

The Burlington Historical Society GAZETTE

Burlington's Heritage Projects, Conservation District, Heritage Designation Shortlist



To start off the New Year let's hear about the status and future plans for our Burlington Heritage. Our speaker is Chloe Richer. Chloe is Senior Planner, Heritage with the City of Burlington.

In 2011, Chloe obtained a Master of Science in Planning degree from the University of Toronto. In 2018, she continued her education and completed the Heritage Conservation Diploma Program at Willowbank School of Restoration Arts.

Chloe has worked as a Cultural Heritage Planner with the City of Hamilton, the City of Waterloo and the City of St. Catharines. In February of 2024 we were lucky to have her join the City of Burlington.

In Chloe's own words: "I had been working in Hamilton for a few years and wanted to learn more about Burlington's history and heritage, especially during an exciting time with the City pursuing the first Heritage Conservation District designation. I was excited by the opportunity to lead this project, working with an excellent team of consultants. What keeps me here is a fantastic group of colleagues in Community Planning and the important work being done by the hardworking Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee."

Chloe and five-year-old son live in Hamilton. She spends her down time in nature – hiking, birding, etc. in the RBG lands, catching live music and travelling.

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President's Message *Don Thorpe*

Welcome to 2026 and I hope that everyone had a happy holiday season.

This will be my last message as your president, and I would like to thank all the members and the executive for two productive years for BHS.

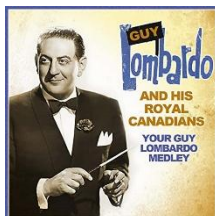
Here is a little history on a traditional song sung at the beginning of a new year.

Auld Lang Syne is a Scottish song with words attributed to the national poet of Scotland, Robert Burns. The composer is not definitely known. In English-speaking countries, the first verse and chorus are now closely associated with the New Year festival. Burns first wrote down "Auld Lang Syne" in 1788, but the poem did not appear in print until shortly after his death in 1796. It was first published in volume five of James Johnson's *Scots Musical Museum*. Burns, a major contributor to the compilation, claimed that the words of "Auld Lang Syne" were taken "from an old man's singing." However, the song has been associated with Burns ever since. As published by Johnson, the lyrics were set to a different tune from the one that later became familiar.

The Canadian-born bandleader Guy Lombardo helped make "Auld Lang Syne" a New Year's Eve tradition in North America. His band, the Royal Canadians, played the song at the turn of the new year in a series of popular radio (and later television) broadcasts that began on December 31, 1929, and continued for more than 30 years.

Should old acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should old acquaintance be forgot,
And old lang syne? (Chorus)
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

And surely you'll buy your pint cup!
And surely I'll buy mine!
And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.



We two have run about the slopes,
And picked the daisies fine;
But we've wandered many a weary foot,
Since auld lang syne.
We two have paddled in the stream,
From morning sun till dine;
But seas between us broad have roared
Since auld lang syne.

And there's a hand my trusty friend!
And give me a hand o' thine!
And we'll take a right good-will draught
For auld lang syne.

Trivia Question: How many grandchildren do I have? What are their names? Where do they live?

Answer to **November's** trivia question: From installation in 1922 until 1962, when it was moved to its present location, the Burlington Cenotaph was located in Spencer Smith Park

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2025 Outreach Report

BHS holds meetings from January to May and September to November each year. There is an interesting speaker engaged for each of these meetings and all are welcome, both members and non-members. On those same months the BHS Gazette is issued to members only.

The following is a summary of additional outreach events in 2025:

- January 28th Mayor Marianne Meed Ward presented BHS with a certificate - 'Congratulations to the Burlington Historical Society on being recognized as a Community Champion.'
- April 14th Alan Harrington presented 'Burlington's first 125 years' at a local Probus Club
- April 14th Don Thorpe and David Craig gave a presentation to the Senior's Club at the Salvation Army.
- April 17th Don took part in a Facebook Live interview sponsored by Karen Paul Associates
- April 28th Nicola Thomson did a presentation to residents of Hearthstone – topic was Apple Villa, Smith Family and the Dutch Consulate
- May 29th A number of board members attended a training session sponsored by Heritage Burlington
- June 1st Jennifer Kemp & Joan Downey attended a plaque unveiling at Mount Vernon Pioneer Cemetery sponsored by the Hamilton branch of United Empire Loyalists
- June 2nd On behalf of the Aldershot Community Honour Roll, Nicola presented the Rick Craven Historical Recognition award to Ray Easterbrook
- June 16th A signal box wrap was installed at Drury Lane and New Street in honour of the town's second arena.
- June 21st Union Burying Ground Day – a group of volunteers met in the cemetery to clean more gravestones. BHS retained the services of a restoration specialist to continue with repairs begun in 2024. Later in the summer a Gage stone was damaged by vandals and BHS retained the services of the same specialist to repair that damage.
- June 21st BHS attended the St. John's Anglican Church Strawberry Social and displayed historic artifacts including the original deed from the Crown for that parcel of land

