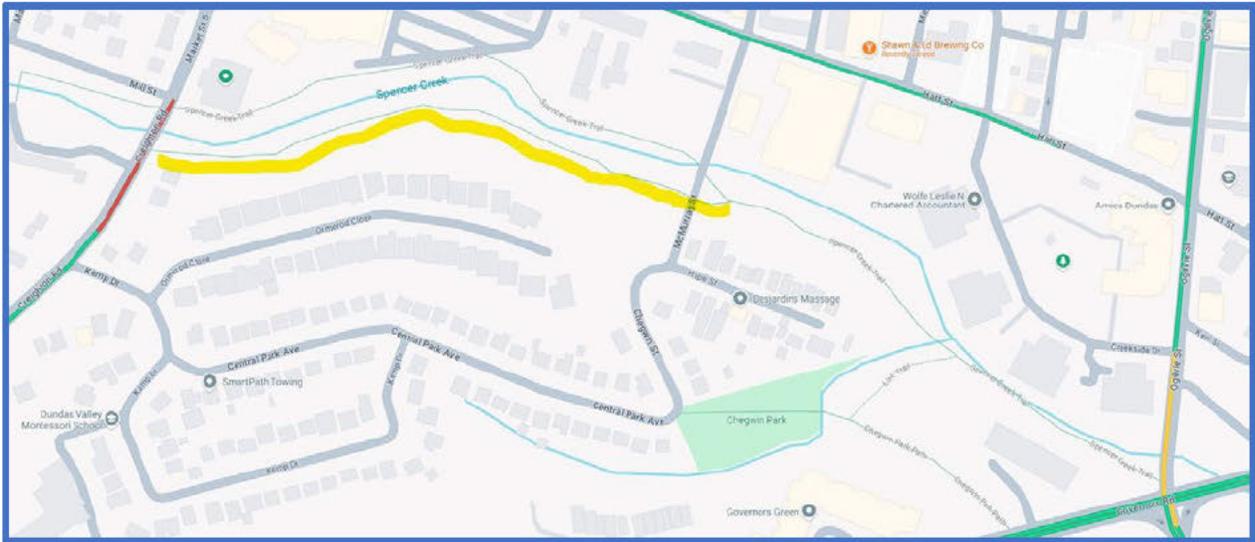


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Proposed Location for the dedication of the Kenneth Hall Memorial Trail



We request to name a trail along the Spencer Creek in honour of Kenneth Hall.

One option is the un-named trail between Oglivie Street and Creighton Road, Dundas, south of the Spencer Creek, as shown in yellow. Or preferably, a longer section of the trail, if possible.

Section C. INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED NAME

Kenneth Hall - Selected List of Awards

- 1987 Distinguished Service Award, McMaster University Alumni Assoc.
- 1996 Environmentalist of the Year, Hamilton environmental groups
- 2006 Ontario Senior Achievement Award, Ontario government
- 2007 Dundas Community Awards- RBC Citizen of the Year
- 2011 Lifetime Achievement, Bay Area Restoration Council
- 2014 Citizen Award, Conservation Halton
- 2016 Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship, Lieutenant Governor
- 2018 Degree Doctor of Laws (LLD), McMaster University
- 2019 The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers, Governor General of Canada
- 2019 Order of Hamilton, City of Hamilton
- 2024 Senior of the Year Award - Innovation, City of Hamilton

Description of the Awards

- 1987 [Distinguished Service Award](#), McMaster University Alumni Assoc.

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes McMaster University graduates who have attained a high level of distinction and achievement through scholarship, research, teaching, creative contributions to the arts or sciences and/or service to society. This Award is intended to honour alumni whose accomplishments and contributions are of national and/or international significance, and/or have had a seminal or transformative impact on their field of endeavour.

- 1996 [Environmentalist of the Year](#), Hamilton environmental groups

The Dr. Victor Cecilioni Award winner for the Environmentalist of the Year in 1996 is Ken Hall, a name justly synonymous with the successes of the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan.

Ken has played the central role in the development of the Bay Area Restoration Council since its inception in 1991, serving as its Executive Director before terms as Vice President and President. He sits on several BARC committees and represents it on several more. He also served as Ontario president of the remedial action public advisory committees and has played an important role in the development of the RAP in Severn Sound.

He has been the co-ordinator of the Nature Walkathon, chair of the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve Interpretive Centre committee, and recently represented Hamilton-Wentworth's sustainability initiatives in Mexico and Gaza, likely making him the busiest retiree in Hamilton-Wentworth.

Ken is a tireless seeker of 'win-win' solutions. He generates ideas, designs projects, finds funding, takes the lead in implementing them, and usually does much of the 'grunt' work that guarantees their success. Just one example is the Classroom Botanical Nursery Program that has recruited 22,000 students in over 800 classes to grow plants for wetland restoration.



Ken is an inspiration to everyone who works with him. He is known for practical and realistic measures to protect the environment and ensure their sustainability, and he searches for no other reward than a better future.

- 2006 Ontario Senior Achievement Award, Ontario government
- 2007 [Dundas Community Awards- RBC Citizen of the Year](#)
- 2011 Lifetime Achievement, [Bay Area Restoration Council](#)
- 2014 Citizen Award, Conservation Halton
- 2016 [Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship, Lieutenant Governor](#)

Kenneth Hall of Dundas is a long-serving environmental advocate and volunteer who helped found the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan. Forever an educator, Ken continues to teach others about the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve and the importance of its preservation.

