Schedule of Summer Park Events – 2019

We are attaching a listing of all scheduled events that have been authorized by Parks and hold event permits for activities on the Island over the summer.

The only major event coming up with real and direct impact on our community will take place on June 9, 2019, which includes a run on and around Algonquin Island as well as Ward’s and the remainder of the Island. Please plan your day considering that there will be runners about over most of the morning.

If anyone has any concern about an activity on the Island, whether it is on the list of permits or not, call 311 to report it.

Of course, anything that suggests risk to persons or property should be reported to the police by calling 911.

Sharona Freudman
TICA events liaison
# Summer Events Schedule – Permitted Events Only

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Exploring Solutions for Aging Residential Trees on the Island

The deteriorating condition of residential trees has been a concern of many community members for quite some time. While the City manages the trees in the rest of the park, most of the trees in the residential community are on private land and are therefore the responsibility of individual leaseholders. This has been an increasing problem as many of our large cottonwood poplar and willow trees are now past their expected life span, and maintenance, removal and planning for the future canopy is expensive and challenging, especially in our unique environment.

In search of a potential collective solution that could reduce costs for people and improve our future Island environment, several members of the stewardship committee met with Dr. Danijela Puric-Mladenovic, associate professor in the U of T faculty of forestry who runs a program called Neighbourwoods.

Neighbourwoods is a community-based tree inventory, monitoring and stewardship planning program designed to help community groups and volunteers conduct an inventory of their urban forest and use that information to inform urban forest stewardship in their communities and neighbourhoods. The program arose from Dr. Puric-Mladenovic’s awareness that 70% of the urban tree canopy is on private lands, and communities need help to manage this resource well for the benefit of the whole city.

The stewardship committee is gathering more information about this program and trying to assess if it's a good fit for our community. It would involve some community volunteer work conducting tree inventories, which would then be analyzed in the faculty of forestry. There are possible resources available through this program in the form of graduate students who can help organize volunteers, produce plans for management, and offer suggestions about the best way to tackle major problems (like high-risk trees). Accessing these additional resources requires some funding so we are also looking into applying for grants for this.

We have already been connected to other nearby communities who are undertaking this process in order to gather more info. If all moves ahead and looks good, we would start the inventory next summer (2020) and have solid plans for action by spring 2021.

If you are interested in being involved in this project, have ideas or suggestions, or want more information please let us know at tica.stewardship@gmail.com.

Tony Farebrother and Lindsay Stephens for the Stewardship Committee
TICA’s Vision, Mission and Mandate Statement

While TICA has become more established as the voice for our Island residents as well as a resource to support initiatives and activities important to the Island community, we have come to realize that TICA’s role and mandate have not been well defined, clearly known or clearly understood by all of us in the community. Over the past months, TICA members have done some thinking about better identifying and stating TICA’s role by formalizing its mission, vision and mandate, as this had never been done before.

We are pleased to share with you the following draft statement that we are proposing. We believe it provides a good guide and a clear identity for TICA and our community. Your feedback would be welcome and appreciated! We plan to discuss this item at the official community meeting scheduled for June 18 and, if possible, prepare the final version for a vote at TICA’s annual meeting in October.

TICA Draft Vision
To support a viable and secure community.

TICA Draft Mandate
To identify activities or services required to support and protect common community interests and needs.

TICA Draft Purpose/Mission Statement

- To be the public voice for the community
- To provide opportunities for resident engagement in the community
- To act in an advisory role to the Trust
- To consider, recommend and advocate for legislative, municipal and other measures supporting the common good of the community.
- To advocate for and/or identify resources needed to address community needs
- To be inclusive of all community members.

General Scope of Work Statement

As TICA is a volunteer-based organization, the scope of work undertaken will be limited to available resources. Priorities will be given to activities directly associated with our mission, mandate and vision.

The TICA Executive

January Community Meeting

Volunteers have done much work following the January community meeting. Though the actual case that sparked the urgency of hosting the meeting has been settled, there are broader issues that were raised at the meeting.