August 2-10, 2025 was declared as **Heritage Week** 2025 in Burlington. The Burlington Historical Society sponsored the following events:

End June – mid August

BHS Posters were on display attached to the fence in front of Spencer Smith Park and Alan put a display of Burlington history in the glass display case in front of City Hall

August 2nd Opening ceremonies were held at Burlington Art Gallery
Alan led an historic walk in downtown Burlington
BHS had a display at Burlington Mall

August 4th Alan led a walk of Greenwood Cemetery

August 6th Trivia Nite at BPAC with Don Thorpe & David Craig (always a hit!)

August 8th BHS had a table at the Heritage Fair at Burlington Central Library
David Craig and Don Thorpe gave a presentation on The Garden of Canada, Burlington's agricultural history. As a member of the Thorpes of Maple Avenue, Don had first hand experience to share.

August 15th Alan conducted a show and tell at Union Burying Ground for IKEA employees

Sept 23rd Don & David presented to the History Explorers' Group at the Senior's Centre

Sept 29th Unveiling of the Spencer Smith sign with councillor Lisa Kearns, the Burlington Horticultural Society and the Burlington Historical Society. Drop down to have a look at the sign.

Oct. 17th BHS donated \$1000 to East Plain United Church to assist with their unexpected major expense due to a mandated archeological dig.

- Oct. 28th Nicola and Alan took a group of residents of Chartwell Retirement Residence on a bus tour of the downtown sites. It was a great hit
- Nov. 11th A wreath was laid at the Burlington Cenotaph to commemorate Remembrance Day
- Nov. 12th Mayor's Speaker Series & Tradeshow – BHS had a table at the Tradeshow
- Nov. 26th Alan gave a presentation at Christopher Terrace on the History of Burlington
- December BHS was again a 'friend' of the Festival of Lights

2025 Videos Easterbrooks (3 parts) and other videos by Nicola Thomson
<https://www.youtube.com/@theburlingtonhistoricalsoc3633>
[History Minutes](#) and [History up Close](#) by David Craig

Based on our Outreach initiatives, we applied for and received the Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant of \$1545.



28th October – a bus tour for Chartwell



4th August – Greenwood Cemetery Tour



6th August – Trivia Night at BPAC



11th November 2025

**Another year of BHS
out in the community!**



Social Media Report *Jennifer Kemp*

Followers at the end of 2025

Facebook	1586
Instagram	582
X	70

Let's try to hit 2000 Facebook followers by the end of 2026. Promote us to your family and friends. They'll be glad they had a look.

Monthly articles published in Burlington Today www.burlingtontoday/then and now

January	Lynn-Hurst Motors, Studebaker thrived on Brant Street in the 1950s
February	Elgin Harris, the Gazette, when clothing, food, free train were swapped for advertising
March	Boots, shoes, barber shop and a pool hall: looking back at Brant Street's dirt-road days
April	The storied charm behind Burlington's historic Village Square
June	How Burlington's first movie theatre sparked a century of cinema
July	Two centuries of change at the Burlington Bay Canal
August	Burlington's historic homes reveal stories of early builders, decorators
September	The Brant Inn: How a lakeside nightclub put Burlington on the map
October	From sawmills to suburbs: the evolution of Burlington's lumber industry
November	Burlington Cenotaph: a legend, a veteran and a square - is there paranormal activity?
December	How Christmas lights and apples became festive staples here



A new article is published every month on the 5th. Watch for it.

Membership Report *Pat Taylor*

Membership for 2025 was 92 persons –

Seniors	59
Adults	9
Family 12 for	24

Just a reminder – to vote on matters at the AGM at our January meeting, you must be a member in good standing - i.e. – membership fee paid for 2026.

Anyone paying before or at the meeting in January will be considered “in good standing.”

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Meeting Attendance 2025

Total attendance for programs presented in 2025 was 600 !

(It was actually 597 but I stretched the truth a bit.)

The largest turnout was in May when our guest was Ray Easterbrook.