- 2018 [Degree Doctor of Laws \(LL.D\), McMaster University](#)

Founder, visionary, leader, unsung hero, a talent for inspiring others to volunteer, and a staunch protector of the environment are just a handful of the many ways people refer to [Ken} Hall.

- 2019 [The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers, Governor General](#)

The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers (SMV) is a national award that recognizes the volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields. It is the highest honour for volunteer service that an individual can receive within the Canadian Honours System

Passion, dedication and a commitment to community are the driving forces behind the volunteers who receive the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. The medal recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields and pays tribute to the dedication and commitment of volunteers. They embody the caring country we aspire to build.

2019 [Order of Hamilton, City of Hamilton](#)

Kenneth began teaching elementary school in 1955 transitioning to secondary school to become a geography department head, a vice principal and a principal. He retired in 1989 to work as a full-time volunteer. As a key stakeholder of the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan, the Fish and Wildlife Habitat Council and the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre, Ken has placed great emphasis on education. Ken was involved in the development of the Cootes Paradise Fishway, the Great Lakes first two-way fishway to prevent invasive species from entering Cootes. In the early 1990s, Kenneth was a primary leader in the formation of the Hamilton Bay Area Restoration Council and played a key role for 30 years with the Hamilton naturalist Club as their representative on the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan.

2024 [Senior of the Year Award - Innovation](#), City of Hamilton

At 94 years old Ken continues to display his leadership skills by creating new initiatives/programs that benefit others. As a resident of Amica Dundas, Ken founded and continues to organize the Amica Performer's Group. For the past three years, this group has provided entertainment to the 80+ residents of Amica Dundas four times a year including recent performances of "Fiddler on the Roof" and "My Fair Lady", both directed by Ken.

In addition to the quality of life Ken brings to the residents of Amica Dundas, he is also a member of the McMaster University Alumni Association where he has established various programs to honour alumni and has help to increase partnerships and donations. For his dedication and contributions to the alumni, Ken was recognized and received a "Dr. of Laws" from McMaster University. A Ken Hall bursary was also established for graduating students.

Ken was also involved in the Remedial Action Plan for Hamilton's Harbour by helping to coordinate a team of experts, the Bay Area Restoration Council. Ken has received various recognition awards for his dedication to the restoration of Hamilton's Harbour, including the Good Citizenship Award from the federal government. As a member and past president of the Rotary Club in Dundas, Ken contributed to various projects in Dundas including building Creekside Park.

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Kenneth Hall Letters of Support

List of Support Letters written to the Mayor's Office
from the 2020 Order of Hamilton award nomination

1. Marilyn Baxter
Retired, Environment Manager, Hamilton Port Authority
Former Executive Director, Bay Area Restoration Council
2. Karen McQuigge
Director, Alumni Engagement
McMaster University
3. Wayne Elgie
Family Friend
4. Aaron E. Almos
Retired HWDSB Teacher



November 15, 2019

Office of the Mayor
71 Main Street West
Hamilton Ontario L8P 4Y5

Dear Selection Committee,

Re: Nomination of Ken Hall for the Order of Hamilton

It is my pleasure to support Ken Hall's nomination for this inaugural award. He has achieved more in his retirement for the betterment of Hamilton than most could ever dream of in a lifetime!

We met during the early days of the formation of the Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC). He played a central role in its development in 1991, serving as Executive Director, then as President. The success of BARC in guiding public opinion towards understanding the huge benefits of cleaning up Hamilton Harbour, and obtaining the financial support of decision-makers (local, provincial and national) to make it happen, leave an enviable legacy. And now our waterfront is undergoing development!

Ken is a tireless seeker of win-win-win solutions. He generates ideas, seeks support, finds funding and partners, then works endlessly to ensure the successful implementation of the program. A small example - throughout the first few years of the Classroom Mini Marsh Program, over 22,000 students in 800 classrooms learned about the Cootes Paradise wetland restoration efforts, and grew plants the Royal Botanical Gardens. The program continues today, 25 years later; Ken is most proud of that fact!

Because of his under-stated leadership style and also his enthusiasm, he has represented Hamilton's sustainability efforts abroad, in Mexico and Gaza, for example.