TICA, in its report to the community, committed to two things:

1) To facilitate issue-based discussions about the specific topics raised at the meeting and to invite the people who volunteered for each group to attend. The meeting organizers and facilitator identified nine topics; six sub-groups were formed. (Two topics were combined into one sub-group, one topic had no volunteers and so was not moved forward and one topic will be covered in
an information session. The original nine topics were:

- Lease transfers
- Political climate
- Trust-community relations
- Rental housing
- Residential requirements
- Communications and community were combined
- Rules and regulations – rolled into an information session
- Island Strengths – no follow up as no one volunteered

Follow-up: Most of the six sub-groups have had one meeting and will report at the Trust/TICA official community meeting on June 18.

2) To educate and inform community members about the laws and rules governing Island homes to have the shared knowledge base needed to tackle the issues we want to consider.

Follow-up: A few members of TICA and others from the community met to go through all the information coming from the meeting including the questionnaires, minutes and “dot-mocracy.” They identified topics for information sessions and workshops and worked to find resources to prepare and deliver these sessions. Three information sessions/workshops are currently being considered.

Here are the sessions that have been confirmed:

a) Island Landlords and Tenants: Rights and Responsibilities (June 10 at the WIA; see pages 10 and 11 for details)

b) Legal Framework for Island Houses (aiming for mid-July)

c) Wills (date to be set)

The TICA executive has initiated and supported a lot of work on the topics and concerns expressed by community members at the January meeting. There is more work pending. Further action will depend on the will of community members to get involved with the sub groups.

On behalf of the TICA executive, I wish to express appreciation to the many volunteers who helped with the sub-group meetings and with organizing the upcoming info sessions.

We are an amazing community. We are resourceful and caring. We do have many different views and approaches to issues, but with the huge amount of experience and skills, together we can continue to make the Toronto Island community one of the best places to live in Toronto.

Tony Farebrother, TICA Co-chair

Emergency Preparedness Committee

The rising waters of the great lakes have challenged our emergency preparedness committee.
We are fortunate to have members who are engineers, have experience in great lakes ecology and protection, media contacts and a great working relationship and communication with Toronto Parks, the Toronto Region Conservation Authority and with our provincial and city council representatives.

Our councillor, Joe Cressy, has visited the Island and helped secure funds for the remediation of the flooding with sandbagging and pumps. Our MPP, Chris Glover, has come over with others to pitch in with filling sandbags. Most importantly we have Warren Hoselton, our parks manager, who anticipated and got out ahead of the high water this season and James Dann, waterfront parks manager, who has been supportive of all flood-related efforts and made himself available as the emergency contact person.

Many of the protective structures from the 2017 flooding were left in place and have served us well. There has been wide media coverage of the sandbagging. Islanders have highlighted the importance of our community priority to help each other and work for the common good and their calm approach to this crisis, taking one day at a time.

We hope that this season the park will remain open to visitors who flock here for their enjoyment of spring and to visit our natural and community amenities and to look back and marvel at the city. The ferry docks have been adapted to the higher water so passengers and their goods can load and disembark safely.

**Sarah Miller for the Emergency Preparedness Committee**

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**Report from the Toronto Islanders/Mississaugas of the Credit Committee**

The friendship committee is co-hosting three events this summer.

On **Sunday, June 2** we are hosting a water ceremony, Round Dance & Community Feast. Members of the Mississaugas of the Credit community and other interested participants will gather by at the Willow Square at one p.m. and walk to Ward’s beach for the water ceremony and round dance.

At three, we will proceed to the Shaw House for the community feast. Again this year the Island Café will smoke the fish. Other dishes will be potluck from members of our community. We hope you will be able to attend and bring a dish to share.

On **Sunday, July 7**, gather at one p.m. at the WIA for the second event, a walking tour of medicinal plants led by Joseph Pitawanakwat. Some teas will be brewed. More details to follow.

This is the link to Joseph’s blog: creatorsgarden.blogspot.com

On **Sunday, September 29**, Carolyn King will again present the moccasin identifier project at the WIA starting at one p.m. More details to follow.
Again, this year we have received a $2,000 grant from Park People to help us host these three events. The Mississaugas of the Credit are also making a significant financial contribution by paying for transportation costs and honoraria for presenters. Together with the donations of Islanders and the invited public, the Friendship Committee is honored to host the events.

RSVP to:
mississaugas.island.friends@gmail.com
David Smiley for the Island Friendship Committee

Environmentally Sensitive Areas Community Project
Here’s a Chance To Get Involved

The stewardship committee of TICA recently looked into the six natural areas on the Island designated as environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs). Two of these are in and around the community, behind Ward’s beach and the west end of Algonquin Island. The others are Snake Island, Mugg’s Island, the wild life area behind and beside Park’s maintenance yard and Hanlan’s Beach.

