

HISTORIC NEIGHBOURHOODS STRATEGY

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People led planning for Barrie's older neighbourhoods

Welcome



We're doing something brand new in Barrie— residents are going to call the shots for their own neighbourhoods. In seven older neighbourhoods of

the city, a citizen committee is leading a new initiative to come up with an action plan for all city services in their area — from parks and roads to safety and heritage protection.

Participation by you and your neighbours is critical if this is going to work! Newsletters to get your opinions, access your expertise and keep you informed will be issued throughout the project as the process unfolds.

Please regularly visit the HNS website—www.hns.barrie.ca— or join the discussion on Facebook. The results of the “name your neighbourhood” contest and a profile of each of the neighbourhoods will be posted in early October.

We're putting you and your neighbours in the driver's seat. This is your chance to shape your community, so please come out to an event, use the website, and be part of a new future for our historic neighbourhoods!

Jeff Lehman, Committee Chair

Join your neighbours

BBQ launches HNS

On September 19, the City of Barrie will launch its Historic Neighbourhoods Strategy with a community barbecue at Centennial Park.

Using an innovative approach, the Historic Neighbourhoods Strategy will be community-driven. Residents in the heart of the city will help to shape the future of their communities.

The names and boundaries are still being confirmed, but the strategy will focus on neighbourhoods around the following areas:

- Berczy Park
- Downtown
- Queen's Park
- Milligans Pond
- Brock Park
- Blair Park
- Shear Park

Roll up your sleeves. Get involved. Influence and shape the future of your neighbourhoods — how they work, what services are provided and how they are delivered. Look for the online survey and sign up for future newsletters.

Bring your family! RSVP at www.hns.barrie.ca or on Facebook. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 19 at Centennial Park.

Name Your Neighbourhood Contest

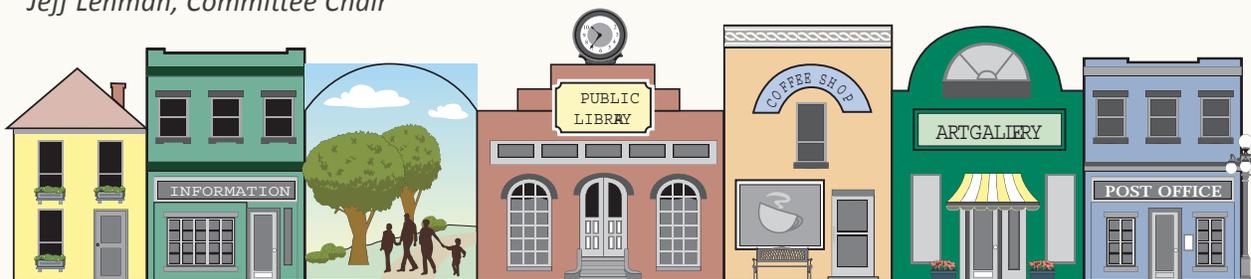
Let us know what your neighbourhood should be called.

On September 23, 2009, the top-four names for each neighbourhood will be chosen. A final vote will determine the winning name.

Go to www.hns.barrie.ca for more details.

The Historic Neighbourhoods Strategy will be a product of the community, not city staff or consultants.

Jeff Lehman



Community committee leads HNS

The Community Committee is made up of residents from each historic neighbourhood.

In support of the project, the City has dedicated a full-time staff member, planner Stacey Forfar, to write the strategy. The Historic Neighbourhood Strategy will go to Council for adoption in June 2010.

If you would like to contact a member of the Community Committee, please send them an email at hnscommunitycommittee@barrie.ca.



Your community committee members...

Committee Chair: Ward 2 Councillor Jeff Lehman

Neighbourhood around Berczy Park

- Jan Harris
- Sue Ley

Neighbourhood around Queen's Park

- Laurie Watt
- Clare Mitchell

Neighbourhood around Milligan's Pond

- Christine Manewell
- Jim Perrin

Neighbourhood around Brock Park

- Bill Sandford
- Marilyn Murray

Neighbourhood around Blair Park

- David Auger
- Jennifer Horlings

Neighbourhood around the Downtown

- Ross Rodgers
- Earl Paquette
- Judith Powell
- Jennifer Klementti

Neighbourhood around Shear Park

- Cam Galbraith
- Cathy Colebatch
- Colin Allen

Drop in to Super Sunday Sept 27th

HNS Roadshow comes to your neighbourhood

HNS Community Committee members are hosting informal neighbourhood drop-ins for the six historic communities on Sunday, September 27th between 2 and 4 p.m. at Victoria Village and St. George's Anglican Church. Go to the strategy website at www.hns.barrie.ca to find out the location of your local get-together.

The Super Sunday HNS Roadshow will feature:

- Conversation with your committee representative and neighbours to learn more and chat about what you like and what you want to see changed in your neighbourhood
- Vote for your preferred neighbourhood name from a short list of options
- Sign up for future newsletters
- Access the online survey

You and your neighbours are in the driver's seat. Don't miss the chance to shape the future of your neighbourhood—keep what works and change what doesn't.

HNS Fun Facts

- 1908** The Examiner reports that Barrie is to have all-day electric power and light service from November 1st.
- 1910** Cows and pigs run at large and destroy boulevards, lawns and gardens.
- 1911** Board of Works recommends that Tiffin Street be repaired at a cost not to exceed \$50.
- 1920** The Fire Department's first motorized truck, a 1920 Chevrolet-Bickle pumping engine, chemical and hose car, arrives.
- 1921** Over 800 barrels of dills are cured at the Allandale Pickle Works in the rear of Gracey's coal and wood yards.
- 1929** The first trans-Atlantic telephone call rings through to Barrie from London; conversation was "clear and distinct."
- 1936** The Advance reports that those needing the Police are to telephone 2121, which rings four gongs throughout Town.
- 1949** The Examiner reports that there are now 4,225 telephones in Barrie, up from 2,600 four years earlier.

HNS fun facts are taken with permission from *Beautiful Barrie: The City and its People* by Su Murdoch, B.E.S Rudachyk and K.H. Schick, 2005.

Save these dates

Throughout the project, there will be a variety of opportunities for you to get involved. Save the following dates right now to make sure your ideas are heard. Go to www.hns.barrie.ca for details.

Neighbourhood Barbecue	Sat. September 19
Name Your Neighbourhood contest closes	Wed. September 23
Shortlist of Neighbourhood Names announced	Thurs. September 24
Super Sunday HNS Roadshow	Sun. September 27
Voting on Shortlist closes	Wed. September 30
Name your Neighbourhood winners announced	Fri. October 2
Profiles on website	Early October
Art & Photo Gallery Opening	November
Open House	April 2010
Presentation to Council	June 2010

Look for the HNS kiosk at community events!

Questions or Comments?



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Join the discussion on Facebook. Upload photos and videos. RSVP to events. We'd love to hear from you!

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