric Staal             | Hockey                                 | Turin, 2006   |
| Molly Cartmell         | Field Hockey, Soccer (coach & trainer) |   |

**Other Notable Athletes:**

**Athletics (Peterborough Natives or Residents)**

|                       |                 |   |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---|
| Nancy (Clarke) Sharpe | Triathlon       | 7-time member of Canadian Team                        |
| Rayma Dixon           | Running         | International Champion                                |
| Astrid Verduyn        | Track and field | 5-time Canadian National Champion                     |
| J.E. “Jackie” Dugan   | Boxing          | Canadian Middleweight Champion (146-12 career record) |

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Marni Wade                  | Figure skating        | Two Junior World Championships appearances  |
| Leslie “Les” Ascott         | Football              | Toronto Argonauts Five Grey Cups (1945, 1946, 1947, 1950, 1952)                                   |
| Don Crowe                   | Football              | Toronto Argonauts Two Grey Cups (1942 and 1951)   |
| Robert Gratton “Pup” Curtin | Football              | Toronto Argonauts One Grey Cup (1945)   |
| Greg Knox                   | Football              | Calgary Stampeders Two Grey Cups (1992, 1998)   |
| Robert “Bob” Abbott         | Golf                  | Director of Royal Canadian Golf Association and President of Ontario Golf Association in 1952     |
| John Kindred                | Golf                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> in money winnings on the Canadian Tour in 1973                                    |
| A.L. “Lex” Robson           | Golf                  | 6-time Canadian Match Play Champion (1931, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1939)<br>CPGA Champion in 1933 |
| Lillian “Lil” Crocker       | Lawn Bowling          | National Champion (ladies doubles) in 1973  |
| Sally Graham                | Shooting              | Three time National Champion (1975, 1976, 1977)   |
| Elaine Hewitt               | Swimming              | National Team from 1980 to 1986   |
| Allan Marshall              | Swimming              | Canadian breast stroke champion 1940-1952   |
| Jean Burns                  | Synchronized Swimming | World Champion Team Member  |
| Iris Rielly                 | Synchronized Swimming | World Champion Team Member  |
| Gary Bennett                | Weightlifting         | 19-time medalist at Canadian Championships  |
| E.J. “Gene” Hurtubise       | Wrestling             | Undefeated Canadian Champion  |
| Rachel Lavallée             | Race-walker           | Gold 2009 Canadian Track and Field Championships  |

**Hockey (Peterborough Natives or Residents):**

|                      |  |
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| Steve Yzerman        | Played 2 season with Petes                                 |
| Aubrey “Dit” Clapper | 3 Stanley Cups; First player to play 20 seasons in the NHL |
| Robert “Bob” Gainey  | 5 Stanley Cups   |
| Chris Pronger        | Stanley Cup in 2007  |

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| Steven Donald Larmer          | Stanley Cup 1994   |
| Michael Redmond               | 2-time NHL All Star  |
| Eric Staal                    | Played 3 seasons with Petes; Stanley Cup in 2006   |
| Jordan Staal                  | Played 2 seasons with Petes; Stanley Cup in 2009   |
| Mike Fisher                   | 9 seasons with Ottawa Senators   |
| Mike Ricci                    | 3 seasons with the Petes   |
| Joseph “Joey” Johnston        | 3-time NHL All Star  |
| Robert “Bob” Armstrong        | Coached Petes for 2 season with Roger Neilson  |
| Richard “Dick” Redmond        | 13 seasons in the NHL  |
| Tie Domi                      | Played 3 seasons with Petes, 16 seasons in the NHL   |
| D.J. “Doug” Gibson            | 3 seasons with Petes   |
| Andria Hunter                 | Won Gold Medal with Team Canada at World Women’s Hockey Championships in 1992                |
| William Scott “Scotty” Bowman | Petes Coach; over 1000 game wins in NHL  |
| Michael Edward “Mike” Keenan  | Coached Petes; Won Stanley Cup with NY Rangers in 1994                                       |
| Roger Nielson                 | Coached Petes 1966-1976; Coached 1000 games in NHL   |
| Richard “Dick” Todd           | Coached Petes for 14 seasons; “Winningest” coach in OHL history; Stanley Cup NY Rangers 1994 |
| Gary Green                    | Coached Petes for 2 seasons; youngest head coach in NHL history                              |

