



# CABBAGETOWN PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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## CABBAGETOWN CULTURE VULTURES PAY ATTENTION!

**CAN YOU NOT SEE THE CABBAGE FOR THE LEAVES?  
LOOK AT THE WHOLE HEAD.  
ARE YOU A COUCH CABBAGE?  
CULTIVATE THE CABBAGETOWN CULTURAL FESTIVAL.  
CULTIVATE YOUR CABBAGETOWN COMMUNITY SPIRIT.  
CABBAGETOWN NEEDS YOU!!!**

### City of Toronto's New Policy Will Affect Us.

"Housing on Main Street" is a new City of Toronto proposal whereby affordable housing will be built above or even replace commercial buildings.

One proposed area of development affects Parliament Street, from Wellesley to Gerrard, as well as the area just East and West of Parliament along Wellesley and Gerrard.

How will this affect our streetscapes, parking, traffic, etc?

The CPA will meet with the City, over the summer.

We want to hear from you! Please call Debbie Deak 944-0047.

### Fundraising For Fall Starts Now.

Now is the time to form a fundraising committee. Pat Corlett needs your talents and inspiration for the Cabbagetown Cultural festival. Please help raise money for the CPA. (Call 963-5102)

### Walking Tours Becomes a Tradition

During last year's Cultural Festival, a group of volunteers from the CPA offered Walking Tours of Cabbagetown. The eight member Walking Tour Committee decided on the route, researched not only the interesting buildings on each street, but also the former 'historic' residents, and finally, prepared a unique script for the tour. Each Committee member took out two tours, one on Saturday of the Saturday of the Festival and the other on the Sunday. Group sizes ranged from 2 to 30, and a total of 200 people participated in the 2 day event. The community response to the tours was so enthusiastic that we are preparing a new tour for this year's Festival, and are keen to recruit new Committee members/tour guides. If you would like to take part in this year's tour, please call Peggy Kurtin - 967-6432, or Debbie Deak - 944-0047.

### New Board Elected at May's General Meeting:

#### President

Pat Poulin-Brubaker - 27 Salisbury - 923-6934

#### Vice-President

Peggy Kurtin - 93 Winchester - 967-6432

#### Secretary-Treasurer

Jan Goulding - 41 Salisbury - 323-9240

#### Board

Ian Thom - 158 Spruce - 920-9921

Pat Corlett - 312B Wellesley - 963-5102

Debbie Deak - 29 Salisbury - 944-0047

Ruth Wagner - 84 Winchester - 927-0167

Francis Rooney - 37-33 - Sumach - 927-7503

Ross Fraser - 25 Sword - 920-5202

Welcome to our 2 new members: Francis Rooney and Ross Fraser.



## Preserve Ourselves

Preserving our neighbourhood by opposing developments that ignore the period architecture and atmosphere of our streets is a time consuming business.

Crisis management cannot go on forever. Last minute reactions by the CPA to persuade developers to adopt reasonable limits on their projects is not the best use of our resources. Eventually, all of our spare time will be used up and the CPA could begin to falter.

## Approach Government

There comes a time when even the most enthusiastic of volunteer organizations is in need of some formal arrangement.

We have written a letter to both municipal and provincial representatives requesting them to grant Cabbagetown Designated District Status under the Ontario Heritage Act, so that the government may establish reasonable limits on development and thus preserve the original street facades.

## Study Needs To Be Done

Such a designation will not be easy to get. Once the CPA, with the cooperation of its membership and area residents decides it is the best thing to do, a detailed Heritage District Study would be undertaken. Once passed, Cabbagetown would have guidelines backed by legislation to ensure heritage protection. There would be no more need for us to be constantly on the lookout for unsympathetic developers.

We depend mainly on the City of Toronto's, Toronto Historical Board to develop legislation. As well, the Ontario Heritage Foundation of the Ministry of Culture and Communications must help further by making the Preservation Act more comprehensive and effective. The Province is currently reviewing this act.

## Residents Wary?

Many residents of Cabbagetown may be wary of such 'special status', fearing that it may be difficult to live with. This is not our intention. We want legislation that will help preserve the "historical and architectural integrity" of our neighbourhood. We do not seek specific rules about, for instance, the colour of a front door or type of window, or even 'Victorian' inspired carports! We want to maintain the roof lines of facades, the relative sizes and overall atmosphere.

Where there is a specific development to be constructed or preserved, it should be preserved in a way that is sensitive to its historic context.

## Copy of Letter

It is an excellent time to press for action, and we are doing so. If you wish to get a copy of the letter that was sent on this issue, or would like to play a part in our long term Cabbagetown Protection Strategy, please contact CPA ...

Randy Brown

## Local Artists Teams Up With Toronto Fire Fighters For Charity

Deeply affected by the Rupert Hotel fire, renowned Toronto artist Basil Liaska in conjunction with the Toronto Fire Fighters Association and the City of Toronto Fire Dept. have launched a major fundraising campaign.

The Rupert Hotel fire, which was considered to be one of the worst disasters in Toronto's history, compelled Liaskas to donate his most recent painting, of the exact location, "Queen St. at Parliament", (released Nov. '89), to his beloved city.

"I realize that this painting no longer belongs to me," said Liaskas.

This limited edition print, which is the only one of its kind in existence, vividly illustrates this highly publicized location, before its total destruction by the December 23 fire. Subsequently, this limited edition has now become a collectors' item.

This goodwill ambassador is known for his strong commitment to preserving Toronto's landmarks and his uncanny instinct to paint local haunts, usually gone unnoticed by the fast-paced inhabitants of this city, until the hand of man or fate strikes.

"Queen St. at Parliament" is now available in a limited quantity, through the Fire Fighters' Association Office, 39 Commissioners St., Toronto, M5A 1A6. Each painting is selling for \$185.00 and will be personally delivered by the Toronto Fire Fighters within the Metro area. Orders outside of Metro will be subject to a minimal shipping charge. All cheques or money orders should be made payable to the "Toronto Fire Fighters' Help Fund". Proceeds from the sale of the prints will go to the Hospital for Sick Children's Burn Unit, the Welleseley Burn Centre and The Good Neighbours Club.

The Public is encouraged to support this worthy cause. For more information contact the Toronto Fire Fighters' Association Office at 466-1168, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 2 pm.

*For Further information please contact:*

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Douglas Trussler- CITY OF TORONTO FIRE DEPT.

Your support is needed. Join the Cabbagetown Preservation Association. Membership is \$10. Mail (or drop off) your fee, as well as your name, address and phone number to 93 Winchester Street, Toronto, M4X 1B1.

Articles for this newsletter are welcomed. Please call Debbie Deak 944-0047, or Ruth Wagner 927-0167.

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