

*Dedicated to preserving  
and protecting  
the Beaver River Valley's  
unique  
natural environment . . .*

# **The Beaver Valley Heritage Society**



*Mother Nature at her best,  
majestic the year-round*

**THE BEAVER VALLEY HERITAGE SOCIETY**  
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**L**ong, deep and pre-glacial in age, the Beaver Valley in Grey County is truly a scenic treasure. It stretches for over 25 miles, starting from Flesherton and ever widening as it reaches Georgian Bay at Thornbury. Limestone cliffs, some more than 500 feet high, rise almost vertically, providing spectacular and awe-inspiring views.

From the valley's rim one can see a patchwork quilt of many textures and colours: green pastures dotted with grazing cattle, the old snake-rail fences still standing guard, fields of golden grain and forested areas that cover much of the valley floor, as well as parts of the valley slopes. Here and there one can see the glint of the Beaver River, century-old farmhouses and barns, a hamlet with an old church and schoolhouse. Close by Kimberley are the ski lodges, downhill runs and chalets nestled along the slopes of the rim.

### **The Beaver Valley Heritage Society**

The Society is a citizens group incorporated in July of 1981 as a non-profit organization dedicated to preserve and protect the unique natural environment of the Beaver Valley. It endeavours to represent the interests of both the valley's year-round and part-time residents, people living in neighbouring townships and communities, and everyone who wishes to support the Society's basic objectives of opposing inappropriate large-scale development in the valley which will have the effect of destroying the wildlife, the unparalleled fishing, and the majestic beauty that all the valley's residents and visitors, have enjoyed over the years.

Our role is to present the views of our members in a coherent, concise and organized way to the decision-making bodies that have

jurisdiction over the Beaver Valley. Our B.V.H.S. is in support of development, provided that development occurs in areas already designated as such and provided that the development does not jeopardize the integrity of the valley. The rural atmosphere of the valley is what makes it attractive, peaceful and a good environment for families to grow up in.

The health of the valley is linked to maintaining and preserving the splendid silence, the wonderful views, and the natural environment. We must not destroy the reasons that have always attracted people and wildlife to the Beaver Valley.

Many people care deeply for this special part of the world. Our group needs you to join with us in the fight to save this area from large scale change.

### **The Constitution and Objectives of the Beaver Valley Heritage Society**

- [1] To preserve and protect the unique natural environment of the Beaver Valley.
- [2] To oppose large-scale real estate or land development that would jeopardize the Beaver Valley's natural environment.
- [3] To advise, assist, co-operate and join with farmers, landowners, residents, and other individuals in the Beaver Valley who are interested in preserving and protecting the Beaver Valley.
- [4] To advise and co-operate with all levels of government, private clubs, associations and other groups to achieve the aims of the Society.
- [5] To raise monies through public donations, government or private grants, including the power to accept donations, gifts, legacies and bequests, or through other revenue generating systems in order to achieve the objectives of the Society.
- [6] To educate the public about our theme of preservation and protection of the Beaver Valley.
- [7] To conduct research and to publish information on issues and concerns relevant to the preservation and protection of the valley.

## Help Wanted!

We need your support to defend the Beaver Valley. Several years ago we organized our Society primarily to stop the massive Epping Commons condominium and hotel development on the environmentally sensitive slopes on the western side of the Valley. We were also successful in helping to stop a major hydro-pylon corridor from cutting through the heart of the Valley. Now, we must revitalize our Society in order to show our support for the Niagara Escarpment Plan and to bring in better controls on the cutting of remaining woodlots which are being destroyed at an alarming rate. We also wish to stress the need for more responsible land use planning in Grey County including clear, new planning policies and well defined local Official Plans before it is too late. If you cherish this beautiful area you can help by renewing your membership or joining our Society. There is strength in numbers. We shall keep you up to date, even call on you to write the odd letter or attend a meeting. Together we can again have a positive and responsible influence on the future of the Beaver Valley.

## Preservation of Historical Buildings and Landmarks in the Valley

The Society hopes to extend its mandate over the long term to support the aims and objectives of Ontario Heritage Foundation, where practicable, to retain for posterity the visible reminders of our heritage and culture that have been passed down to us in the valley.

The concept of heritage conservation has grown rapidly in Canada over the last few years. There are many historic aesthetic, social and economic reasons for preservation of our heritage and culture. The Beaver Valley Heritage Society seeks affiliation and support from other organizations who share these concerns.

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## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY *(Please ✓)*

Senior Citizen .....	\$ 5.00
Student .....	5.00
Adult .....	10.00
Family .....	20.00
Organization .....	25.00

*Please provide names of family members so we can prepare Membership Cards.*

## Application for Membership

*Please enroll me as a member of The Beaver Valley Heritage Society for 19*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

*I am interested in serving as a member of a Committee(s). Please ✓*

- MEMBERSHIP
- PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
- TECHNICAL
- GOVERNMENT LIAISON

My occupation, interests and hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

I have the following skills that I would be prepared to volunteer from time to time to  
further the work of the Society \_\_\_\_\_



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