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Welcome To Our

Presqu'ile Point

Lighthouse

Preservation Society

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Serious cracking inside
Near window opening



Damage above a "closed"
window opening



Damaged foundation
of lighthouse

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WORDS FROM SPENCER DENNIS, CHAIRPERSON OF KOPPLA

I hope you noticed the Presqu'ile Point Lighthouse stamps that are on the envelope this newsletter came in. Keep the stamp as a keepsake. As I began to compose this letter, I realized how quickly my first few months has passed since being elected as Chairperson. From day one of my involvement with the Society, it has been a time with many rewarding moments, as well as some challenges.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of our members, volunteers and supporters. Without you, the Presqu'ile Point Lighthouse Preservation Society would not exist, and our vision of the lighthouse living on as a jewel for future generations would not materialize.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our hard working and dedicated Board Members. As a group, they are the driving force that keeps our momentum going forward and on track. This period has been quite productive in that we have had a few fundraisers and membership drives in the community that were very successful. We held membership drives at Sobeys and No Frills, and our presence at two locations during Applefest weekend were very beneficial to our cause. Our membership continues to grow, as does interest in this worthwhile cause, which was demonstrated by the number of citizens in attendance at our first Annual General Meeting in September. Thanks to those that came out.

Cricklewood Farm had their corn maze in support of us with their theme centered on our lighthouse. A generous portion of the 2014 corn maze proceeds were given to us.

*We thank
Brent and Beth Siwicky
of Cricklewood Farms for their generosity.*

*Thanks to their Corn Maze program, we have
received over \$1,600 from them.*



2015 will be a very exciting year for us. We now have the final copy of the engineering report on the condition of the lighthouse, and the board is presently digesting and discussing the contents of this report. Stay tuned for more details in a later section of this newsletter. Next summer will be the 175th anniversary of the Presqu'ile Point Lighthouse, and your board has planned a number of events to coincide with the celebrations. One of these events is our first annual Fun Run and Walk, which is scheduled for Saturday morning, July 18, 2015 in Presqu'ile Provincial Park. On line registration and further details can be found on the Tri & Run Sports Trenton website.

Be rest assured your board will continue to promote the restoration of the lighthouse in the coming year and will keep our members up to date on any current events and our progress. Thank you for your continued support.

Chair Spencer

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A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR VOLUNTEER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

During the past few months, here are some of our activities:

- The No-Frills Membership drive of Aug 7 -9.
 - *Another success story with several new members and lots of cash donations.*
- Provide community education about our activities by ongoing seminars.
 - *If you know of a group that would be interested in hearing about our cause, please let us know.*
- Working with Ontario Parks (Presqu'ile Provincial Park) management team to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for our next event at the Park which will be our July, 2015 Celebrations.
 - *It seems that their process is to establish a MOU for each of our activities at the Park*
- We have received the Consultant's report and also a secondary review of this report – *more later in this newsletter*
- Relaunching of our new website. Thanks to Khalid Bashar for his time and effort in this cause.
 - *Including on-line payment/donation options*

And fund raisers in other various ways

- *Proceeds from the Cricklewood Farm Corn Maze*
- *Some small donations from private individuals*
- *Raffle ticket sales from Applefest, 2014 – to the right is Volunteer Nancy Westacott and Director Dave Sharp at Applefest. Next time, buy from Nancy, she sold 2 of the 4 winning tickets. LOL*
- *Yes, Director Dave Sharp still has lots of firewood for sale. All proceeds go to the Society. Just give him a call or email to come by and pick it up. Only \$40 a half-ton truck load (sorry, pick up only)*
- *Sales of T-shirts and Golf shirts – we sold 28 shirts and will probably do this again in mid-2015*
- *And, of course, all of our members paying their 2014 membership fees – see more details herein!*

And, there is more to come in the months ahead...