**Lacrosse Players (Peterborough Natives or Residents):**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Diana Drury         | Member of National Women’s Field Lacrosse Team (1982-1986)                                |
| Louis “Lou” Nickle  | Won Mann Cup with Peterborough 1952 and 1960  |
| R.J. “Bobby” Allan  | Won 2 Mann Cups with Peterborough   |
| Bill Armour         | Won Mann Cup with Peterborough in 1966; Member of National Field Lacrosse Team in 1967    |
| P.D. “Pat” Baker    | Won 3 Mann Cups (1966, 1969, 1973); Elected to the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1980 |
| C.F. “Carm” Collins | Captained Team Canada to its first ever World Field Lacrosse Championship in 1978         |

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| C.M. “CY” Coombs           | Won Mann Cup with Peterborough Lakers in 1966 and 1972; Elected to Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1985  |
| John “Johnny” Davis        | Won Mann Cup with Peterborough; Played for Montreal in National Lacrosse League  |
| Terry “Spitz” Davis        | Won Mann Cup with Peterborough in 1973; Played for Montreal in National Lacrosse League  |
| Arnold “Arnie” Dugan       | Won Mann Cups with Peterborough, Nanaimo, Victoria; Elected to Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1977  |
| Larry Ferguson             | Played in 8 Mann Cups (won 3) with Peterborough; Elected to the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1989   |
| John Grant Sr.             | Won 3 Mann Cups with Peterborough; Member of Canadian National Field Lacrosse Team that won World Championships in 1978  |
| John Grant Jr.             | Major League Lacrosse MVP with Rochester Rattlers (now Toronto Nationals) in 2007 and 2008; Won Mann Cup with Peterborough Lakers in 2004, 2006, 2007 (Mann Cup MVP in 2004, 2007) |
| Kerri Hardill              | Co-Captain and leading scorer of National Women’s Lacrosse Team at 1982 World Cup; Won 3 national Championships  |
| Jim Johnston               | 3 Mann Cups with Peterborough; Inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1999  |
| John Elliott “Curly” Mason | Played in 9 Mann Cups with Owen Sound and Peterborough, winning 6 of them; Inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1982  |
| Paul Parnell               | 2-time Mann Cup MVP; Inducted into Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1980   |
| John “Joey” Todd           | Won Professional Lacrosse League Championship with Peterborough Lakers in 1969 (series MVP and leading scorer); Inducted into Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1997                |
| James “Jim” Wasson         | Played in 8 Mann Cups, winning 5 of them; Member of National Team that won 1978 World Championship   |
| Bob Wasson                 | Won 4 Mann Cups with Peterborough and Brampton (1978, 1980, 1982, 1984); Played on National Team for 9 years   |
| W. Lloyd “Moon” Wooten     | Won Mann Cup in 5 consecutive years (1951-54 with Peterborough)  |

- ***Does your community have a special connection to any of the winter sports that will be competed at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games?***

Corey Perry, Olympic hopeful - Hockey

## **Local Heroes**

- ***Are there individuals in your community who have distinguished themselves at the local, national or international level, in any field of endeavour?***

Certainly scores and scores of Peterborough natives and residents have accomplished great things. It would be unfair to try and list them in any kind of order of importance, so a representative sampling in no particular order might include:

**Peter Demos** - Internationally recognized nuclear physicist who was educated in Peterborough schools, Queen's University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Professor and founding director of the William Bates Linear Accelerator Centre at M.I.T., which was, at that time, the primary and foremost nuclear science laboratory in the world.

**Gordon Roper** - Inspirational professor of English who introduced the teaching of Canadian Literature courses at Canadian Universities. A Peterborough native, graduate of PCVS, with a BA, MA and PhD from the University of Chicago, specializing in American literature. For many years, Chair of the Department of English at Trinity College, University of Toronto. Founding Fellow of Massey College. Returned to Peterborough in 1969 to join the English Department at Trent University.

**Thomas H.B. Symons C.C.** - Founding president of Trent University in 1961, with a distinguished career in public service and academic administration and authorship. Chair of the Commission of Canadian Studies (1972), the Association of Commonwealth Universities (1970-88), the Ontario Human Rights Commission (1975-78), the International Board of United World Colleges (1980 – 86), and active with numerous other cultural and research bodies.

**Kirk Wipper O.C.** - Founder of the Kanawa Canoe Museum in Haliburton whose collection of more than 500 watercraft and associated artifacts is now exhibited at the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough. Former professor of Physical Education at the University of Toronto (1950-88), director of the Bark Lake Leadership Centre (1951-55), owner of Camp Kandelore in Haliburton, and active in many provincial and national outdoor organizations.

