

TAVISTOCK QUEEN'S PARK STONE GATES RESTORATION 2016

A committee was formed in September of 2015 at a public meeting of Tavistock and area citizens concerned about what could be done and what the best option going forward would be. We have met with professional stone masons who have evaluated the work that needs to be done. It was determined that restoring the gates would be the best option.

The committee issued a Request for Proposals and had five contractors respond.

The decision was made to engage Gilholm Stoneworks. The estimated cost will be \$50,000.00. Government grants and other funding possibilities have been researched and applied for but these will not cover the total cost.

Work will be completed as soon as scheduling permits.

We are now asking the community for help in fulfilling the wish to have the gates restored.

Donations should be made payable to the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock and indicate that the payment is for the Queen's Park Gate and can be mailed to Queen's Park Gates, Box 371, Tavistock, ON NOB 2R0. Payments can also be forwarded to any committee member. Charitable tax receipts will be issued from the township.

Thank you to the community for your support in assisting in the restoration of this historical piece of our past.

Shirley McCall-Hanlon, chairperson

Committee members: Brian Bennett, Barb Matthies, Greg Pye, Mary Alice Roth, Chris Wiffen, Ron Wiffen



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Anne McKay-Gagnon presents Tavistock & District Recreation Facilities Board chair Brett Schultz with the Farm Credit - AgriSpirit donation of \$10,000 for the Royal Reno. At left is Queen's Park Project Committee chair Dave Johnson and at right, Corporate Fundraising chair Brian Wilhelm.