The City has many ESAs but few staff responsible for managing and protecting them. Staff are concerned that the public and some residents do not really understand what ESAs are. The Toronto Island parks manager has asked for the Stewardship Committee’s help in discouraging community members and the public from dumping waste, planting inappropriate species and setting fires in these areas. As well, a growing number of invasive species are threatening the local species.

We invited Janette Harvey, natural environment specialist at the City of Toronto and Jill Attwood a senior project manager from TRCA, to meet with us to understand what was being done to protect these natural areas and where there was need of assistance.

On our walk around the ESAs, we identified that a Phragmites removal project might be useful and manageable for a group of volunteers. We hope that such a project would allow us to inform the community about the ESAs and the need for protection and respect, and that with practical hands on work we could also help to restore them.

See information on Phragmites below.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with this invasive species management project this fall (2019) as this is the best time to remove these plants. TRCA staff will supervise the work and provide the tools.

If you are interested in helping with this project or in any of the work of the stewardship committee of TICA, please email tica.stewardship@gmail.com.

Background Invasive Phragmites

Invasive Phragmites (European Common Reed) is an invasive plant causing damage to Ontario’s biodiversity, wetlands and beaches. Invasive Phragmites is a perennial grass that has been damaging ecosystems in Ontario for decades. It is not clear how it was transported to North America from its native home in Eurasia.

Invasive Phragmites is an aggressive plant that spreads quickly and out-competes native species for water and nutrients. It releases
toxins from its roots into the soil to hinder the growth of and kill surrounding plants. While it prefers areas of standing water, its roots can grow to extreme lengths, allowing it to survive in relatively dry areas.

**Impacts of Invasive Phragmites**

- Crowds out native vegetation, thus resulting in decreased plant biodiversity.
- Generally provides poor habitat and food supplies for wildlife, including several Species at Risk.
- Grows very quickly thereby causing lower water levels as water is transpired faster than it would be with native vegetation.
- Increases fire hazards as stands are composed of a high percentage of dead stalks.
- Can affect agriculture, cause road safety hazard and impact recreational activities such as swimming, boating and angling.

**How to Identify Invasive Phragmites**

One factor making the identification of invasive *Phragmites* difficult is the existence of a closely related native subspecies. Generally, native *Phragmites* does not grow as tall as the invasive plant and does not out-compete other native species. A number of characteristics of the plant can be useful in distinguishing between the native variety and invasive *Phragmites*. The following information can help in identifying the invasive variety.

Invasive *Phragmites*:

- Grows in stands that can be extremely dense with as many as 200 stems per square metre.
- Can grow so densely that it crowds out other species.
- Can reach heights of up to five metres (15 feet).
- Has stems that are tan or beige in colour with blue-green leaves and large, dense seedheads.

**Tony Farebrother**

for the Stewardship Committee

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**Flood Update May 20, 2019**

As of today, the situation continues to worsen. The lake levels continue to rise at a significant rate.

The current inflow into Lake Ontario exceeds the outflow, so the lake will continue to rise. We are at a point now where we will start to see the protective measures of vulnerable areas fail. We need everyone to put on their rubber boots and get out to help shore up those weakened areas.

The only strategy we can employ at this stage is to fill in low lying areas with sandbags to slow the water’s ingress into the Islands, and set up pumps to pump the water back out to the lake faster than it comes in. It is labour-intensive, but that is what is required.

Complaining doesn’t help. Taking action does.

We can talk about the protective actions taken to date, but that is history. “Be here now” and participate in protecting our
homes and community. This is a real threat, potentially greater than 2017. By working together we will get through this.

Also, during the spring flood season, make sure that you are on the myneighbours Yahoo group in order to stay current with the latest updates!

Mike French
for the Emergency Preparedness Committee

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A Good News Island Story about Water

Man Reunited with Waterlogged Backpack
Plastic and styrofoam bits dotted the shoreline along the eastern edge of Algonquin Island, just waiting to be scooped up by zealous Islanders during the April shoreline clean-up.