May 2025 meeting

2025 Speakers

- January To begin the year, Sara Farr entertained us with a real Cold Case Murder Mystery – the story of Evelyn Dick of Hamilton.
- February Local collector and longtime Burlington lawyer, William Thatcher shared his Canadiana collections with us. Bill has been collecting for more than 30 years.
- March David Hobden came to us with History of Halton County, one of the oldest counties in Canada. David's love of history was evident as he entertained us with stories of our ancestors
- April Mark McNeil, retired Hamilton Spectator journalist, author, playwright, singer/songwriter and all around good story teller was our speaker in April. At one point he entertained us with his original song about Evelyn Dick and her escapades (see January, above).
- May This meeting had the highest attendance of any meeting in recent history. 120+ people filled Centennial Hall to hear Ray Easterbrook speaking with our member Nicola Thomson about his family and the famous Easterbrooks Restaurant. All that was missing was the smell of footlong hotdogs!
- September In July 2025, Halton Regional Council made the decision to close Halton Heritage Services and de-accession and disperse all artifacts. Katie Anderson and Kylie Robins shared accomplishments of Halton Heritage and some of the future plans. We'll be hearing more about that in 2026 as they develop a plan and work through this task.
- October Mike Twiss spoke to us about the P.L. Robertson company of Milton, founded in response to an accident while using a flat blade screwdriver. Many of Mike's family members worked for the company, including his aunt who never married. Had she married she would have lost her job!
- November NATO is often in the news and not always well understood. Timothy Sayle, author and history professor, joined us to clearly explain the role in history.



As a group we owe thanks to **Alan Harrington** who has been finding interesting speakers for our meetings for 10+ years. It's not an easy job. Ask him.

If you have a good idea for a speaker please send an email to info@burlingtonhistorical.ca



One of the 'stops' on the 2nd August walking



Joan & Chris at the Tradeshow on 12th November

Archives Report *Joan Downey*

Donations of various materials were received during 2025. Many thanks to each donor for trusting the Burlington Historical Society with your treasures.

The donations ranged from a Pig and Whistle room key to many boxes of information from the Joseph Brant Hospital Auxilliary. We're still working on that one and will be for some time.

While we were searching for photos of the Drury Lane/New Street arena one member donated a 'Burlington Skating Small Fry Badge' from 1954/5 which he had proudly worn at the time.

We were happy to receive a number of photos and some information about the Gallagher farm on Plains Road. Included was this photo, ca 1950s, of the Gallagher family.

The Archives volunteers have been busy scanning new records and photographs. If you have a look at the digital collection you will notice a number of 'collections' have been added. One of the collections is the Joseph Brant Hospital Auxiliary collection which consists of many newspaper clippings, which are fully **searchable**.

[BHS Digital Collection](#)



With the increased activity it became apparent that our equipment was sadly in need of updating to the 21st century so we have installed new computer equipment, upgraded our internet access and are now using cloud storage to safeguard the records.

I look forward to receiving your photos and documents in 2026. When you're downsizing or spring cleaning, remember the BHS Archives

Memories of Burlington *by Elizabeth Love (nee Bell)*

I was lucky to have lived on Brant Street right across from Central Public School. (*the Bell Home was on Victoria Street*). It was a working farm with a greenhouse, hot beds, cold storage, barn and horses. We grew strawberries, melons, cabbage, onions, potatoes, etc. Along with that were orchards. There were many varieties of apples, some plum and cherry trees. It still amazes me that we shipped apples to Scotland in those days.

Many days we had visitors looking for food. They came through the fields from the train tracks and were never turned away. My brother made a huge rink where the No Frills parking lot is today. The boys put up lights, and they played hockey on one side and everyone else skated on the other side. Anyone was welcome to come and skate for free. It was depression time and everyone worked very hard for little money.

The downtown area started around Maria Street with Mallett, Reading and Wright Insurance, Utter Realty, Sani Dairy, with Bell Telephone operators upstairs, two or three girls handled all the calls. Next came Chapman's Jewellery Store, where you could buy something pretty, and Mr. Chapman, an optician, was available to get you new glasses. Wall's Meat Market had wonderful fresh meat, cut to order, and then Mr. Mallett had a book and candy store. You could go in there with a nickel and come out with a bag full of penny candy. Then the smell of fresh bread and five cent doughnuts came from Burlington Bakery. If you had any money left you could go to Stedman's five and dime store. Olsen's Radio was next with Taylor's Grocery and meat store and then Templin's large dry goods store.