- More membership drives will be done.
 - *Please consider volunteering some time at our May, 2015 drive (more details later in this report)*
- Fund Raising to cover the costs of Phase Two of the RFP --see more details elsewhere in this newsletter
 - *That will provide us with the details, etc that will allow various firms to bid the restoration project*
- Completion of cost proposals of Phase Three of the RFP perhaps in late 2015 or early 2016 if all goes well
 - *that will provide us with more accurate costs for the restoration of the lighthouse*
- And, of course, a major fundraising at our Gala event on June 6, 2015
 - *And, again, we will need lots of help. – see more details herein.*



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*Would you consider giving a
Membership to a Family member?
Just send us an email at info@koppla.ca
or a phone call to 613-475-5109 and
someone will assist you in this matter.*



Charity Tax Receipt Status

Enclosed with the mailing of this newsletter is your 2014 Charitable Tax Receipt using our CRA number 834494437.

*It is not too late to make a donation for the 2014
Tax Year. Just give Mike Nicholson a call at
613-475-3646 to arrange your charity donation
And he will issue a receipt before year end.*

Membership Status

Congratulations fellow KOPPLA members. We are now at 137 members and counting (*includes those Honorary members that have contributed In-Kind donations to our cause*).

As part of this mailing, we are enclosing the 2015 Membership Fee invoice. Please note... they are not due until April 1, 2015 but if you want to mail us back a post-dated cheque now for April 1, 2015; that is fine. We are just trying to keep our mailing costs low.

We thank you for your past support and hope to have your continued support in 2015 and beyond, as we approach the government for financial assistance. It is imperative that our membership base remains large to show that the community wants the lighthouse restored

We can announce that we are having two membership drives in May, 2015. Can you donate two hours of your time to assist us. Send John Warner an email or give him a phone call to volunteer.

- May 8, 2015 from 9:00am – 5:00pm @ Sobeys
- May 22, 2015 from 9:00am – 5:00pm @ Mike & Lori's No Frills

The individual or family membership fee is \$20.00 per year. Corporate memberships of \$100.00 or \$500.00 may also be purchased. And of course, donations of any amount will be graciously accepted. By purchasing a membership, it not only allows us to raise a few dollars, but more importantly, it is an expression of your support to our cause of preserving the Presqu'ile Point Lighthouse.

Let's all help and **"Let Our Light Shine!"**

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Update on our June 6, 2015 Gala event

- Venus:** Royal Canadian Legion, Park Street, Brighton
- Time:** Saturday, June 6, 2015 starting at 6:00pm
- Theme:** Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of our lighthouse
- Co-Chairs:** Lynda Van Dusen & Dave Sharp
- Costs:** \$60 per person (*charitable tax receipts will be available*)
Limited seating so reserve your seats quickly
- Evening Events:** 6:00-7:30 Socializing and Silent Auction
Hot and cold appetizers and hors d'oeuvre and desert
Coffee & Tea will be available
7:30-8:15pm Silent Auction items are closed
Free table wine will be served at 7:00
8:30pm – Start of live auction
Full Bar Service throughout the evening
And, having fun all evening in support of our great cause!



Photos from our 2013 Gala Event



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Update on our July 15-19 2015 Presqu'ile Lighthouse Festival

Celebrate with us during the week of July 15-19, 2015 as we host the 175th anniversary of our Presqu'ile Point Lighthouse. There are many community groups that will be participating in this festival. Here are some of the high-lights.

1. The Lion's club will be hosting a Bingo on the Wednesday evening to support our Festival.
2. Early Saturday morning, the Kin Club will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast... be sure to show up and get things started!
3. Our Society (**PPLPS**) will be hosting a Fun Run/Walk/Stroll as a fundraiser on Saturday morning at 9:30-11:30 at Presqu'ile Provincial Park. Those that collect minimum donations will get some great gifts. Visit: www.myracetime.ca (hosted by Tri & Run Sports, Trenton)
 - *This event is being sponsored by Freedom 55 Financial in conjunction with Lighthouse Wealth Management and Nicholson CGA firm..*
4. Presqu'ile **Yacht Club** (PYC) Involvement – they will be hosting their annual Bonnett Race that weekend and invite all visitors to drop by the club through the Saturday
5. **Friends of Presqu'ile** will be hosting their Saturday BBQ and also be hosting a Ghost Story Walk down at the lighthouse on Friday evening.
6. The **Brighton Dragon Boat** will be having a special day and encourage anyone interested in Dragon boat racing to stop by. The **Brighton Coast Guard Auxiliary** will be coordinating their efforts with the Dragon Boat club.
7. For the lover of Arts, the **Brighton Arts Council** plan to have an Art in the Park event on Saturday afternoon and, if we get government funding, we will also have music in the Park during the Saturday afternoon.
8. The **Rotary Club of Brighton** will be having a Street Dance on Saturday evening with more details to follow – starring Bentwood Rockers
9. Or, if you are race car fan, **Brighton Speedway** will be having a special treat for you that Saturday evening.
10. As you can see, there is a **lot of support from community groups** that week and so, we encourage all of you to come out and enjoy the Festival.
11. And, if we can get some gov't funding, we plan to have a great **firework display** on Sunday evening, July 19th. *Note... the website below is coming soon!*