One of those zealous souls was Robin Christmas. While scooping, he noticed a black backpack sunk in the water, twisted around a dead tree trunk. After a lot of tugging and untwisting, he pulled it out.

The pack wasn’t filled only with water. Robin found a set of keys and a wallet, with money, credit cards, ID, a Tim Hortons card, a Metropass and MORE. The ID belonged to one Julio Cesar, living in Toronto.

Robin figured it shouldn’t be hard to track Julio down to return the belongings, and he was right.

With a little online sleuthing, Robing found a Linkedin entry – Julio was a Toronto dockworker.

Well, how many docks are there in Toronto? So we made a call to the ferry docks, and asked if they knew a Julio Cesar.

Lo and behold. They sure did. He’s one of our ferry workers.

Julio had been looking for that backpack for over a year, after he accidentally left it hanging on a hook on the fantail of the Inglis.

Robin and I have seen Julio a million times, but didn’t know his name. Julio was thrilled to be reunited with his belongings.

Linda Rosenbaum
Island Rental Housing Initiative

A group of Islanders has been collaborating on the development of rental housing in our community. After the January meeting we added a few other members. Any who would like to join us and help are welcome.

We are working on two main projects.

Supporting Rental Housing in the Existing Community
This means duplexing a house with an additional unit within the house or perhaps in a shed, providing resources regarding landlord and tenant law, zoning and building information and financial ideas and the possibility of creating co-housing long-term tenancy agreements. This is not a complete list.

There is a workshop planned where a smaller group can explore this issue. There will also be an information session on Monday, June 10, on the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants. See pages 11 and 12 for details of the latter.

Building New Dedicated Rental Housing
We recognize that the only dedicated rental units are at the Shaw House. We salute all the people over the years who created the Shaw House project and saw it through.

Ellen Allen and Peter Freeman met the Shaw House board in February to propose an additional project on the Shaw House site. The Shaw House board supported our proposal in principle with a few caveats that align with our own principles. The proposal is in early stages guided by these principles – affordable, sustainable, community-centered and accessible.

In April Eliza Moore and Peter Freeman met with the Island Trust board to seek support in principle for this same initiative. The board asked a lot of good questions and voted to support us with the proviso that assurance be sought that the proposal falls within the mandate as set out by the legislation.

Going Forward . . .
Now we are starting the really difficult tasks of considering design, financial and organizational structure. We look forward to bringing more detail and information to the community meeting in June and beyond. We look forward to input and ideas and hope you will support the initiative.

Peter Freeman
Island Landlords and Tenants: Rights and Responsibilities

Community Information Session

Monday, June 10
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
WIA

Have you been thinking about creating a rental unit in your house? Or renting out a room?

Are you an Island tenant?

This is your opportunity to learn more about the rights and responsibilities of Island landlords and tenants.

This is an information session, not legal advice on your specific situation.

Some questions that we will address:

- Does the Residential Tenancies Act apply to Island landlords and tenants?
- Which types of tenants does it apply to?
- Does rent control apply on the Island?
- Is a written lease required? What can it contain?
- What if repairs are needed?
- What can a landlord or tenant do if there is a dispute?

We will try to answer other questions that come up in the session. If at all possible, please contact us before the session with your question so we can prepare properly.

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Report from the Toronto Island Noise Committee (TINC)

The New City of Toronto Noise Bylaw

On April 16, 2019, a new version of the Toronto Noise Bylaw, Chapter 591, was passed by City Council. Despite years of work by The Toronto Noise Coalition (TNC) of which TINC has been a committed member, the City chose to “balance” the needs of residents with the needs of the construction, music and landscaping industries, and remove critical protections from residents. Our prospects with this new law are dismal, and there is more work ahead to find remedies.

The City will no longer lay charges based on our logs alone, but instead will require measurements taken by MLS bylaw officers. In our case, this will involve four officers: two to come to the Island via the Marine Unit boat, and two to attend the venue. It remains to be seen if this proposal will ever produce viable evidence.

A report on the new bylaw is due at the end of 2020. The Toronto Noise Coalition will continue its work in the meantime, organizing residents’ associations across the city. Recently we met with Arline Bronzaf, a prominent American noise activist, and we will be working with her to develop strategies.

TICA 12 Trust
TICA, and a number of individual Islanders, have very kindly contributed a total of $1,150 to support the work of TNC. I’m touched and grateful for this help. The TNC members have worked so hard to help Toronto residents, and Island generosity will mean a lot to them.