Across the street at James and Brant was Miss Mullin's Ice Cream Parlour. It had wrought iron ice cream tables and chairs and a soda fountain. This was a very popular spot in the warm weather. Haswell's Furniture was a large store with a good selection of appliances and furniture. Joe Smith's Hardware was next door and then Bush's Men's Wear, but the overalls and heavy flannel shirts were very different from the high style of today's store. Frank Rogers owned the Coffee Pot which was the Tim Horton's of our day.



Watson's Jewellery and Harry Saunders Shoe Store were next with Red's Garage for gas or service, followed by Shepherd's Meat Market and Modern Shoe Repair. Sam Fazullo owned Burlington Fruit Market which carried a great selection of fresh fruits and vegetables. Next to Waumsley's Bakery was an A & P store with lots of variety for depression shoppers. Howell's Hardware (later Dale's) was at the corner of Pine and Brant Streets. Shaver Drug Store was on the other corner with Graham's Shoe Store next with Waumsley's Book and Variety Store, followed by Mrs. Hucker's Fabric and Linen Shop.



Then LePatourel's Drug Store that was managed by a lady, really something for those days. The Royal Bank was at the corner of Brant and Water Streets. Across Water Street (now Lakeshore Road) was Canadian Cannery (Aylmer) where every fall you could smell tomato catsup being made. Then the town bell would ring and tell us it was either time to go to work, quit for lunch, go back to work, or quit for the day.



Then we had beautiful Spencer Park stretching along Water Street to the Brant Inn. Fantastic memories and marvellous evenings spent at the Sky Club. Dancing under the stars to many name bands brought to town by Murray Anderson. It was a beautiful small town with lots of wonderful people and I'm very happy to still be living in such a lovely place. Betty Love



Editor's note: Elizabeth (Betty) Love died on 22 November 2025 at the age of 97. She was born, and lived her whole life, in Burlington.

This article was given to me by Betty's sons, along with some other memorabilia.

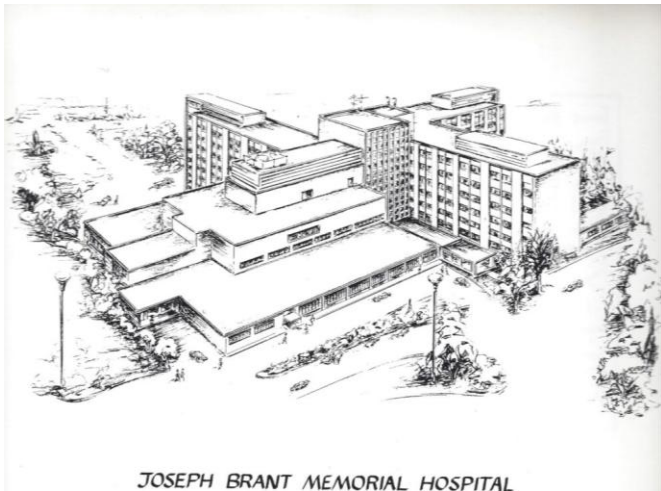
A Hospital Built by a Community

Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital

Chris Gain

As noted in the September 2025 edition of the Gazette, Joseph Brant Hospital donated to BHS many historical news clippings and other materials around the early days of the hospital and the hospital auxiliary. This donation was an impetus to look back at how the construction of our local hospital was only possible due to the immense efforts of the community.

In 2026 Joseph Brant Hospital becomes a senior and turns 65 years old. In today's model of highly centralized government control over health care, it is interesting to look back at the origins of the hospital and how it came to be built only due to the will and determination of the community.



JOSEPH BRANT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The Need

By 1955 the need for a hospital in the Burlington area was a growing issue. At that time people generally had to go into Hamilton for hospitalization, but with the expanding population and the strains on Hamilton hospitals, this was not a sustainable solution.

In 1955 under the initiative of Burlington and Nelson Township councils, a body of over 100 local leaders and groups came together and agreed on the basic principles and need for a hospital. This group was lead under the chairmanship of M.M. Robinson.

By November 1956 a report by Agnew, Craig and Peckham (a.k.a. the Agnew Report), a well-respected hospital consulting group, was submitted to Burlington and Nelson councils. It laid out the framework for a new hospital including a funding model where the local community would need to organize the construction and contribute some of the costs for the hospital.

Therefore, the report urged the creation of a local organizing committee. Based on this, in January 1957 the membership-based *Burlington-Nelson Hospital Association* was formed. The

association was open to people residing in the Town of Burlington, East Flamborough, Nelson Township and Aldershot (as the latter two had not yet been amalgamated into Burlington).