**Robert Gainey** - Winner of five Stanley Cups as a player (one as captain) with the Montreal Canadiens and one as coach of the Dallas Stars, Bob Gainey is recognized as one of the best defensemen ever to play in the National Hockey League. During his 16 years with the Canadiens he was winner of the Conn Smythe Trophy for most valuable player in a Stanley Cup playoff, and three Frank Selke Awards as best defensive forward. He played in a record 182 playoff games, and after retiring as a player went on to coach the Dallas Stars. In 2003, he was appointed general manager and vice-president of the Montreal Canadiens. A native of Peterborough, where his family continues to reside, he has a summer home on Stoney Lake. His many charitable

works include his recent service as honorary chair of the St. Joseph's at Fleming campaign.

**Dr. Donald Mackay** - Trent University Professor emeritus Donald Mackay is the creator of the 'Mackay Models', computer models that track the movement of chemicals in the environment, now used throughout the world as the basis of regulatory environmental policy decisions. He is the founder and director of the Canadian Environmental Modeling Centre based at Trent, which was established in 1995 with support from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), Ottawa, and a variety of chemical industries, 'to find better and better ways of understanding how to control chemicals in the environment'. An Officer of the Order of Canada, Dr. Mackay has received many honours, including the prestigious Honda Award for his distinguished contribution to the field of Eco-technology and the NSERC award of Excellence, both in 2001.

**Eberhard Zeidler** - Architect Eberhard Zeidler left his mark on Peterborough in the 1950s and '60s as a member of the Craig, Zeidler firm with his work on the Peterborough Centennial Museum, the DeLaFosse Library and Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School. He has since become renowned in the wider world for his design of the McMaster Health Sciences Centre in Hamilton, and in Toronto the Eaton Centre, Ontario Place, the Queen's Quay Terminal, Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, Ontario Cancer Institute/Princess Margaret Hospital, Sunnybrook Health Science Center, the National Trade Centre, Exhibition Place, and numerous other buildings within the City, creating what he describes as 'livable urban environments'. He has been recognized with many honours, including Office of the Order of Canada, the Order of Ontario, and the Gold Medal of the Royal Association of Architects.

**Colonel Agnes C. Neill** - Matron-in-Chief of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corp. Neill enlisted in September, 1939, and went overseas as matron of No. 15 Canadian General Hospital. In November 1941, she was made principal matron at Canadian Military Headquarters in London, later becoming Matron-in-Chief there. She returned to Canada in 1945.

**Brian Cherney** - A nationally renowned composer, Cherney's interest in composition began in childhood when he commuted weekly to study at the RCMT. In 1966 and 1969, he attended the Internationale Ferienkurse für Neue Musik in Darmstadt, West Germany. He taught theory and composition at the University of Victoria 1971-2 and began teaching the same subjects at McGill University in 1972. His writings include the only major biography (1975) of Harry Somers. Cherney's music has been performed and broadcast throughout Canada, the USA, South America, Japan, Europe, and Israel. His *String Trio* (1976) and his orchestral work *Into the Distant Stillness* (1984) both won recognition at the International Rostrum of Composers in Paris, the former tying for first place. In 1985, he was awarded the Jules Léger Prize for New Chamber Music for *River of Fire*.

Trent University has educated many notable individuals. Among them are:

**Matthew Coon-Come**, Past National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations;

**Phil Graham**, Canadian Olympic rower;

**Julie Johnston**, Children's author and Governor General's Award winner;

**Rob Marland**, Olympic gold medallist in Rowing;

**James Orbinski**, Past President, Doctors Without Borders;

**Jane Stewart**, Former Federal Cabinet Minister;

**Ian Tamblyn**, Musician, composer, producer and playwright;

**Lucie Edwards**, Former Ambassador to Bhutan;

**Peter Elliot**, Dean of the diocese of New Westminster;

**Yann Martel**, Award winning author;

**Barry Roberts**, Adventurer, explorer, mountaineer (summitted Mount Everest)

### **Your Claim to Fame**

- ***What is the one thing about your community that is a focal point of pride – a unique selling point that sets you apart from all other communities?***

Peterborough prides itself on its sense of identity. In a world of amalgamation and urban sprawl, Peterborough is still very much its own place. There is a quality of life here that celebrates the creative energy of a city but at the pace of a rural community. It is a safe place where people feel secure and free to experiment and create, be it music, art or software. This is a city of volunteers that turns out to help each other, next door or across the globe. The level of charitable giving by the community is among the highest in Canada. The people of Peterborough have fought hard to make the City a unique and beautiful place and they are very proud of it.