

Communication Report for 2020 ACO-Port Hope Annual Meeting

We have been working on having more of a presence on Facebook with some success with our “Follower” numbers up as well as our “Likes”.

We found that Facebook was an extremely powerful tool to get the word out when we had a crisis of demolition Roses Cottage. Because we were able to reach so many with Facebook, the municipality was inundated with phone calls & emails & I am happy to report there was a stay of execution & Roses Cottage was saved from the “wrecking ball” and now relocated to a property in town.

Events Report for 2020 ACO-Port Hope Annual Meeting

In 2020 the events committee, which comprises of myself, as well as Peggy Bennett & Blaise Gaetz, organized two big events for the Port Hope branch.

The first being the annual Barbeque, which was held at the home of Phil Carter & Sheilagh Fletcher. During the entire day we experienced torrential rains which eventually subsided & the event went ahead as planned! A wonderful time was had by all, our thanks to Phil & Shelagh as well as all the volunteers for all the help.

The second event at the end of November was the annual Christmas Party held at Villa Idalia. Built in 1869 in the “Italianate” style by Charles Seymour for his wife Emma, the sister of Colonel Arthur T.H. Williams. Many restorations were recently completed including the plaster work on the main floor, Idalia will soon open as a high-end Bed & Breakfast, which means this was a rare opportunity for ACO Port Hope. The committee would like to thank the homeowner Olena Hankvisky as well as Susanne Munro for allowing us to use Villa Idalia. Again, this event would not have been possible without the help of the many volunteers who helped us out.