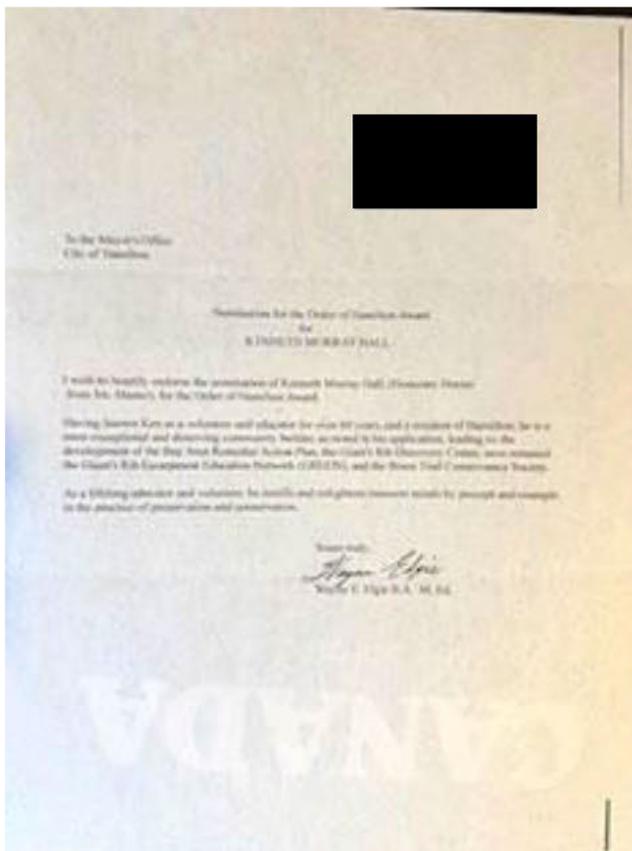
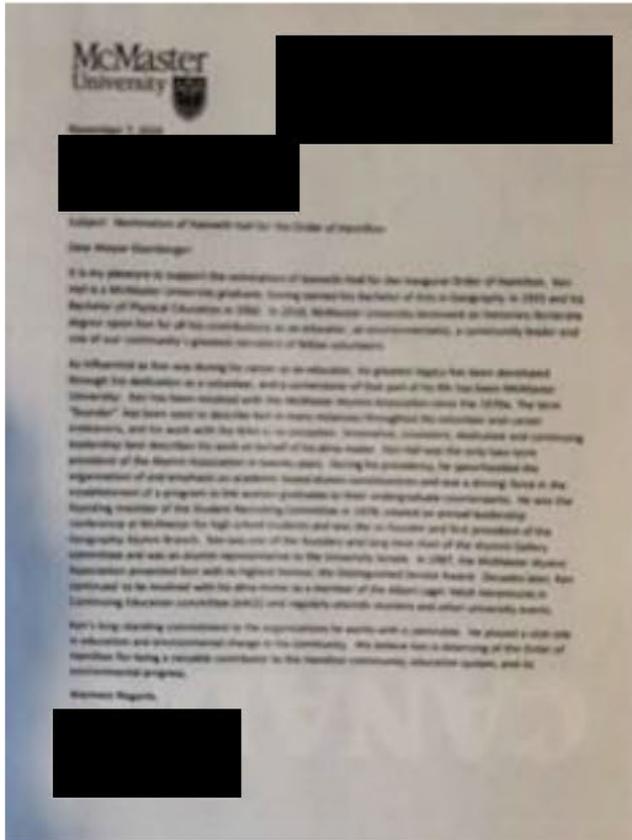
Ken Hall is an exceptional person. His devotion to the betterment of our community is unbounded; he would be a fine recipient of the Order of Hamilton.

Yours truly,

Marilyn Baxter

Marilyn Baxter
Retired, Environment Manager, Hamilton Port Authority
Former Executive Director, Bay Area Restoration Council

(apologies for the poor reproductions)



November 18, 2019

Office of the Mayor
71 Main St. W.
Hamilton, ON L8P-4Y5

Dear Mayor Fred Eisenberger:

My name is Aaron Adams, and I am delighted to write this letter of reference for Mr. Ken Hall's nomination for the new "Order of Hamilton". I have known Ken since 1962 as my cross country and track & field coach, at Barton's Secondary School, which later became Southmount Secondary School in Hamilton. I was a runner and a high jumper, and Ken amazed me and so many other students by his knowledge, his attention to every individual's performance, readiness for every practice and performance. He involved us in many competitions, not only in Hamilton, but also in other cities, such as, London, Woodbridge, and Toronto, as well as Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, Michigan, USA. During the summers, many of us teammates joined Spartan Track Club, also managed and coached by Ken, as he trained us primarily for Canada Games.

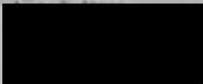
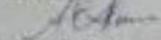
Ken was my Geography Teacher in grade 11, and that was when I realized how involved he was in travel to other countries, as well as throughout Canada, as he often used his own slides to demonstrate erosion, effects of weather, climatic zones, etc.. I learned that he had produced a book on Urban Planning in the Niagara Region, which was really fascinating and enlightening regarding the likelihood of succession of change of function of various parts of cities as they aged. Ken took our classes out to farmers' fields in Westover, to point out why and how they are plowed to reduce erosion, why chert is used to increase balance of the soil, when it lacks calcium. He involved us in stream studies in the Spencer Creek and Beverly Stream, to identify silt and loam, and evidence of stream erosion as the seasons change the volume of water flowing. All the while, students volunteered to carry items and worked well together. I believe Ken's energy and personal involvement in projects set examples for the rest of us students to want to work as a community.

It was because of people like Ken Hall, who encouraged, supported, personalized and validated my efforts, that made me want to "show up", and be involved. I knew, from grade 7 on, that I wanted to be a school teacher and Ken encourage me in my goals. During all those years of schooling, Ken wrote a number of Letters of Reference for full-time and part-time jobs. And, later, after University, and Teachers' College, Ken wrote a fantastic four page Letter of Reference to the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs (as they were once known), which resulted in a teaching position at the Grassy Narrows Reserve, in northern Ontario. Three years later, Ken wrote another Letter of Reference for me, as I became a teacher with the Westworth County. Many of my

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track colleagues also received such support when pursuing their careers. Volunteering has been a big part of my life, during my career as a teacher, and as a parent in the community. Ken has had a major effect on my career and on my life. Ken Hall is a Giant in the field as a volunteer. He is a man with great integrity, vision, energy - a master educator, and a believer in "We Can Do Better Together". I believe Ken Hall is very deserving of this new award, Order of Hamilton as he has spent his whole life caring about and helping his community, environment and city.

