



# **DOORS OPEN PETERBOROUGH 2016**

Our Past, Our Future . . .  
Our Legacy  
Celebrating Heritage and  
Sustainability

# Heritage and Sustainability

- Heritage conservation is environmentally responsible
- It takes 35-50 years for an energy-efficient new building to save the amount of energy lost in demolishing an existing building (U.S. National Trust for Historic Preservation)
- Recognition by provincial and national heritage organizations that investing in the refurbishing of heritage buildings contributes to the fight against climate change
  - Capitalizes on existing materials and energy
  - Reduces construction and demolition waste
  - Avoids environmental impact of new infrastructure

# The History of Doors Open

- Doors Open first took place in France in 1984
- The event spread across Europe and is now known as European Heritage Days
- In 2000, the first Doors Open event in North America took place in Toronto
- The Ontario Heritage Trust then launched Doors Open Ontario in 2002, the first province wide event

# About Doors Open

- Seeks to celebrate, educate, and inform citizens and visitors of the importance of architectural, cultural, and historical sites
- Offers visitors free access to properties that are either not usually open to the public or would normally charge an entrance fee
- Many locations organize guided tours, displays, and activities to enrich the visitor experience
- Events take place across Ontario from April to October each year
- Doors Open Ontario is administered by the Ontario Heritage Trust – over six million visits to participating sites since 2002

# Ontario Heritage Trust

- Established in the 1950s as the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board of Ontario
- Is an agency of the provincial government mandated by the Ontario Heritage Act
- Is the province's lead heritage agency – dedicated to identifying, protecting, renewing, and promoting Ontario's rich and diverse built, cultural, and natural heritage



# Doors Open Peterborough



- Organized by a sub-committee of PACAC
- Has hosted 13 Doors Open events since 2002 – soon to be 14!
- Recent events have showcased Peterborough's sporting heritage; a legacy of innovation during the First World War; and Trent University's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- **2014:** 2,250 site visits, over 1,000 combined volunteer hours
- **2015:** 1,500 site visits and over 80 volunteers



DOORS OPEN 2016 SITES:

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## **The Mount Community Centre 1545 Monaghan Road**

Originally a farmhouse, this former home of the Sisters of St. Joseph was purchased in 1894 to serve as the first convent motherhouse in Peterborough and was expanded over time to meet their needs. Now home to the Mount Community Centre, the site is being repurposed and will serve as a community hub. Come explore the beautiful grounds and take a guided tour.



**Peterborough  
Paramedics  
Headquarters  
310 Armour Road**

Originally a part of Fisher Gauge Ltd., Peterborough's primary casting machine factory, this building was repurposed in 2007 and now serves as the headquarters for Peterborough Paramedics. Visit and explore the ambulance bay, training lab, and main storage room.



**Showplace  
Performance Centre  
290 George Street  
North**

The former Odeon Theatre continues the tradition of performing arts in downtown Peterborough as Showplace Performance Centre. Since 1996, Showplace has provided opportunities for local and touring artists to perform for the community. Whether it's a musical, drama, or comedy, Showplace sets the stage for a memorable performance. On-street parking is available in the surrounding area.



**280 Perry Street**  
**280 Perry Street and**  
**275 Rink Street**

This site was home to the Lundy Shovel and Tool Company in the early 1900s. It was later expanded under the ownership of the Canadian Raybestos Company, which produced brake products for wartime and civilian purposes. Come and discover four of the unique businesses currently operating in this location:

- Circle Kung Fu & Tai Chi
- Hank to Hendrix Guitar Co.
- Peterborough Fencing (Multi-Sport) Club
- Rock and Rope Climbing Centre



## **Peterborough Fencing (Multi-Sport) Club**

**275 Rink Street, #14**

Whether it's fencing, archery or jiu jitsu, the experts at the Peterborough Fencing (Multi-Sport) Club can teach you the skills to master one or all of these sports. The Club has been operating in this renovated space since 2012, and offers lessons for all ages and skill levels. Pick from a sword or a bow and try it yourself! **Demonstration classes taking place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with "Try It Yourself" sessions available from 2:15 to 4:00 p.m.**



## **Hank to Hendrix Guitar Co.**

**280 Perry Street, #11**

Wayne O'Connor and Royden Moran established Hank to Hendrix in 1996. The only full service stringed instrument and amplifier repair shop in the area, Hank to Hendrix also offers custom designed and built acoustic and electric guitars. The business has a broad customer base including musicians from the bands Blue Rodeo and Three Days Grace. Come check out the workshop and see what it takes to make and repair guitars.