www.pplighthousefestival.ca

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Engineering Status

The Board of Directors have now received the final version of the Presqu'ile Point Lighthouse Restoration engineering study. Since its arrival in early November, the Board have been meeting regularly to try and come to a firm understanding of the contents as delivered by Andre Scheinman (heritage preservation consultant) and John Silburn (restoration engineering). Taking our understanding one step further; the Board sourced a review of the initial study from PJ Consultants Ltd. who also provide services for restoration and protection of masonry structures.

While there were some differences of opinion on technical matters, they also found many issues on which there was agreement.

The history of construction; quality of materials and workmanship; weather and water damage and even seismic concerns were considered. Remedial actions to preserve/restore the lighthouse were addressed. Both agreed the Wood cladding and girting had done a good job of preserving the structure over the past 120 years.

There are two options at hand plus combinations of the two.

- i) The repair and replacement of the wooden girts where necessary and replacing all of the shingles extending these down to the original bottom location at the pediment. This includes repair and restoration of the stone and cement work around the base and re-grouting or repointing where necessary.
- ii) The removal of the wood cladding completely exposing the original stone. This would require extensive reinforcing with stainless steel rod; re-grouting of the interior cavity which is rubble filled between the inner and outer limestone work. Complete repointing and surfacing would also be required.

Common to both would be the existing windows as they would be reinforced and re-gazed in their true Gothic shape. This would require reinforcing above and around the openings, noting that some of the original windows that have been covered shut, would be re-opened. And, of course, the provision for a new lamp house (cupola) replicating the old one with a working light.

As you might appreciate, there is a huge difference in costs between the two approaches and that has to be taken into consideration. At any rate we have a long road ahead of us but this step has been taken.

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	<i>We Need You To Volunteer!</i>
<u>Meet Your Board</u>	
Chairperson Spencer Dennis (613) 475-1926 SDennis@Koppla.ca	<u>Membership Drive – Friday's May 8 & May 22</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will need volunteers to work a two hour shift during 9:00am-5:00pm• Friday, May 8 @ No Frills• Friday, May 22 @ Sobeys
Secretary John Warner (613) 475-1619 JWarner@Koppla.ca	<u>2015 Gala Event – June 6, 2015</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will need numerous other volunteers to assist the Coordinator for that evening but be sure to also come and bring a guest or two to this event
Treasurer Mike Nicholson (613) 475-3646 MNicholson@Koppla.ca	<u>Presqu'ile Lighthouse Festival - July 15-19, 2015</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• From July 15-19, 2015; we celebrate the 175th anniversary of our lighthouse.• We will need help with volunteers at our Fun Run on Saturday morning, July 18 at Presqu'ile Provincial Park.• It could involve fundraising activities such as bbq's and whatever other ideas you and your team come up with.• Several subcommittees will be needed so please let us know you can help and we will find you a spot!
Director Dave Sharp (613) 475-5109 DSharp@Koppla.ca	<u>Applefest Booth – Sept. 26, 2015</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When: Saturday, September 26, 2015• Where: Main St, Brighton• What: Assist in raffle ticket sales and/or selling of membership
Director Dan Buchanan (613) 439-8992 DBuchanan@Koppla.ca	<u>FaceBook Administrator</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presqu'ile Point Lighthouse Preservation Society is our contact info• We need someone to administer our FaceBook page on a regular basis
Director Norman Bastin (613) 475-3272 NBastin@Koppla.ca	<u>Phone Committee CoOrdinator</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We need someone to coordinate this committee which would be responsible for phoning members and friends related to such issues as membership dues or volunteering!
Director Phil Badham (613) 392-7327 PBadham@Koppla.ca	
Director Dave Brummell (613) 475-1659 DBrummell@Koppla.ca	
Director Lynda VanDusen (613) 475-6103 LVanDusen@Koppla.ca	