Despite the unenforceability of the new law, the need to keep noise logs remains, and it is important that we continue the practice. Our logs have always been our strength, and they will continue to be in future.

Aurora Borealis
Pioneer Cruises has purchased this boat and applied for a new liquor licence.

Although Pioneer Cruises has a good noise record, TINC, YQNA and the City of Toronto have opposed the new licence, hoping to meet with the new owner and discuss noise mitigation measures before the licence is awarded. We expect this discussion will be amicable, part of the “good neighbour” policy so vital to a healthy harbour.

Keep on logging!
Lynn Robinson,
for the Toronto Island Noise Committee

Two Items from the Transportation Committee

Cable Cars to Island – Why Float When You Can Fly?
Reps from TICA were recently approached by Bullwheel International Cable Car Corporation (BIC3), a firm interested in exploring the idea of building a gondola-style cable car connection to the Toronto Island. BIC3 is at an even-earlier-than-preliminary stage of developing a plan for their proposal, and was primarily interested in getting a sense, through TICA, of what the community response might be.

Although it was an interesting meeting, this type of project is outside of TICA’s mandate and we will not be actively following up with them at this time. “If you are interested in learning more about BIC3 and cable cars projects around the world, go to bullwheel.ca or gondolaproject.com.”

Polson Pier
You will remember that a liquor licence was awarded to a new company, Powerhouse, for the Polson Pier venue, with the condition that there be no outdoor amplified sound. Powerhouse has appealed this ruling, but the appeal is languishing in bureaucratic limbo.

In the meantime, the venue will be holding outdoor DJd events with amplified sound, starting May 20 with our old friend Armin Van Buren. It seems they will be operating under their old licence. (And yes, there is a prohibition against outdoor musical events on that licence.)

If you are disturbed by Cabana, it is imperative that you write noise logs, so we can inform the AGCO.
KPMG Ferry Fleet Update

As everyone is undoubtedly painfully aware, the city is engaged in a lengthy and overdue process of upgrading the ferries and, in 2017, hired the firm KPMG to assess the fleet replacement needs. KPMG submitted its final report to the city at the beginning of March 2019.

Key findings and recommendations from that report include:

- Limited support for four identical vehicle-carrying ferries
- Recommend ‘dual design’ fleet – one vehicle-carrying vessel and three passenger-only vessels.
- All vessels diesel-electric hybrids, with “future proofing” of hulls against eventual electrification
- All vessels with “future proofing” design for side-loading capability
- For the vehicle-passenger vessel:
  - Decrease vehicle space from the originally proposed 18 cars to eight
  - Add protected first-floor seating for 300
  - Add first floor accessible washrooms
  - Ice capability
- For the passenger-only vessels:
  - 1,300 person capacity
  - All the same features as vehicle-passenger vehicles, above, but:
    - Remove vehicle capability
    - Remove ice capability (reduced hull weight and strength)

The city plans to issue an amended contract to Concept Naval (the firm that was originally engaged to design the new ferries) in May 2019 and estimates 22 weeks to complete the updated dual-design plans.

Although the city did not intend to engage in further consultation before beginning construction, TICA, through TIAC and our city councillor, Joe Cressy, is pushing hard to see the updated plans before the construction tender is issued.

The City estimates that it will issue the construction contract early in 2020, that the first passenger vessel will be delivered at the end of 2021, and the vehicle-passenger ferry will be delivered in the fall of 2022. Funding is in place for these first two ferries, but beyond that, it is unclear. The city did approve further funding to allow for the redesign, and also anticipate a savings of 15% for each passenger-only vessel due to changes to hull design.

A city report authorizing the additional funds can be found at app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.GL2.7. At the bottom of that page, there is also a link to a PDF containing a summary of the KPMG analysis as well as the timelines for design and construction.

Karen Rothfels and Peggy Sleegers
for the Transportation Committee
The waiting shed was built at the Ward's Island dock in 1916. Among its charming features that have survived are the hipped bell-cast roof, multiple-pane windows and rooftop finials.

**Update on the Ward’s Dock Renewal Initiative**

Ah, the wheels of progress grind exceedingly slowly . . . or so it seems when it comes to the Ward's Dock Renewal Initiative (WDRI).

The restoration of the waiting shed is still underway. We've been told it will be returned to Ward's Dock in “a couple of months.” We’re not holding our collective breath, but are confident it will happen. Both Warren Hoselton, our wonderful park supervisor, and Jo Ann Pynn, manager in the City heritage department, are committed to finishing the building and the landscaping around it. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, the WDRI committee has produced five historical panels about the Toronto Island community that will be installed on Ward’s and Algonquin, when the water levels are lower. The signs tell the story of the Toronto Island community since the mid-1800s, the Ward’s Island community & Tent City, William Ward & the Ward’s Hotel, the Algonquin Island community and the 1916 waiting shed.

Many community members contributed to this project. We’re very grateful to Daniel Rotsztain for his work on the initial panel design, which helped us clear City Parks bureaucracy last year. The beautiful final panels are Kathleen Doody’s work. We’re also very thankful to Linda Rosenbaum for her superb writing and editing.

We continue to make the Discover Toronto Island brochures available at Ward’s ferry dock and at the corner of Seneca and Ojibway. Donations for the brochures raised more than $1,500 in 2018.

We’re also very grateful to several community members for generous contributions via the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation. These donations helped to pay for the historical panels and will also be used to enhance the landscaping around the waiting shed. We also want to thank the “brochure team” who top up the brochure boxes seven days a week: Sharon Stephens, Georgia Ydrios, Charlotte Mudge, Liz McClelland and Annette Vanleeuwen.

There was always some activity around the waiting shed and the wooden dock at Ward's Island in the 1950s. The Ward's Hotel, built in 1882, can be seen in the background. It was torn down in 1966.

If all the stars align, the restored waiting shed and the panels will be in place soon. (But don’t hold your breath.)

**Mary Partridge**

for Ward’s Dock Renewal Initiative Committee
TICA Email List – TICA Communications Committee

TICA is developing an email distribution list for TICA-specific messages, analogous to myneighbours but with fewer requests for whipping cream and other forgotten essentials. It will be used for outgoing TICA messages only, and will therefore not be a forum for community discussion.

If you didn’t provide your email address or contact info at our booth during the Christmas boutique and would like to do so now, please send your name, street address and preferred email address to ticaexecutive@gmail.com (if you don’t have an email address, but would still like timely TICA updates, just send us your name and street address and we will do our very best to get you a hard copy of these announcements). If you did sign up at the boutique and are patiently waiting for us to implement this email list – stay tuned! It will definitely be functional before the first of the new ferries arrive, and possibly before the water levels subside this summer.

About the Shaw House

As we complete this year’s membership drive and look forward to the upcoming AGM, here’s a brief look at the Shaw House and its role in our community.

Community Responsibility

The Toronto Islands Residential Community Stewardship Act, 1993 saved our community and re-established ownership of our houses. It also allowed the six community buildings to remain, on the proviso that the community be responsible for them. As with the AIA, the Canoe Club, the Rectory building, and the WIA’s large and small clubhouses, this requires the community’s support through volunteer board management and membership support. It’s a lot of real estate responsibility for a small community, but all the buildings play their own important roles in community life.

Transformation

Of all the properties, Shaw House was in the worst shape by far. Boarded up for a long time, it had been used as a hangout, had gaping holes in the roof, and was occupied by raccoons. Returning it to habitable condition was a daunting prospect but a dedicated group formed to take on the job. With seemingly endless
weekends of volunteer work parties; weekday youth-program labour; community architectural, landscape, design and mechanical expertise and much fund-raising, the current building emerged. Usable sections of the original house were restored and an innovative expansion added much more room and incorporated ecologically progressive elements, including a zinc roof, “smart” windows, straw-bale walls and a ground-source heating system.

The first occupant moved in in 2002.

The Shaw House now plays two roles:

**Housing for Seniors**
There are four self-contained units – two upstairs, two down – that are available to those over 60, with priority given to Islanders. Vacancies are advertised publicly on the Island.

**The Event Centre**
There is a flexible, fully accessible gathering space of two adjoining rooms, well-equipped kitchen, two washrooms and a lovely landscaped lawn and garden. The indoor area is large enough for 45 people, while the garden can accommodate an additional 100. Available to Islanders, non-Islanders, organizations, corporations, non-profits, etc., the space has hosted weddings, memorials, birthday parties, meetings and retreats. Vintage Islanders and other groups and classes meet weekly.

Please help spread the word here and in town about this appealing venue!

**Bookings**
Yvonna Nauman, venues manager
(416-716-1347)
info@torontoislandvenues.com
Considerably reduced rates for Islanders and non-profits! Ask Yvonna for details.

**Management**
An eight-member volunteer board elected at the annual general meeting governs the Shaw House. The board meets once a month, handles all administrative and upkeep matters, and establishes rules and policies for the event space.

**Finances**
The Shaw House has three main sources of revenue: rent paid by residents and event-space users; donations from Islanders and membership fees, which offer an inexpensive way to help maintain this wonderful community asset. You must be a member to rent the space or participate in weekly groups.

**Membership Fees**
$20 individual; $25 single-parent family; $35 family; $500 life membership.

Please consider contributing by becoming a member, if you are not one already. A flyer will soon come to your door with an application form and information about the upcoming AGM on July 7 at two p.m.

**Mary Hay, for The Shaw House**
Paulette Pelletier-Kelly died peacefully at the Kensington Hospice on April 18, 2019. She was born in rural England during the second world war. Her mother had been evacuated to the countryside to avoid the blitz but soon returned to London. “Better the bombs than the countryside,” she commented. Her father, Paul Pelletier, was a sergeant in the Royal 22nd – the “Van Doos” – and the couple met when he was billeted in London with the Selby family. After the war, they settled in Montreal. Their closest friends were couples like themselves, English war brides and French Canadian veterans. Paulette grew up in Montreal, married Jim Kelly and had three children. It was there that they began the practice of loading the kids in a van during their holidays and touring Canada and the U.S., camping on the way. In 1967, right after Expo 67, they moved to Toronto for Jim’s work and bought a small house and land in West Hill. In time, the marriage ended and she went back to work. Always interested in the arts, one of her first jobs was with the Canadian Opera Company, where she organized the President’s Council. Paulette worked with Walter Pitman at the Ontario Arts Council and he became a mentor of hers. She studied part-time at the University of Toronto as well as managing a family and household as a single mother. With Walter’s encouragement, Paulette enrolled in the arts administration program at City University in London. This was a transformative experience for her. She broadened her education, made new friends, traveled extensively in Europe and reconnected with her mother’s family, the Selbys. While there, she became the co-director of Arts Place Trust, a visual artists studio and residence. Paulette came back to Canada in 1987 and soon was employed as the executive director of the Periodical Writers’ Association. There she met writer Bill Freeman and, in 1991, moved to the Island to live with him. Over time, a blended family emerged with Paulette’s three, and Bill’s four, children. The Island became her home where she participated in many social and political events. She loved the Island and its intense social life. While on the Island, Paulette worked with a number of other arts organizations including the Ontario Craft Council and the Canadian Royal Academy of Arts. She also continued her great love of travelling to places like Egypt, South America, Mexico, California and within Canada. One of her most memorable trips was to Africa with the Stephen Lewis Foundation, “Grandmother to Grandmother Campaign.” Paulette leaves her partner Bill, “the love of her life;” sisters Yvonne Yirush Hughes and Jose Pelletier; brother Brian Yirush; two daughters, Brenda Gregory and Kathleen Kelly; their partners, Peter Gregory and John Hobbs; granddaughter, Danielle Passmore and husband Jake; great-granddaughters Norah and Eleanor; granddaughter Caitlin Gregory; step-children Erik, Peggy, Jessica and Nathan Freeman and Bill’s grandchildren Maddie Adair and Josh and Sean Malone, who have known Paulette all of their lives. Paulette was predeceased by her cherished son, Jim Kelly.
On April 10, 2019, Superior Court Justice Ed Morgan presided over a hearing to determine whether Donny Sampson could be added to the title of his family home, which had been left to him by his brother, Bruce. The rules concerning transfer of home ownership under the legislation that governs the Trust does not normally allow for ownership to be transferred to siblings, but only to spouses and children.

The court considered the singular circumstances outlined in the case and ruled that Donny would be allowed to retain ownership of his family home. The Trust is satisfied the circumstances in the case were duly considered.

Transfer Bylaw
The new transfer bylaw will be ready soon. The Trust is planning a community meeting in September to answer questions about the new bylaw. Essentially, the bylaw codifies the lease transfer policies followed by the Trust since its inception and clarifies the status of stepchildren as legal transferees.

This bylaw and the updated governance, organizational and purchasers’ list bylaws will all be presented to the community for approval at the fall Trust/TICA meeting.

Welcome to the Island
Ian Cooper (number 113 on the purchasers’ list) is the new owner/leaseholder at 12 Second Street, recently vacated by Valerie Cook and Tim Cridland. We hear they are settling into their new home in Calgary.

Peter Watkins (number 79 on the purchasers’ list) has purchased Mark Hayes’s property at 27 Seneca.

Please give Ian and Peter a warm welcome when you see them. You might mention that sandbagging is a great way to meet one’s neighbours.

Trust Board
The government did not appoint new Trust board members on April 1, 2019 as we had expected. Instead, they elected to reappoint four members whose terms were expiring on March 31 – Jim Adams, Heather Black, Lorraine Filyer and Corwin Troje. Their new term runs from April 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Marcy Burchfield, Alison Rogers, Jesse Rosensweet and David Woodside continue on the board until March 31, 2020.

Amanda Street-Bishop Trust manager
The Twa Red-Wyng'd Blackbyrdes

An Authentic Medieval Ballad

As by the Bridge I took my ease
I heard twa blackbirds shoot the breeze,
The one unto the other say,
“Whom shall we annoy today?
Methinks ‘tis always passing keen
To put a crease in Richard’s bean,
An’ prithee say what’s not to like
In knocking Alix off her bike?
But blessings on John Jackman’s head
By whom we’re loved, by whom we’re fed.”
The t’other birdie squawked, “‘Tis great
To peck each passing person’s pate.
Besides, with tufts of human hair,
We’ll thatch our nest when it grows bare.”
First birdie scoffed with cackling laugh,
“Kid not thyself with that old gaff.
Admit, o chum, ‘tis but pretence,
This talk of precious nest defence.
‘Tis airborne terror makes us tingle,
And I remain a swinging single.”
A silence fell betwixt these birds
(Their tiny brains ran out of words).
At last they sighed, “Let’s get this done
And so return to blackbird fun.
Hearken to our dulcet tweeting!
Thursday there’s a poetry meeting,
(Konk-ka-REE!) A sev’n-to-niner
(Chak Chak Chak!) at Clubhouse Minor.
(TSEE-err!) See you do not bring
Poems written by yourself to sing!”

Richard Kukan

What Is This and Why Is It in the Park?

The City of Toronto’s Toronto Engineering and Construction Services has placed two noise-monitoring units on Toronto parkland. One of the units is by the First Street beach. They will remain in place until January 2024.

The noise-monitoring units were installed as part of the contract for the Ashbridge’s Bay Treatment Plant Outfall Project on Leslie Street.

There are nine noise monitors strategically placed throughout the surrounding area to monitor and record noise decibels and duration. This allows the division to determine if any noise is being created by the project beyond the set limits. They can then address any exceedances and/or deal with any complaints efficiently.

Amanda Street-Bishop, Trust Manager
Church of St. Andrew-by-the-Lake | TORONTO ISLANDS
invites you to the 70th annual | Sunday June 23, 11am

Blessing of the Boats & Bicycles

Drop anchor in our lagoon and attend the service from your boat. Pedal or scoot your way to church and receive your blessing on shore.

Strawberry Social 12 to 2

Celebrate Paulette Pelletier-Kelly, founder of the Strawberry Social
- wear a frothy, summery hat!
Sandwiches, strawberries, cake, coffee, tea & punch.

Children $10
Adults $20
Champagne $8

* The Strawberry Social is a low-waste event.

Silent Auction
Portraits by Gary Smith $30

With music by Roger Sharp and Friends.
Monies raised go to church van.
New name, new summer menu just launched!

Starting June 1st summer hours are:
11am ~ 11pm   Kitchen closes at 9pm

Everything prepared fresh by our wonderful chef Julian.
Delectable desserts made in house by our pastry chef Sergio.

Best drink deals on the island!
3 cans of Steamwhistle Pilsner for $11
Jägermeister Shots $5 ~ All day every day!

Join us for all the Raptors games
$5 Draught Beer DURING the game!
GO RAPS GO!!!

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