

Beach Canal Lighthouse Group

Report to the Hamilton Future Fund

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There have been considerable delays occasioned by the need to negotiate with Public Works and Procurement Canada to ensure that proper permission to access the site was in place along with plans to ensure the safe access to the Lighthouse Keeper's Dwelling. These delays were worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, with permissions and plans finally in place, inspections of the cottage were finally carried out by Chris Borgal of Goldsmith Borgal and Company (GBCA) on 26 May and 16 June.

We have received a report: "Building Assessment—Light Keeper's Cottage" from GBCA conveying the results of their inspection and recommendations for work needed on the cottage. The most immediate actions needed concern the building masonry. Although the cottage was very well constructed, the mortar has aged and needs repair by specialized masons. Most immediately, the property should be fenced to ensure that there is no danger to the public from possible falling bricks. We plan to carry out these needed tasks as soon as possible.

At the same time discussions have continued between our partner, the Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA) and Public Works and Procurement Canada (PWPC) for access to the lighthouse itself. The outcome of these discussions has been that PWPC is unwilling to consider granting any access to the lighthouse in its current location. This has led to a discussion of the possibility of moving the lighthouse onto nearby land at Fisherman's Pier already owned by HOPA. We are anticipating receipt of a preliminary engineering report on the expected cost of such a move and further negotiations with PWPC to fund such a move.

To date our only expenditure concerning this project has been for the GBCA report in the amount of \$9,922.80. A copy of the invoices (one for the actual work and the second for printing expenses) is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



George Thomson
Chair



Stewart Patch
Treasurer

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