



## *New Toronto Historical Society*

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### Minutes

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L.A.M.P. – 7:00pm

- Meeting opened with a presentation by Jem Cain of New Toronto Good Neighbours ([www.newtoronto.ca](http://www.newtoronto.ca)) who described the issues with the zoning of the industrial lands along New Toronto Street. Available were documents on the issue, an invitation to a Public Meeting, maps showing the various zoning classifications, and comment forms.
- President's Report by Wendy Gamble
  - Welcome
  - Introduction of the society and the executive
  - Outline of the events held and supported by the NTHS during the last year
- Treasurer's Report
  - Wendy presented Carol's treasurer report for the year 2004, copy on file with Treasurer
- Vice President's Report
  - Bob outlined the membership fees
- Secretary's Report
  - Laurie presented the charter membership certificates to Dick Northcott and Paul Chomik
- Program Development
  - Michael gave an overview of the upcoming meeting with guest speaker, Cecilia Paine
- Election of Executive for 2005
  - Barb Bingham presented the nominations for the executive for 2005 (all persons holding the current positions)
  - No further nominations
  - Moved by Linda Graham to accept
  - Seconded by Bernice Sitarski
  - All in favour – executive stands as:
    - President – Wendy Gamble
    - Vice-President – Bob Bingham
    - Secretary – Laurie Caron
    - Treasurer – Carol Wickham
    - Program Director – Michael Harrison
- Memberships – 8 people paid their memberships for 2005 – 2 memberships received via mail

- Guest Speaker
  - Ted Wickson presented a slide show of 150 years of transportation in Toronto – some highlights:
  - He started in the late 1800's with photographs of the horse drawn carriages, one of the stagecoaches is preserved at the National Science Museum
  - Photographs of the early Toronto Railway Co, Toronto & York Radial Railway Company, Mimico Division
  - On Sept 1, 1921 the TTC was formed and also happened to be the same day they introduced the double-deck bus – these were no good for winter so they didn't last too long. By the mid-1920's, the single deck bus became standard
  - In 1927 the Gray Coach Line was formed for inter-city transit – the American spelling of the word “gray” used to link it Gray Line Sightseeing
  - TTC acquired the Toronto Ferry Company in 1927 and inherited the amusement park on Hanlon's Point
  - The name “rocket” has been around awhile – the President Conference Committee (PCC) cars were dubbed the “Red Rockets”
  - Jan 1, 1946 the Rapid Transit plan went to vote and was approved – construction started in 1949
  - The Bloor viaduct lower deck was originally intended for streetcar use – politics prevented that from happening, but the lower deck was eventually used for the subway
  - Several new buses have been order, more energy efficient. They are being built by Orion Industries in Mississauga and being assembled in New York. Expected to be in service in 2006
  - Ted ended the presentation with some TTC photographs of the Lakeshore area, from Humber to Port Credit, throughout the years, the earliest being one of the open cars used in the summers of the 1890's. Several of Humber and Long Branch loops from the early 30's and onwards were recognizable to the audience

Respectfully submitted,

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