

Ghost hunters find 'spiritual activity' at Acton Town Hall Centre

Equipment records a male and female voices but not Jimmy Robertson's ghost

Paranormal snoops failed to find the ghost, spirit, or apparition of the long-departed Jimmy Robertson during a phantom search of the old Town Hall Centre on Willow Street last Tuesday night.

Armed with full spectrum video cameras, voice recorders, and K2 metres to measure electromagnetic fields, four members of the Halton Paranormal Group searched for signs that former resident / caretaker Jimmy was still in the building. People in both the former town hall and the old Free Press building where Jimmy worked, claim to have "felt" his presence, heard his footsteps and been

pranked by Jimmy after his 1960 death.

"Not to say that Acton Town Hall is not haunted, because we did feel deep chills. I got them near the stage and others felt it in the room behind the kitchen," Halton Paranormal Group founder Kim Hadfield-Verheul said on Monday, adding they got some "pretty good evidence" – voices and whisperings and electromagnetic field detectors that went off – when asking yes or no questions.

"I was getting communication from something. I did ask if it was Jimmy, and I asked if it was another spirit and it said yes, so I can't say definitely that Jimmy is there," Hadfield-Verheul said, adding they are all skeptics who would rather debunk a claim than not get an answer.

"We don't lie. If we don't get anything – we



GHOST BUSTERS: Members of the Halton Paranormal Group, from left: Kimberly Valstar, Leah Hurst Lywood, Kim Hadfield-Verheul and Jeff Sharpe prepared their sophisticated equipment as they scanned the Acton Town Hall Centre for ghosts, apparitions or spirits last Tuesday night. While they found "spiritual activity" they did not conjure up the ghost of Jimmy Robertson, a former caretaker who is said to haunt the building. – Submitted photo

don't get anything," she said, adding photographs turned up a number of "orbs," which can indicate

spiritual energy, despite being written off as dust or moisture by critics.

The Milton-based non-profit Halton Paranormal Group accepts donations for equipment to investigate supernatural activity in the GTA, including old houses and public buildings. After a groundswell of Facebook requests to check out the old town hall, Hadfield-Verheul

said they contacted Heritage Acton, whose director, Kathleen Dills knew Jimmy and thinks he repeatedly rang the doorbell after his death to make his presence known.

Hadfield-Verheul said their Acton "evidence" has been posted on Halton Paranormal Groups' Youtube channel at haltonparanormal1 and on Facebook.

A documentary is currently being filmed about the group, and the film's producer offered cash to pay for an extra paranormal investigator. Before a job fair in Campbellville yesterday (Wednesday), more than 50 people had applied for the \$12-an-hour job, which requires a fearless, technically inclined skeptic.

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