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Historical Article #4 -

Building the Lighthouse

Dan Buchanan

Construction of the Presqu'île Point Lighthouse happened very quickly after Hugh Baird, the Civil Engineer for the project, had inspected the site and provided his specifications in August of 1837. The main part of the work appears to have been completed during the summer of 1838. Archived documents show that B. McMahon, one of the Commissioners, reported to the Commission in a letter dated August 7, 1841 (see heading below) in which he refers to a previous letter dated April 10, 1839. Both of these letters provide interesting details about the progress of construction.

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Appendix (G. G.)

A. 1841.

REPORT and Statement of Expenditure of the Commissioners for building the PRESQU'ILE LIGHT for 1840, transmitted by command of His Excellency the Governor General, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Provincial Act, 7th Will. IV. Cap. 95.

To the Right Honorable Charles Baron Sydenham, one of the Members of Her Majesty's most honorable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, &c. &c.

The Commission had "issued Advertisement for Tenders" and as a result Mr. John McLeod became the Contractor "for the execution of the

whole work including the Lantern &c., at the sum of £1,050". The amount of £100 would be held back pending approval of the work by the Commission. Due to "the appropriation being made without any previous estimate of the work" a deficit of £150 would occur. This happened because the height of the tower had been increased during the work in order to make the light more visible at the western end of Presqu'île Peninsula.

As of April, 1839, the Commission is informed that "The work has not progressed to completion as rapidly as Your Commission could have wished..." and that there were several things left to be done. The list included "the railing to the stairs, two coats of plastering, glazing the sashes, replacing the main door with one in terms of specification, some re-pointing and leveling of property around the building.." There were also plans to clear and burn an area of land near the lighthouse.

The August 1841 letter makes the general comment that "the work is generally a sound and substantial fabric, and well calculated to answer the purpose of its construction." However, there was a conflict.

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John McLeod had sub-contracted the construction of the railing around the lantern to John Helms but refused to pay him out of the funds forwarded by the Commission. Mr. McMahon encourages the Commissioners to pay Mr. Helms as well as approve the final payment to the Contractor.

The report to the Commission in April 1839 also suggested a few additional items that had not been included in the original budget for the lighthouse. They seem reasonable - a lightning rod to protect the tower during storms, a bell to ring during periods of fog and "a quantity of land in the immediate vicinity of the Light House, for the use of the Keeper in providing firewood, &c." For now, however, there is no mention of a home for the Keeper.

In Closing:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Presqu'île Point Lighthouse Preservation Society, we thank you for becoming a KOPPLA member and supporting the cause of preserving our lighthouse over at Presqu'île Point.

We ask these things of our members.....

- 1. Spread the word about our work and encourage others to become a member and make a donation. Ask them to also spread the word.*
- 2. Be involved in our Society and offer to help as a volunteer supporter.*
- 3. Maintain your ongoing annual memberships*
- 4. Check out our website at www.presquilepointlighthouse.ca or www.koppla.ca*
- 5. Visit our Facebook under "Presqu'île Point Lighthouse Preservation Society" and encourage your friends to do the same. Be sure to "Like Us"*
- 6. Take part in the Presqu'île Lighthouse Festival during July 15-19, 2015. The website info is www.pplighthousefestival.ca but we do not expect the site to be up and running before the end of December.*
- 7. Take part in the Walk on Saturday, July 18, 2015 as part of our 175th anniversary festival. The website info is <http://www.myracetime.ca/viewEvent.aspx?eid=5261&rid=5468> or www.myracetime.ca*
- 8. Have faith that we can succeed in the months and years ahead.*

Regards and thank you again.

*Dave Sharp
Volunteer Director of Marketing
613-475-5109*

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