Sincerely,



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Kenneth Hall Print Media

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THE SPECT

Lack of clean-up cash rapped

By BETH MARLIN
The Spectator

THE COUNCIL set up to supervise the clean-up of Hamilton harbor is worried it will end up getting stifted on the multi-million dollar bill.

Frustrated by the lack of commitment from various levels of government for the bay's clean-up cost, the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan (RAP) team's implementation council has written about its concerns to the federal-provincial government review board overseeing the 17 Canadian Great Lakes' remediation plans.

"The question of 'Who will pay?' can no longer be avoided," states the Sept. 19 letter signed by Ken Hall, executive director of the RAP-appointed Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC).

"Because the responsibility for funding

is not clearly defined, stakeholders who are directly involved in the implementation process are concerned that in supporting the recommendations, they may in turn be faced with the full responsibility of funding the projects," continues the letter.

BARC, a non-profit corporation which will supervise the bay cleanup, includes a member of the Niagara Escarpment Commission, a Stelco executive, a senior scientist with Environment Canada, an environmentalist and a McMaster University political science professor.

The cost of cleaning up Hamilton harbor is expected to run from \$556 million to \$900 million depending on how thorough it is.

"Is it possible, before the campaign for implementation proceeds, for the Canada-Ontario Agreement Review Board to indicate the areas of implementation where

financial assistance through multi-lateral partnership agreements among the provincial and federal governments and the local municipalities could be anticipated?" says the letter, which was read aloud at this week's RAP meeting. "We feel that such statements are necessary to clear a very cloudy area."

Response

Mr. Hall told RAP members that he had heard the letter had reached the desk of Dr. Harvey Shear, director of the Great Lakes Office of Environment Canada, and said he expects a response soon.

"I hope that stirs somebody up," said BARC president Anne Redish, who is a member of the RAP team.

Mr. Shear could not be reached for comment yesterday.

David Egar, co-chair of the Canada-Ontario Agreement Review Board, to whom the letter was originally sent, said only that the government will assume "polluter should pay" principle.

"Where the federal government contributed to a problem, the federal government will certainly help clean it up," said Mr. Egar, adding that negotiations are continuing between various levels of government and private industry over the clean-up costs.

"The COA board is grappling with this whole issue — how to move from planning to implementation and how to get the people responsible for paying to sign on to pay," said Mr. Egar.

However, RAP team members have expressed doubt of the legal ability to force unwilling industrial polluters or municipalities to contribute toward the clean-up costs.

The Hamilton Spectator · Fri, Feb 19, 1993 · Page 19 · (Hamilton, Ontario, Canada)

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Hamilton Harbor helpers honored for action plan

SIX YEARS ago, Anne Redish joined a group helping to draft the Hamilton Harbor Remedial Action Plan because she wanted to help bring back the bay.

Yesterday, the former Dundas councillor was among three HHRAP representatives awarded Japel pins in the shape of a herring gull and certificates of merit for their efforts in doing just that.

(The growing numbers of herring gulls — smaller and quieter than the ringed bill gull, and very sensitive to pollution — have become a symbol of the harbor's rejuvenation.)

"It's particularly appropriate that this celebration is taking place during Heritage Week," Ms Redish said. "Heritage conservation does not apply only to buildings and artifacts but also to our natural



Dr. Keith Rodgers: commitment



Anne Redish: bring back bay



Ken Hall: executive director

heritage, something that was taken for granted in the past."

Ms Redish, president of the Bay Area Restoration Council, executive director Ken Hall and Dr.

Keith Rodgers, HHRAP co-ordinator, received their awards from Lincoln MP Shirley Martin, Minister of State for Transport, and a representative of the Ontario government in a ceremony at the

Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington.

The remaining 60 members of the Hamilton Harbor Public Advisory Committee — known as stake-

holders — will receive their pins and certificates by mail.

Yesterday's celebration also included presentation of a final plan for restoring the harbor to Ms Martin and a representative of the provincial government. Stage II of RAP, which was released in November, contains 50 recommendations, 75 per cent of which are already being implemented.

The community-based report sets the scene to improve water quality and habitat of Hamilton Harbor and Cootes Paradise, the potential for recreational uses and keeping the harbor as an economic reality.

In his forward to the report, Dr. Rodgers said it's now up to all levels of government to make a commitment to execution of the plan.

Ms Martin promised the federal government would respond within six months.

Ken's reward is longer hours for little pay



Ken Hall

Ken Hall helps keep harbor clean

By MARK McNEIL
The Spectator

Some people clean up their golf clubs when they start their retirement.

But not **Ken Hall**. His goal was much more ambitious. He decided he wanted to clean up Hamilton harbor, or at least do everything he could to help.

So he set out to get involved in virtually every aspect of the Remedial Ac-

"And he is an absolute joy to work with. He doesn't get his ego involved in things."

