

GEORGETOWN'S PETER ROE LAUNCHES DEBUT BOOK ON HAUNTED TOWN HALLS

THE PARANORMAL INVESTIGATOR WILL BE GIVING A PRESENTATION FOR HERITAGE ACTON ON OCT. 21, DETAILING HIS RECENT FINDINGS.

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Most people aren't likely to think of town halls as interesting places for spirits to haunt, but paranormal investigator Peter Roe says that's a popular misconception.

"Normally these (interesting) types of locations involve prisons and courts and places of torture, like castles, even theatres, where there is a lot of drama played out," he said. "But really, when you look into town halls, many of the places involve those very things, plus they're places that people have

flocked to over the years and congregated and expressed emotions."

Roe's debut publication *Haunted Town Halls* chronicles a series of short-term investigations, conducted with his team at The Searcher Group, of six town halls across Ontario, sparked by a deep-seated interest in the paranormal history of Acton Town Hall.

A longtime Georgetown resident, Roe says he has always admired the Acton Town Hall committee's admission that they have a ghost among them.

"I love that, and I admire that, because there's still a

stigma around the subject, definitely," he said.

Following the Acton investigation, Roe's team began looking into five additional town hall locations: Waterford, Stouffville, Caledon, Orangeville and Toronto's first city hall.

Roe says each location had one major similarity: they were all haunted - and by more than one spirit.

In Acton, the group began searching for a spirit named James "Jimmy" Robertson, a former live-in caretaker who saved the town hall from a fire in late 1945 and died in 1960.

"We think we found someone named Jimmy,



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Richard Palmisano and Peter Roe measuring energy readings outside Toronto's First City Hall (main aisle of the St. Lawrence Market), Halloween 2015.

but whether it was the real Jimmy, we'll leave it up to the reader to decide," he said. "We've found more information about Acton Town Hall than any other investigative group."

Roe says when out in the

field communicating with spirits, he and his team act like mediators, forming a connection between the living and the dead.

He says one of the things that differentiates his investigative team from oth-

ers is that they do not often clear spaces.

"We found that (spirits) are very social and there are usually good ones and not-so-good ones. And the

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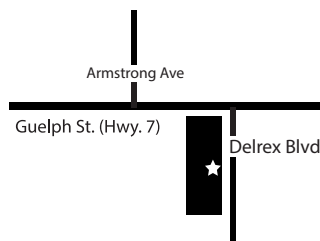


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