



Frontenac Heritage Foundation

What Happened in 2018

Capitol Condo Rejected by LPAT for now

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Your board has been working hard for you this year. The Capitol OMB/LPAT hearing has been front and centre, and we are now into preparations for the Homestead hearing. These preparations have been exhausting. We were disappointed to see how strong policies in the city's planning framework are being ignored or amended to allow for what we believe are incompatible forms of development in Kingston's very special historic core. We sincerely hope that a new Kingston city council will direct the high density residential development outside of the core and stick to the policy framework in place. It is certainly not sustainable appealing each development application.

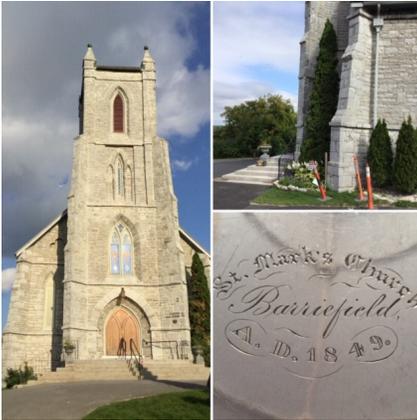
We are grateful for a legal team who gave the FHF a reduced price for their hard work. They worked long hours throughout the ten-day hearing. Our expert witnesses included Dennis Jacobs, land use planner from Ottawa, Anne McIlroy, urban designer from Toronto, David Cuming, heritage professional from Hamilton, and of course, our own Bruce Downey, architect, from Kingston. The other appellants, Vicki Schmolka, Annette Burfoot and Sammi King shared the costs of the appeal and shared in the preparations. The team did an exemplary job of presenting the case against the high rise, and the Chair, David Lanthier, prepared a meticulously worded decision turning down the development.



The latest news on this of course, is that the developers will keep the application on the books by appealing the decision. So, there will be more to come on this next year, and more legal fees to pay.

This message, however, is to thank you, our members, for your ongoing support this year. We see positive steps elsewhere: in South Frontenac, a municipal heritage committee is being set up, and the heritage program in Loyalist is getting a stronger presence, with more listings and designations and hopefully a recognition program on the way. We remain hopeful that the new council in Kingston will try to improve the situation in terms of protecting our built heritage.

2018 in Review - Special Events & Projects



St. Mark's Church, Barriefield

Jan. 16 - To honour Black History Month, Judi Brown prepared an interesting talk.

February 11 - "Love Your Heritage!" Dinner to Celebrate Heritage Week

March 10 - Tour of St. George's Cathedral, thanks to Peter Gower for organizing

March 26 to April 11 - OMB/LPAT hearing into the Capitol development project, the FHF was a party to the hearing, and several members acted as participants at the hearing

May 6 -Walking Tour of Queen Street by Shirley Bailey, as part of the Jane's Walks for Kingston organized by John Grenville

June 6 - Annual General Meeting with guest speaker, Sue Bazely, was held at the Agnes Etherington where attendees were able to hear Sue speak and see the exhibit: 'Charles F. Gibson – Events of a Military Life in Kingston'. The FHF assisted in publishing the associated publication.

It has been an amazingly busy year. We thought we would give the membership a re-cap of the many things that happened this year.

June 26 – Toronto-based author Ron Brown spoke about his book "The Top 150 Unusual Things to See in Ontario"

July 26 - With the support of the Kingston Heritage Fund project grant, the FHF helped Dorothy Farr publish her excellent book 'Beautiful Home – Decorated Terracot-

ta and Tiles in Kingston Architecture'. As part of the book launch, Dorothy took groups on short tours of the city core. The book is available at Novel Idea.

October 16 – Annual Awards Ceremony, organized by Paul Christianson, and sponsored by Jessup's Fine Foods

November 3 – Walking Tours of Village of Bath by board members and property owners Gus Panageotopoulos and Ron Tasker

Dec. 11 – Final talk of the year by local journalist Cam Allen about House Inspections on Heritage Homes.

Sad News This Year:

George Muirhead, a founder of the FHF, died on January 11, 2018, followed by the death of his wife, Audrey on August 26, 2018

Shirley Viola Fortier, longstanding member, died on August 1, 2018



New Payment Option Available Soon

We are currently working on setting up a process that will enable you to pay your membership dues or make a donation by e-transfer. In the interim, however, cheques can be sent to FHF, PO Box 27, Kingston, ON K7L 4V6