Professional organizers of the Remedial Action Plan say not only has Mr. **Hall** been notable in his individual efforts, but that he was key in inspiring public involvement by others in the process.

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Towards real citizen empowerment

The Vision 2020 plan to make Hamilton-Wentworth a sustainable community depends on active citizens. Here are some ways they can become involved.

By **KEN HALL**

The impetus for Hamilton-Wentworth's Vision 2020 came in 1990. Former Regional Chairman Reg Whynott created a citizens' task force to explore the concept of sustainable development and identify how it could be applied to the work and operation of regional government.

Sustainable development is defined as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

It requires the integration of economic, environmental and social factors in all decision making. To be successful, representatives from these three fields must respect the opinions of others and be willing to compromise to achieve common goals.

Work started with an outreach pro-

SUSTAINABLE DAY

Fifth Annual Vision 2020 Sustainable Community Day, 9-3 this Saturday
Sherwood High School, 25 High Street (north off Fennel Avenue East, east of Upper Ottawa Street).
9:30 Report from the Vision 2020 progress team.

10 Sustainable Community recognition awards.

10:45 Workshops/seminars.

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1 Workshops/seminars.

2:10 Children's presentations.

2:30 Closing address.

Workshop/seminars include:

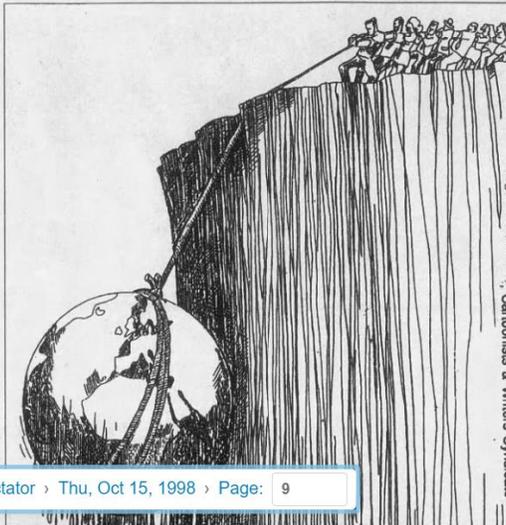
■ Success stories in neighbourhood sustainability in Hamilton-Wentworth.

■ Challenging citizens to live more sustainably.

■ Indicators of success in meeting sustainability goals.

■ The use of health research on air quality in the community.

■ Environmental health strategies.



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Reacting to these guidelines, the region has created many standing advisory committees, composed of representatives from the community who contribute a broad range of perspectives. The regional environmental advisory committee and the regional advisory committee on services for seniors are two examples.

Citizen empowerment

This is certainly a step forward. However, the standing committees have not proven to be the ultimate solution to allow citizens to effectively have an impact upon their community. The criticism voiced about these committees is that they are strictly advisory and their advice is not necessarily acted upon.

Another attempt to empower citizens is through the annual Sustainable Community Days. Since 1994, the days have provided citizens with a forum to discuss the region's progress in becoming a sustainable community. After each forum, summaries of citizen comments are prepared. The summaries are distributed to regional councillors and staff, allowing them to measure the degree of support or concern for

sustainable development issues. Most helpful are the sustainable indicators that measure progress toward sustainability which are presented to attendees on the annual days.

If these first attempts at increasing citizen empowerment have not been overly successful, where is it going to happen? There are strong indications that community empowerment is beginning to blossom at the neighbourhood level. As it develops, so do sustainable community projects.

Neighbourhood associations are springing up all over the region and demanding more control over local issues. Business associations are becoming better organized and are interested in neighbourhood improvements in areas where they are located. Schools are becoming more community-oriented and reacting to the needs of their neighbourhoods. Service clubs are acting at the local level, and industries are working with citizens to reduce negative impacts on the neighbourhoods in which they are located.

The neighbourhood is the ideal level for sustainable community concepts to develop. Citizens at the grassroots understand their neighbourhood's prob-

the progress team.

Since their plan is to present the revised recommendations to regional council in November, Sustainable Development Day this Saturday will be one of the last opportunities for citizens and community groups to voice their opinions on the strategies.

In the strategies, the progress team has emphasized the importance of citizen empowerment. The team recognizes that broad community-wide support of the strategies is necessary and citizen involvement and responsibility is essential if the goals of Vision 2020 are to be realized.

Saturday's Sustainable Day will feature workshops devoted to promoting community empowerment and developing sustainable community concepts within neighbourhoods. Many neighbourhood organizations have been invited to share their experiences.

This Sustainable Community Day should be one of the most important public forums yet held. If you are interested in taking an active role in building a better community, be there.

Ken Hall of Dundas is chair of the Vision 2020 Citizens' Committee.



Harbour forum takes to land

Bay area restoration group hopes to get land owners involved in cleanup

By RICK HUGHES
Environment reporter
The Spectator

A community forum on Hamilton Harbour will keep its feet firmly planted on solid ground.

The weekend event, sponsored by the Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC) and called Homefront Harbourfront, will take in urban planning issues, control of storm water in rural and urban settings, public access to the harbour, and activities in the home.

Tomorrow morning's session is free and will be held at the Canada Centre for Inland Waters (CCIW). It is the eighth annual community forum sponsored by the group on the harbour cleanup.

The focus on land issues opens a new chapter for the group.

