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# SCARBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## Newsletter # 232 2008 Annual Reports

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008

This newsletter contains the annual reports of the various committees and administration of the Society. These are a summary of the year's activities and include salient points outlined in the verbal reports given at the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at Bendale Library, Scarborough

The Scarborough Historical Society was established in 1956 "to preserve, study and stimulate an interest" in the history of our local community. In 2006, the Society celebrated its 50th anniversary. Thanks to all who have supported the Society over those many years.

In 2005 we launched our new website and encourage members to look at it from time-to-time for updates.

< [www.scarboroughhistorical.ca](http://www.scarboroughhistorical.ca) >

In 1974 the Society's Historic Sites committee evolved into the Scarborough LACAC. This group, now known as the Scarborough Community Preservation Panel, reports to Scarborough Community Council on local issues and to the Toronto Preservation Board on Heritage Act issues.

The Scarborough Historical Archives was established the following year in space provided at Golf Road school. It has grown to become Scarborough's main repository for historical materials. It was operated by the Society in co-operation with the TDSB, whose Scarborough Board collections remains here in our community.

In 2008, with the restoration of the former 1891 W.J. Morrish Store completed, the collections were moved to the new location where over 800 guest visits have already taken place.

In 1985 the Society's Museum Committee was subdivided, creating a City-appointed Historical Museum Board and the Society's Museum committee. Society members continue to assist as volunteers and with fund raising initiatives.

Society members continue to retain close ties with both the Preservation Panel and the Museum Board. The Annual Report of the Preservation Panel is available to members of the Society on request.

In addition to the annual reports of the various committees of the Society, the Bethel Cemetery Board functions as part of the Society's overall operations. A brief report of its operation is also included in this annual report.

## *The Scarborough Historical Society*

Founded in 1956, Incorporated 1959 (OHS) and 1976,

1982 - Recipient of the OHS Scadding Award of Excellence,

1985 - Recipient of the Scarborough Conservation Award,

1992 - Recipient of the Scarborough 'Group of the Year' Award,

1996 - Recipient of the Scarborough Urban Design Award,

2006 - Celebrated our 50th Anniversary,

2008 - Recipient of the Heritage Toronto Award

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*"The more we study the past, the better we shall appreciate the present,  
and realize the importance of our influence upon the well-being of the future."*