
PORTLAND ON THE RIDEAU HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Portland on the Rideau Historical Society (PRHS) is dedicated to restoring and preserving the past, with a desire to build toward the future.

We wish to draw your attention to three PRHS projects: the completed Admiral Kingsmill flagpole in Hanna park, the proposed recreation of the Portland Passenger

Portland Passenger Shelter

Along with the arrival of Rideau Canal leisure steamboats came a passenger shelter situated on the gov't dock, the 'govy', which has welcomed countless visitors over the years. As time passed fewer passengers used the Rideau Canal route, opting for the railroad and the newer/ faster highways. Its subsequent deterioration led to the removal of this structure, resulting in a gaping hole on the Portland waterfront. It has long been the dream of devoted heritage enthusiasts to recreate this Passenger Shelter on the government dock..

Through the generosity of the Rideau Lakes Township council a matching grant of \$13,000.00 has been given to the PRHS, the Portland Hall Board and the Beautification Committee. These groups, with the support of the public, will restore the Shelter and renew the tradition of welcoming lakeside tourists and cottagers to Portland .



Portland Passenger Shelter c1910

Save the former Portland Emmanuel Anglican Church

The PHRS is actively involved with Save the Church, the former Anglican Church. This landmark for our community is one of the most picturesque symbols of Portland, reflecting our culture and our history since 1861. With the support of Rideau Lakes Library and the Anglican Diocese we have envisioned and promoted community based partnerships to save the former church. Our ultimate aim is to set up a PRHS Museum and a United Nations World Heritage Tourist Centre for the town of Portland and surrounding area.

Kingsmill Flagpole

This flagpole commemorates Admiral Charles Kingsmill, founder of the Canadian navy, and a former Big Rideau Lake cottager. Situated in Hanna Park, this tribute features a sailing boat mast with a Canadian flag, a Canada 150 flag, and the Canadian Navy ensign. The project, spearheaded by the PRHS, was erected with the assistance of the township of Rideau Lakes and community members.

Quilt Raffle

Help to support the projects of the PRHS by purchasing tickets (\$2. each or 3/\$5.) on a beautiful handmade quilt donated by a local quilter. Tickets available from PRHS members.

Please consider joining the PRHS: \$10.00 per calendar year

Name

Address

Membership Fee ----- *Donation-----

*Charitable receipts \$20.00 and over will be issued through Rideau Lakes Township

Make cheques payable to RL Township: reference: Passenger Shelter