"It's almost the starting point of where we should be," said Ken Hall, a BARC member and one of tomorrow's workshop co-ordinators.

"We've been doing a lot of work in the harbour itself, but the ultimate cause for all the problems comes from the land sources."

of problems.

That job is far from done, but it has progressed to the point that planners of the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) can see that that approach alone will not do the job.

"They hit the obvious things but what they found once they did, they still had problems," said Hall.

"The question then is where are they from? Now it's kind of the third stage. We are really saying, 'Let's go further up the watershed and see what's happening there.'"

BARC, whose role is to both monitor the progress of the cleanup and undertake public education, sees the land issues as an area where citizens can get directly involved.

The keynote address will come from lawyers Herman Turkstra and Scott Snider from Turkstra, Mazza, Shinehoft, Mihailovich Associates, who will speak on the planning process and how to influence it.

That is followed by three concurrent workshops. Ken Hall will run a workshop on public access to the harbour. Heather Donison of Green Venture will discuss practices around the home and how they can be important. Leo DeLoyde, currently with the town of Ajax and formerly of Burlington, will lead a discussion on water quality and management of stormwater.

The event begins at 9 a.m. and runs until 12:30

Congratulations outstanding citizens

Meet the nominees for the annual Royal Bank Citizen of the Year Award 2007.
 The Dundas Valley Collision Centre Youth Volunteer of the Year Award profiles are on page 47.
 The recipients of the two awards will be announced at a gala banquet on April 25 at the Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club. For tickets and more information, log onto www.hamiltonchamber.on.ca

KEN HALL

Ken Hall's commitment to a cause carries people along in his wake. If you're a busy person, he'll manage to happily get you to agree to do more. Ken leads by example, quietly carrying out his own volunteer work.

A retired educator, Ken devotes his time to a variety of causes, primarily environmental issues, McMaster University and the Rotary Club of Dundas. As both a teacher and principal in elementary and secondary schools, Ken coached many young athletes in track and field, culminating in an OFSSA championship and the founding of the Spartan Track Club.

After retiring in 1989, Ken was not content to rest on his laurels and re-focused his efforts on the community. He brought together citizens, politicians and planners to form the Bay Area Restoration Council, then went on to become president and volunteer executive director. With the Hamilton Naturalists Club, he took on the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan file and quickly assumed a key role.

He was a member of the Fish and Wildlife Habitatation Restoration Committee that built the fishway to enable only desirable fish to

enter Cootes to spawn, and he initiated a Classroom Aquatic Nursery Program that allowed children to grow plants for Cootes Paradise. Ken was also a leader in planning and building a trail from Bayfront Park to Cootes Paradise.

He served six years as a member of the Hamilton Grant Review Team of the Ontario Trillium Foundation and helped establish the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre to educate the public on the conservation and preservation of the Niagara Peninsula. As well, he has organized walkathons and helped establish the Hamilton Harbour Watershed Stewardship Project.

A graduate of McMaster University, Ken has served his alma mater through the McMaster Alumni Association, the McMaster Senate and the McMaster Alumni Gallery Subcommittee.

Ken joined the Rotary Club of Dundas in 1997, and has been instrumental in the club's service to Dundas and the wider world.

Ken counts among his most treasured and inspirational volunteer moments an experience he had in Nepal at the Rotary International Polio Plus Immunization Day.

"There were four stations set up on a hill and all these women and their children walked for miles and lined up for the vaccine." When he returned home, Ken convinced

his fellow Rotarians to fund the construction of a classroom in one of the local schools.

Ken says his volunteering efforts bring him a lot of personal satisfaction.

"I like to do it, and while I'm doing things for other people and groups, I get a lot of personal satisfaction out of it," said Ken.

"When I see the pleasure people get while on the walking trails, you know you had something to do with that. In teaching, it's the people who come back to me years later to say thanks. It's those little perks that keep me going."

Ken credits his parents for instilling the volunteering spirit.

"It was drilled into me that if you're going to be part of a community, that you give back to that community. I think everyone should do it. It enriches your life."

Ken has received numerous community awards, including the Distinguished Service Award from McMaster for Innovative Leadership, Environmentalist of the Year, the Ontario Senior Achievement Award and a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Ken is married to wife Joan. The couple has two children, Cheryl and Cameron, and four grandkids, Leda, Paul, Chloe and Alexa.

"My family has been very supportive, and that's important to what you do...that your family is behind you," said Ken.



JEFF MAHONEY

The Hamilton Spectator

Incredibly, that old championship Southmount track team still gets together, five decades on. Not just one time every five or six years. No, every year, five or six times.

Why? To revisit their back pages? Look at life through rear-view mirrors?

No, they get together because the race isn't over. Those years aren't dried flowers pressed between sheets for reminiscent eyes. Endurance means "all the way," and the team's still in the qualifying heat. After all, Coach Hall was never preparing them to be great athletes, so much as good human beings... and friends; an ongoing process.

Maybe that's why they were so good on the field; they didn't have to be. They just had to be good off it. On the field they just had to be disciplined, and try their best. And for Ken, for each other, try they did. They tried, to the tune of seven Ontario team championships and 28 individual championships in the mid-1960s.