An interim board was established with the involvement of local notable individuals such as A. S. Nicholson, who served as chairman, Paul A. Fisher as vice-chairman, W. E. Breckon and Hughes Cleaver (former Reeve and MP for Burlington) While there was general consensus around the need for a hospital there were two major issues that needed to be dealt with: the location and the cost.

The Location

We take the current location for granted, however there was some initial debate over the size and location of the new hospital. The Agnew Report had presented multiple potential locations, including Brant Park (current hospital location) as well as other locations north of the QEW and further east on Guelph Line. The Association board was pushing for the Brant Park Location.



Brant Park c.1958

A Citizens Committee led by Dr. H. F Dyer was pushing for a location north of the QEW, a location they felt would ultimately be more central in the rapidly growing town. They also sited cleaner air and less congestion with a northern site. They brought their concerns about the location, and the Board in general, to the first Association meeting.

HOSPITAL BOARD'S "CHAOTIC" PUBLIC MEETING

The Burlington Gazette

BURLINGTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 1957

SECOND SECTION

Lost Tempers And Name Calling Heard By Association Members

A public meeting sponsored by the interim Burlington-Nelson Hospital Board —

"Hospital Board's Chaotic Public Meeting" screamed the Burlington Gazette's headline on November 20th, 1957. "Deadlock Ends Fiery Meeting" said the Hamilton Spectator on November 14th. The news even reached Toronto with the Globe and Mail article "Citizens' Group Fights Location of New Hospital". On November 13th, 1957, 300 people gathered for the first meeting with the interim board which turned out to be full of ruckus. The hospital location, costs and the lack of communication from the interim board being key issues.

Reports have the meeting breaking down due to a lack of procedure and several personal attacks, with Dr Dyer himself being accused of being a "...big bag of wind". These contentious issues were ultimately to be decided during the first Annual Meeting of the Association that was scheduled for January 1958. In advance of this meeting a non-binding poll on the location was to be sent to all Association members.

On January 15th, 1958, it was reported that close to 1,000 people, those who had joined the Burlington-Nelson Hospital Association, turned up in the gymnasium of Burlington High School (Now Burlington Central).

In a less tumultuous meeting than the one in November a new Board of Directors was elected. In a general vote of confidence in the initial board, a majority of the original members were re-elected including Nicholson and Fisher as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Even more impactful, the results of the location poll returned 668 votes in favour of the Brant Park location vs 254 against. While this put the location issue to bed, another issue had arisen – the rising costs.

The Cost

With the first board meeting completed the plan was set for a 150-bed hospital at the Brant Park location. However, after the initial architectural work was completed, it was becoming apparent that the cost was going to be higher than originally thought.

At the inception of the hospital proposal, a budget of \$1.5 million was used. Then after the Agnew report, a planning

cost of \$2.25 million dollars for 150 beds was being proposed. However, at the first board meeting the Association was told that the architect, Prack and Prack were advising higher amounts. The Burlington Gazette reported on January 29th, 1958, that the hospital construction could cost up to three million dollars. In June of 1958 a budget of \$2.85 million dollars was settled upon, and the green light was given to move forward.

\$2.85 million in 1958 is equivalent to \$31 million in 2025 dollars. To compare, the 2017 Joseph Brant Hospital expansion and redevelopment that was projected to add 172 new beds had a contract value of over \$350 million.

The community and local organizations were expected to contribute about \$750,000 of the cost. \$300,000 of that expected from a 'Family Canvas' and \$450,000 from local organizations. The balance of the funding would come from federal and municipal governments. The fundraising would start in earnest in September of 1958 under the direction of campaign manager Mr. W. Norman Thomson and chairman Eric Gudgeon.

Residents could join the Association for \$1 per year, or \$100 for a lifetime membership and membership would permit voting for members of the Associations board.

By October 1958, the Family Canvas had generated over \$237,000 and other organizations and professional groups had raised another \$249,000

By January 1959, 7,000 families in the Burlington area had pledged an average of \$40 each towards the fundraising effort. This is an amount equivalent to over \$430 million in 2025. Additionally, local businesses and professionals had now donated close to \$400,000.

We must remember that in 1958 Burlington had a population of only 32,000 people including the recent amalgamation of Nelson Township and Aldershot. This would probably mean less than 10,000 households. A large percentage of the population had been digging deep into their pockets to support the new hospital.

The Build

In March 1959 the Joseph Brant Hospital Women's Auxiliary was formed with Mrs. Marjorie Brown as its first President.

It held its first annual meeting in February of 1960, and the Auxiliary would go on to play an important role in the support and growth of the hospital over the next fifty+ years.



Mrs. