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MILLBROOK AND CAVAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# 2019 - 2022 Annual Report

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We meet on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat, Anishinabewaki and acknowledge with thanks their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.



*In spite of snow and ice—typical February weather—former students, teachers, and staff from area schools gathered at the Millbrook Legion Hall to share stories and memories with an enthusiastic crowd of Historical Society friends and supporters. **Above:** Roger Armstrong entertains with a tale or two; **Below:** David Brackenridge recalls schoolday memories.*



**INCORPORATED JUNE 12, 1987**  
**AFFILIATED MEMBER #2688M THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**MANDATE:**

The purpose of the Millbrook & Cavan Historical Society is to bring together individuals interested in the diverse historical aspects of Cavan Monaghan and to research, record, retain, preserve, and present historical information pertaining to the area.

**The objectives of the Society include:**

- Recalling the past and preserving the present.
- Maintaining a community repository for artifacts and written records of historical interest to Cavan Monaghan.
- Encouraging the study and research of the history of Cavan Monaghan and heritage-based learning, and developing volunteer opportunities for individuals.
- Securing and preserving an accurate account of the historical, architectural and archaeological heritage of Millbrook and Cavan.
- Advancing education by improving the public's understanding and awareness of the history of Cavan Monaghan by hosting events, displays, exhibitions and performances, supporting programs offered by the society, and by producing educational material.
- Preserving objects and structures of historical significance.

**2019 - 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President	Celia Hunter	Director	Alex Bushell
Treasurer	Kim McLeod	Director	Bruce Lepper
Director	Jeanette Allenbick	Director	Catrina Sinclair
Director	Liz Avery		

# AGENDA

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Welcome
2. **Motion** to approve the agenda as printed.
3. **Motion** to approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of May 23, 2019
4. **Motion** to appoint a Nominating Chair for the Meeting
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report:  
Financial Review 2019 - 2020  
Budget for 2022 - 2023  
**Motion** to approve the proposed budget for 2022 - 2023
7. Election of the Board of Directors for 2022 - 2023  
*Note: There are to be a maximum of ten members on the Board of Directors*  
  
Nominations to the Board of Directors from the Nominating Chair: Jeanette Allenbick, Liz Avery, Alex Bushell, Rachel Finnie, Celia Hunter, Kim McLeod  
  
Nominations from the floor, with a mover and seconder for each  
**Motion** to close nominations  
**Motion** to approve the nominations to the Board of Directors for 2022 - 2023
8. Acknowledgements
9. **Motion** to adjourn Annual General Meeting

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MAY 23, 2019, CENTENNIAL PLACE

**Members of the Board in Attendance:** Liz Avery, Alex Bushell, Celia Hunter (President), Bruce Lepper, Kim McLeod (Treasurer), Catriona Sinclair.

**The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.**

1. **Welcome** extended to all members and guests by president Celia Hunter.
2. **Motion** to approve the Agenda as printed: Kim McLeod; Bruce Lepper. Carried.
3. **Motion** to approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of May 24, 2018: Catriona Sinclair; Shelley Lambe. Carried.
4. **Motion** to appoint Celia Hunter as Nominating Chair for the meeting: Paul Hayne; Alex Bushell. Carried.
5. **President's Report** – Celia Hunter reviewed highlights and Committee Reports as recorded in the Annual Report. Highlights included the very successful Blocksand Blooms one-day event, the launch of the Historical Society's new website, the gathering Jail Tales that focused on the Millbrook Correctional Centre (1957- 2003), and continuing collaboration with the Cavan Monaghan Libraries, Millbrook Legion Branch 402 and Centennial Place.
6. **Membership Report:** presented as printed in the Annual Report.
7. **Indexing, Genealogy and Collection Management:** presented as printed in the Annual Report.
8. **Treasurer's Report** – Kim McLeod presented the Financial Report and proposed a Budget for the year 2019 - 2020. **Motion** to accept the Financial Report and approve the proposed budget: Alex Bushell; David Preston. Carried.
9. **Election of New Board of Directors for 2019 - 2020**  
Celia Hunter, as nominating chair, presented the slate for the Board of Directors for 2019 - 2020: Jeanette Allenbick, Liz Avery, Alex Bushell, Celia Hunter, Bruce Lepper, Kim McLeod, Catriona Sinclair, and called for additional nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were made.  
**Motion** to accept the nominations for the Board of Directors as received from the Nominating Chair: Shelley Lambe; Paul Hayne. Carried.
10. **Acknowledgements** as printed in the Annual Report were expressed by Celia Hunter.
11. **Motion** to adjourn: Alex Bushell.  
The Annual Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The last Annual Report submitted by the Millbrook & Cavan Historical Society was for 2018-2019. We have lost a few years!

It is interesting to look back to the narrative I prepared for the 2019-2020 Annual Report, which was shelved when in-person meetings were suspended in the spring of 2020. We had enjoyed an active year as a thriving organization. Here is what I wrote:

This past year the Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society had the opportunity to honour a number of individuals, groups and organizations in the area as they celebrated milestones. On September 22, 2019, the Historical Society was in attendance to honour the 200th anniversary of St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery.

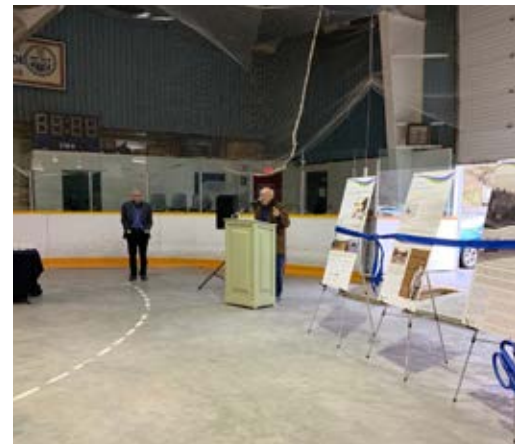
Described as 'truly a gem of historic heritage,' this cemetery on Zion Line (formerly the 4th Line) was established in 1818; it represents one of the earliest established burying grounds of the Peterborough region. Records of the Rev. Joseph Thompson indicate the first burials in the area were in 1819 of a Christopher Hagerman in August and Joseph Murphy in October.

St Thomas' Church, Millbrook (Anglican Parish of Cavan & Manvers) oversees the care and continuation of the cemetery and grounds. St. Paul's Mortuary Chapel, built in 1897, is no longer in use, but was open for the celebration. The Historical Society's Kim McLeod was on hand to answer genealogy questions and help visitors locate headstones in the cemetery.

The Historical Society congratulated the Cavan Monaghan Libraries as they celebrated 125 years of continuous library service on October 26, 2019. Peter Ramsay, our curator of exhibits for the display cabinet in the Millbrook Branch Library liaised with library staff to showcase some of the libraries' memorabilia.

In November, we celebrated with our neighbours at the Manvers Historical Society as they marked the publication of a new book by Kathy Morton, entitled Reflections of Bethany. Kathy has long been a champion of local history, has served as president and advocate for the Manvers Township Historical Society, and is the recipient of both federal and provincial awards recognizing her spirit of volunteerism. Representing the fourth generation to live on her family farm, she is a passionate and enthusiastic local historian.

Also in November, Otonabee Conservation held an event to commemorate the completion of the Millbrook Dam Rehabilitation Project. This undertaking included the Historical Society's initiative to purchase and preserve Needler's Mill. At the event educational signage interpreting the historical and natural significance of the area was unveiled. These three panels were developed by the Historical Society and will be installed by Otonabee Conservation as a display kiosk next to Needler's Mill. At the event, David Brackenridge, a keen supporter of the Save the Mill Campaign and of local history, spoke passionately about the





importance of the mill and dam to the local community and the economy in days gone by.

In December, the Historical Society was itself honoured when members of the BIA Christmas in the Village organizing committee sponsored a Winter Wonderland Tree Garden, with proceeds from a raffle of the decorated trees donated to MCHS. ReMax Eastern Realty Broker Kathie Lycett donated the eight trees and then local businesses went to work and decorated them in fine style.

Our thanks go to Kathie, the participating businesses and to the public who supported this event.

For the past several years in January, the Historical Society has enjoyed the hospitality of the Millbrook Manor, meeting in the Common Room for tea and goodies. Our afternoons there were always filled with great stories and laughter. These teas were enthusiastically organized and executed by the dynamic duo: Mary Ridge and Jean Olan. In 2017, Jean passed away, and we celebrated her life and legacy at our January Tea in 2018. This year Mary Ridge, whose clear recollections of local happenings made her a valuable and always fascinating source of information suffered a fall that sent her to hospital. We simply couldn't hold the tea without her, and so we broke with tradition and removed it from our schedule.

'School Days' was the theme of our February event, held at the Millbrook Legion and emceed

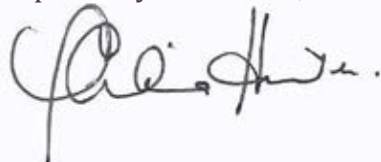
by Board member Alex Bushell. Despite the wintry weather, we had a fantastic turnout, with some visitors travelling many kilometres to reunite with old school chums and tell a tale or two. The stories covered many decades of school memories including the experiences related by John Heeringa who, as a recent Dutch immigrant, started school speaking no English. We are grateful for the schools-related donations to our archives, notably by Pat and Roger Armstrong.

The balance of our programs for 2019-2020 had to be shelved in mid-March due to the Covid 19 pandemic. This situation also affected the Oral Histories project being led by Board member Jeanette Allenbick and assisted by Linda Thompson. However, they were successful in recording a number of interviews through the fall of 2019, and will resume their efforts when it's possible to do so. First steps have also been taken on the development of a fresh Walking Tour brochure, showcasing the historically significant properties and structures in the village of Millbrook.

We are especially grateful for the support of Glenn Fallis and Jerry Van Zeyl who provide the Historical Society with office space well suited to archival storage. We also acknowledge with thanks the support of Nexicom, the Cavan Monaghan Libraries, Bruce Gazley who maintains our website and Peter Ramsay who curates our display cabinet exhibits. Thank you to all Board members, volunteers, supporters and friends who have contributed to our success.

... Well that was then. A couple of projects have been completed: we are pleased that the information kiosk has been installed between the Millbrook Dam and Needler's Mill, and that the new Walking Tour of Millbrook booklet has been well received. We have also lost several members who cared very much about our history: Mary Ridge, Betty Lunn, and Ric Wilson. We will miss them.

Respectfully submitted,



Celia Hunter



# COLLECTION ADDITIONS

Despite the slow down of in person activities over the last two years the MCHS collection of documents has continued to grow, thanks to the generosity of folks who took the time to contact us. Here are some of the highlights:

- The late Mary Ridge, during her lifetime, was a staunch supporter of the Historical Society and following her death the family gifted Mary's personal files of historical information to the archives. Mary was instrumental in identifying individuals in school photos and provided many tidbits of information about life in Millbrook by way of her handwritten notes. These additions have been added to the Mary Ridge fonds which were established during Mary's lifetime.
- Norma Earle grew up in Millbrook and was a local track and field champion. Prior to her death Norma donated her track and field trophies as well as school photos to the archives. Importantly, the school photos identify those in the picture!
- Long time Historical Society supporter and former Board of Directors member Mark Wilson has continued to add to the items he has donated to the Historical Society, most recently the 1940s ticket register from the Millbrook Railway station and a 1913 class photo from the Millbrook Continuation School (the Old School building).
- A Frontier Days mug, old issues of the Millbrook reporter, funeral notices and clippings were spotted by a member at the Bert Rowe Estate Auction, purchased for a few dollars and added to the collection.
- We extend thanks to Laurie Elliott for the Roy Studio photograph of the Bell of Barcelona cast, 1935, and the donations made by Janice McGregor from the estate of her father Laverne Gibson.
- The family of Harold Hubbard generously allowed the Historical Society to scan Harold's diaries which begin in 1919 and end with his death in 1969. The Hubbard farm was on the corner of Zion Line and Elgar Drive and the diaries document the day to day lives of a farming family.