It's been 50 years since the team



CATHE COWARD, THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR

From left: Bill McQueen, Steve Pleaven, Rick Cooper, Tim Cooper, Ken Hall, Doug Smith, Donnie McQueen and Aaron Almas on the track of the former Southmount Secondary School where they all took part in the track and field team. Missing from photo are Al Smith, Frank Wetselaar and Tony Jenkins.

Says Donnie McQueen, "We don't really talk about the past. We tell stories about what's happening now."

It's true that, when I meet with them, someone mentions "Lost Glory." But it's not wistful nostalgia. "That's what I call my knees," jokes Rick Cooper, retired of Coo-

"They were a tremendous group to coach," says Ken. "They worked so hard and bonded so rapidly. They were good both at track and at school."

"Whether in class or on the team, we always did what Mr. Hall said," says Steve Pleaven. "He had such great respect"

to justify that dignity. Is there a greater gift a coach can give?

There were adventures, misadventures and mischief. They figured out how to sneak into the school at night and play basketball. They travelled to competitions all over Ontario and American meets in places like Ohio

for his famous winter "streak" (he wore only a tuque) around McMaster campus in 1976. Always the runner, clothed or not.

They started meeting more regularly after attending Ken's 50th wedding anniversary in 2004. His effect on them never waned. "He changed the direction of my life," says Aaron, for whom Ken once wrote a four-page reference letter. Aaron got the job.

The team members have distinguished themselves in their careers, some, like Donnie (Nutri-Lawn), started their own businesses; Doug got a PhD in geography, worked for CN; Steve got on with Xerox, Bill with Sears. Aaron became a teacher. Jean Bethune, too. She wasn't a team member but an avid supporter and friend; she comes to the get-togethers.

Ken also excelled, even beyond education. He was Hamilton's Environmentalist of the Year in 2000, partly for his great work on harbour remediation.

One evening last week we met at the old Southmount track (now St. Jean de Brébeuf Catholic Secondary School) for photos, and Ken, a robust octogenarian, is walking back to his car but wobbles a bit. The team's right in there. One man at each side, helping their still-and-always coach along, walking the track, a youthful one going on in silhouette, the low June

Giant's Rib Discovery Centre brochure 2014



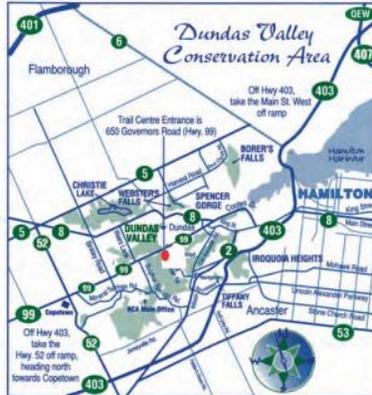
Through public education programs, the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre pursues more and more ways of increasing support, awareness, knowledge and devotion to the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve.

Our Programs Include:

- The Bruce Duncan Memorial Lecture Series; noted speakers discuss topics relevant to the Niagara Escarpment
- Monthly Arts and Photography Series; Escarpment related works from local artists are featured at the Centre on weekends
- Grade 4 Curriculum-based Rocks and Minerals Unit offered free of charge to Ontario teachers
- Guided hikes relating to specific lecture topics
- NEW in 2013 - Weekly guided interpretive hikes led from the Centre through the Dundas Valley trails
- Fossil crafts for kids in the Centre
- Fossils on display
- Static and Interactive displays
- Niagara Escarpment library
- Distribution of free information
- Outreach in the community
- Website and monthly newsletter



How to get to Dundas Valley



On weekends visit the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre in the Dundas Valley Conservation Area's Trail Centre. 650 Governor's Road, Dundas, Ontario.

Open Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parking fee applies. Parking fees go towards trails and conservation efforts in the Dundas Valley.

www.giantsrib.ca
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Our mailing address is
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 Waterdown, Ontario. L0R 2H0

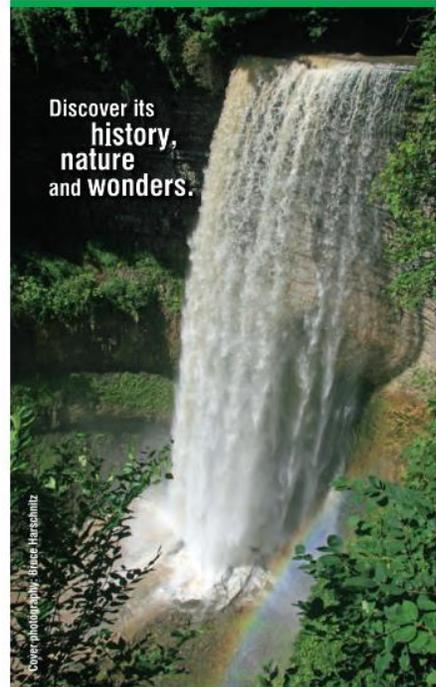
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Classroom Mini Marsh

Classroom Mini Marsh gives students an up-close look at how marsh ecosystems thrive in Hamilton!

Each year, hundreds of teachers register their class to receive one of BARC's Mini Marsh Kits with native plants, soil and a snail (yes, a snail!).

After a few months, the kits are returned to BARC to be planted into Cootes Paradise Marsh as part of the restoration efforts.

Not only does this program provide students with hands-on experience taking care of an ecosystem, but the program has a direct link to the restoration of Hamilton Harbour.

Teachers are also provided with curriculum-linked resources to engage their students in discussions about the harbour, marshes as well as environmental issues.



