

Caledon Heritage launches website

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Sarah Haney, President of Caledon Heritage Foundation (CHF) has announced the launch of the Foundation's website, which can be accessed at caledonheritagefoundation.com/.

"This initiative has been the culmination of many hours of volunteer work and would not have been possible without the financial assistance from the Town of Caledon, as well as from our generous donors," said Haney.

Visitors to the site will find informative and well researched histories of Caledon's 39 "ghost hamlets." These one-time settlements, many of which have the familiar blue plaques erected by Heritage Caledon (the Town of Caledon Heritage Committee), have long since disappeared but often played an important role in the early history of the Town.

CHF has started to compile the history of our 19 communities, however only Inglewood and Cataract have been finished and included on the website.

Anyone wishing to contribute material is asked to contact CHF at CHFoundation@gmail.com.

The website is easy to navigate and full of images both old and new. It also has the children's book by Dale O'Hara, "The Story of Caledon, Then and Now," which CHF says is ideal for young students to learn about Caledon's history.

A six-minute slide presentation showcases images captured around Caledon. Those interested in heritage preservation will also find a wealth of relevant resources.

Caledon has a rich history and Haney invites anyone to submit relevant material or stories through the "Snapshot in Time" tab on the website.

CHF and Haney thanked key volunteers Fay McCrea, Roger Willoughby and Derek Paterson for their invaluable contributions to the building of the website, as well as to CHF board members Errill O'Hara (Treasurer), Marion Plaunt (Secretary), Sarah Bohan and David Keith.