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## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PORT HOPE ARCHIVES

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## Queen Elizabeth II Royal Tour of Canada in 1959



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With the passing of Queen Elizabeth II on September 8, 2022, we would like to acknowledge her in this newsletter. From February 6, 1952, until her death, her reign lasted 70 years, making her the longest reigning female head of state in history and the British monarchy.

In her lifetime, as Queen, she visited Canada 22 times on official Royal Tours. On June 18th 1959 Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip landed at Torbay

Airport in Newfoundland and were greeted by Canadian Governor General, Vincent Massey.

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This tour lasted 45 days with the Royals crisscrossing the country and stopping in all 10 provinces and the two territories. One of the highlights of her visit was the official opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. This was a joint multi year project between Canada and the U.S. and consists of locks, canals and channels, which allow ocean vessels to travel from the Atlantic Ocean to the western edge of the Great Lakes.

Unknown to many, the Queen was pregnant with her third child Prince Andrew. It was not until she had returned to London, at the end of her Canadian visit, that the announcement of the upcoming birth was officially made public.

Arriving by plane on July 26th at Trenton Airbase the Royals made their way to Hope Township where they were to stay for three days at Batterwood, the country home of Governor General Vincent Massey. Massey was the first Canadian-born individual to be appointed Governor General of Canada. On Sunday morning Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Philip and the Massey family made their way from Batterwood to St. Mark's Church for service. It has been estimated that over 50,000 people lined the streets as they made their journey to the church. The Royal visit to Port Hope is a significant event in Port Hope's history as it also coincided with the 125th Anniversary of the incorporation of Port Hope.

# ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH



St. Mark's Anglican Church is a white frame building located at the top of Protestant Hill on King Street and overlooks the town. The land was part of a grant made by the Crown in 1797 to Jonathan Walton and Elias Smith. Elias Smith had the church built at his expense, in 1822, on land he donated. Jonathon Walton presented the tower bell to the church on 1826. The church was originally called "Church of St. John the Evangelist,"; Making it the first church in Port Hope.

Later, a staircase, known as Jacob's Ladder and the stairway to heaven was constructed which allowed parishioners to walk from downtown to the church. By 1851 the congregation had grown and a number of improvements were undertaken to allow for additional parishioners.

In 1859 the church saw a decline in numbers as the west side was growing more than the east. A new Anglican brick church was built on Pine Street in 1867, of substantial size. It was decided that the original east side church would be closed. The new church would be called St. John the Evangelist. Luckily a movement to reopen the church was created. The people of Port Hope loved the early Canadian style of architecture that the church had; the church was a symbol to the people of Port Hope. By 1873, R.C Smith took action, representing a group of interested parties, who offered five hundred dollars to the vestry of St. John Church for the old building. This offer was accepted. In May of 1873, the church reopened with the name we know today as St. Marks.

It was a pleasure for the People of Port Hope to hear the old bell ring once more for service. The bell had lain buried in an orchard, where a warden had hidden it for four years, ensuring it would never ring in any other church except for St. Marks.

## CHAIRS REPORT

We have had a busy few months since the release of our last newsletter. Lindsay Fler, who was the Acting Archivist during the summer months has returned to school and we have since hired a new archivist, Karolina Brozy. Karolina has embraced her new position with the Port Hope Archives and brings with her the education and work experience that the hiring committee was searching for. She is enthusiastically dedicated to her role and it has been a pleasure to train with her and welcome her to our community.

On another note, Rachel Arnaud made the decision to resign after a family leave and we are excited that she has now become a full time mum. Rachel was employed with the Port Hope Archives for over five years and was a wonderful archivist. We wish her the best!

In August we welcomed two new board members, Susan Layard and Therese Brennan-Hunt, who bring their experiences and knowledge in not-for-profits to the archives. It is exciting to have them on board.

Marie

## ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

My name is Karolina Brozy, and I am pleased to introduce myself as the new Archivist at the Port Hope Archives. I am passionate about collections management and research, with a Bachelor's Degree in Archeology and Heritage Studies from Wilfred Laurier University and a Graduate Certificate in Museum Management and Curatorship from Fleming College. As the past Collection Manager at the Billy Bishop Museum and my work in Visitor Services at Grey Roots Museum and Archives, I am excited to share my knowledge and expertise with the Archives. I feel very fortunate to be working in such a beautiful town that is so full of history. I look forward to being a part of the community and hope you stop by and say hello. We are currently working on finishing over 100 probates and keeping the archives very busy.

Karolina



## Queen Elizabeth II Royal Tour of Canada in 1959 Bonus Photos



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1 business day in advance to book your appointment today.

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