Marsh Volunteer Plantings

Activity Level: Moderate to High

Join BARC and Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) in replanting Cootes Paradise Marsh!

At our summer Marsh Volunteer Planting events, community volunteers strap on boots or chest waders and head into Cootes Paradise Marsh to plant native marsh plants. The plants provide food and habitat for wildlife and improve water quality by stabilizing soil and reducing erosion.



Planting sites are located in a wetland environment and the terrain can be rugged and difficult to navigate. Please consider your own physical fitness level and medical history to decide if this activity is right for you. Be aware that planting can get very muddy – it is messy but rewarding work!

BARC provides rubber boots, hip waders, or chest waders depending on site requirements. Due to limited supplies, we can not guarantee your exact size. We also provide light refreshments.

Due to the nature and location of the planting sites, these events are not suitable for children. You must be at least 16 years old to participate. An adult guardian must sign a waiver for anyone under 18.

Municipal Property and Building Naming Application

Kenneth Hall Biography

Ken is a giving, caring, inspiring and visionary citizen of Hamilton and Dundas
- a tireless seeker of 'win-win' solutions.

Born in Hamilton, then moving to Dundas to raise his family, this 95-year-old dedicated his life to serving others. Ken's teaching career began in elementary school transitioning to secondary school to become a geography department head, a vice principal and a principal. He retired in 1989 and continued to work - as a full-time volunteer.

Here is a summary of some of his accomplishments, featuring many of projects he initiated and organizations he served.

- In the secondary school system, Ken coached many young athletes in track and field, culminating in an OFSSA championship.
- In 1997, as an active member of the **Rotary Club** of Dundas, Ken participated in a trip to Nepal for the Polio Plus Immunization Day. He treasures that inspirational opportunity.
- A graduate of McMaster University, he was instrumental in revitalizing the **McMaster Alumni Association**. As President, he established the Alumni Gallery.
- Retired, Ken focused his efforts on the environment, jumping on board with the **Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan (RAP)**, representing the **Hamilton Naturalists' Club**.
 - He joined the Fish & Wildlife Committee, endorsing its concept for The Fishway (under the High Level Bridge), enabling native fish species to once again spawn in Cootes Paradise marsh.
- In 1991, he brought together citizens, scientists, politicians and planners forming the influential **Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC)** first as President, then as Executive Director, then as volunteer.
 - Ken inspired many of his friends and supporters who subsequently dedicated their career (volunteer and paid) to the cleanup of Hamilton Harbour or to environmental causes, all crediting Ken for his mentorship.

- He was instrumental in the planning of the City of Hamilton's Millennial Project in 2000, the Waterfront Trail from Cootes Paradise to Bayfront Park.
 - Ken is especially proud of the programs he initiated while at BARC, including the educational Classroom Mini Marsh, Marsh Volunteer Plantings and the Hamilton-Halton Watershed Stewardship Program, still running to this day - 30 years later!
- In 1992, the former Region of Hamilton-Wentworth adopted **Vision 2020**. Ken was chair of the Citizens' Committee, bringing with him the Hamilton Harbour RAP's stakeholder approach and high regard for public consultation.
 - Ken conceived of, founded and raised \$400,000 for the **Giant's Rib Discovery Centre** (housed for many years at the Dundas Valley Trail Centre) which invited the public to learn more about the Niagara Escarpment. He was inspired by his countless hikes along the Bruce Trail.
 - Ken was recognized with many prestigious awards. Notably, in 2018, Ken received an **honourary Doctor of Laws (LL.D)** from McMaster University. *"Founder, visionary, leader, unsung hero, a talent for inspiring others to volunteer, and a staunch protector of the environment are just a handful of the many ways people refer to Ken Hall."*
 - Ken would like to be remembered for:
"Attempting to give back to this world as much as I take from it."

Ever modest, Ken consistently gives credit to others while quietly proud of how his contributions have helped shape our City and its leaders. We are so proud of him!

CONSENT LETTER

To: Councillor Alex Wilson
Ward 13, City of Hamilton

City Clerk's Division

From: Cheryl Hoffmann
[REDACTED]

Date: February 10, 2025

RE: Written Consent for Kenneth Hall
Municipal Property and Building Naming Application

Kenneth Hall, my father, who is a prominent and well-known person in this area and beyond, made Dundas his home for over 60 years. His contributions to Dundas and Hamilton, to McMaster University and the Dundas Rotary are too numerous to count!

This Municipal Property and Building Naming Application will outline some of Ken Hall's numerous accomplishments as a mentor and dedicated volunteer.

Ken's family and his many admirers would be thrilled to honour his wish to be recognized in Ward 13 by the City of Hamilton in the following way:

That a section of the trail along the Spencer Creek be named the
"Kenneth Hall Memorial Trail", along with appropriate signage.

To note, Ken spent much effort advocating for the clean up of Hamilton Harbour, and the creation of the Spencer Creek watershed plan, so this location seems fitting, and, the location of his choice.

The full application, along with additional background material, is attached to this letter.

I, Cheryl J. Hoffmann, daughter of Kenneth Hall of [REDACTED] consent for Kenneth Hall's name to be associated with the above-mentioned trail.

Cheryl J. Hoffmann Feb 10, 2025
Cheryl J. Hoffmann Date

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