*Kim McLeod*



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Millbrook Cavan Historical Society Financial Report for the years ended April 30 Budget for 2022-2023

Kim McLeod

	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	742	1,545	1,172	500
Book Sales	302	20	305	150
Memberships	300	175	65	150
Other Income	227	10	1,590	
	<u>1,571</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>3,132</u>	<u>800</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Insurance	1,642	1,642	1,806	1,900
Collections Maintenance		111		
Office Rent	3,918	3,918	3,630	4,600
Community Outreach	55	50	50	50
Newsletters and Office Supplies	83	29	124	
Membership – OHS		60	60	60
Meeting Costs/Speakers	130			300
	<u>5,828</u>	<u>5,811</u>	<u>5,670</u>	<u>6,910</u>
<b>Excess of Expenses over Income</b>	<u>(\$4,256)</u>	<u>(\$4,061)</u>	<u>(\$2,538)</u>	<u>(\$6,110)</u>
<b>Cash on Hand</b>				
Opening Balance – May 1, 2019	22,392			
Excess of Expenses over Income April 2020	(4,256)			
Excess of Expenses over Income April 2021	(4,061)			
Excess of Expenses over Income April 2022	<u>(2,538)</u>			
Closing Balance – April 30, 2022	<u>11,537</u>			

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board of the Millbrook & Cavan Historical Society would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following for their ongoing support and efforts:

- Glenn Fallis & Jerry Van Zeyl
- Royal Canadian Legion Br. 402
- Cavan Monaghan Libraries
- Peter Ramsay
- Bruce Gazley
- Nexicom
- Millbrook Downtown BIA and its members
- Mary Preston

A very heartfelt and sincere thanks go to Bruce Lepper who has served on our Board and with the municipal Heritage Committee with passion, commitment, and good humour. Your thoughtful engagement has been deeply appreciated.

Thank you to all those who have donated to the archived collection of the Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society this past year, and to everyone who has volunteered time and talents, contributing to our mandate and objectives.

We acknowledge the work of our neighbouring Historical Societies, particularly in Manvers and Otonabee-South Monaghan. We congratulate them on their achievements and look forward to strengthening our relationships.



We invite you to find out more about our history. Resources are available at our regular gatherings, on our Facebook page, or by emailing us at [millbrookcavanhs@gmail.com](mailto:millbrookcavanhs@gmail.com).



**AND we invite you to support us by joining the Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society: our Membership Form is attached.**

# JOIN THE MILLBROOK AND CAVAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, TODAY!

## MILLBROOK & CAVAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Annual Membership 2022 - 2023

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: August 31, 2023

Family Membership \$25.00

Single Membership \$15.00

Student Membership \$5

Supporting Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Charitable Reg. # 89276 0802 RR0001

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

P.O Box /R.R. \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town/Village \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (please print legibly!) \_\_\_\_\_

I/we consent to receiving e-mail newsletters and notices of coming events from MCHS

Please make cheques payable to: **Millbrook & Cavan Historical Society**

**Mail to:** Millbrook & Cavan Historical Society  
Box 334  
Millbrook, ON, Canada L0A 1G0

**We invite you to let us know which of our committees or activities suit your interests.**

Collection Committee: archiving and cataloguing records, objects and memorabilia significant to the history of Cavan Monaghan Township

Program Committee: programming, events, guest speakers

Oral Histories Project; recording the memories of those with stories to tell

Needler's Mill Committee

Communications & Publicity: newsletters, web site and Facebook updates

Financial Development: fund-raising events and initiatives

Membership Development

Hospitality Committee: refreshments and welcoming at events

**For office use:**

**Originator:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Membership Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_



*Hope you are not a week*

FIRE HALL MILLBROOK