## Circle Kung Fu & Tai Chi

280 Perry Street, #8

Master Craig Stephens has been training and teaching his students in the art of Kung Fu and Tai Chi for 25 years. Come learn about the benefits of practicing Martial Arts through a selection of demonstrations and workshops in this unique adapted space.



## **Rock and Rope Climbing Centre 280 Perry Street, #16**

This space originally served as the boiler room for the Canadian Raybestos Company and has been repurposed as a family friendly climbing centre, offering a variety of climbing adventures. If you think sustainability rocks, check out this facility to view a demonstration and talk with the expert staff about arranging your own future climbing adventure.



## **Sacred Heart Church**

**208 Romaine Street**

Designed by renowned architect John Belcher in the Romanesque style, Sacred Heart opened in November of 1909. The Church's Casavant pipe organ was designated as historically significant by the Royal Canadian College of Organists in 2014. Visit Sacred Heart to learn about its more than 100 year history in the community, and its beautiful architectural features. You might even hear the organ!



## Sacred Heart of Peterborough 208 Romaine Street

While visiting Sacred Heart Church, check out the Rectory next door to learn about one of the city's newest post-secondary teaching, learning and research institutions, Sacred Heart of Peterborough. Committed to the values of critical thinking; the creative expression of ideas; and active participation in society, Sacred Heart embraces and seeks to reflect the Catholic tradition of learning the liberal arts.



## **Peterborough Museum and Archives**

**300 Hunter Street E.**

Opened in 1967 as a centennial project, the Peterborough Museum and Archives continues to preserve our community's heritage through its safekeeping of artifacts, photographs, and archival material. Come and see the latest exhibit focused on Peterborough's architecture, designed by the students in the Museum Management and Curatorship program at Fleming College. Visit the Archives to learn how to research the history behind your own home.



**Peterborough  
Chamber of  
Commerce  
175 George Street N.**

Travel back in time to 1884 and marvel at an era when railway transportation was highly relied upon and valued. Designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, this carefully restored building retains many of its original interior and exterior architectural features, and holds many stories about Peterborough's railway history. Check out the solar panels on the roof – installed to promote a greener Peterborough.



## Sherbrooke Transformer Station

241 Sherbrooke Street

Designed by the Hydro Electric Power Commission for the Peterborough Utilities Commission, the Sherbrooke Transformer Station officially opened in 1924 and continues to operate at the corner of Sherbrooke and Aylmer Streets. Tour the site that once provided electricity to all of downtown Peterborough and learn more about its current role in transmitting power to the city. You might even be able to take a ride in a bucket truck!



## Camp Kawartha Environment Centre 2505 Pioneer Road

The Camp Kawartha Environment Centre features one of Canada's most sustainable buildings. Through its community partnerships, the centre is able to provide programming on over 200 acres of Trent University's sanctuary lands. Come and explore the centre's straw-bale walls, living green roof, and wetland water treatment centre, and learn more about sustainable living. Family-friendly activities are happening throughout the day.

## Sustainable Agriculture Experimental Farm Trent University



A visit to Trent's Experimental Farm will get you thinking about where your food comes from. First started by Dr. Mehdi Sharifi, the farm project encourages students to be a part of sustainable food production. The farm is a 33-acre outdoor classroom that will challenge the way you think about food.



**Peterborough  
Theatre Guild  
364 Rogers Street**

The Peterborough Theatre Guild has been providing area residents with live entertainment since 1965. Following a fire in 1959 at what was then St. Luke's Anglican Church local arts supporters purchased the building and converted it to its current use as a vibrant community theatre. Come for a behind-the-scenes tour and demonstrations

# Volunteer Opportunities

- We are always looking for volunteers to join the Doors Open team for the day of the event!
- Volunteer Orientation at City Hall  
Week of April 25, 2016
- Doors Open Peterborough  
Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

# For More Information . . .

## **Doors Open Peterborough:**

<http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/Peterborough>

## **Ontario Heritage Trust:**

<http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/Home.aspx>

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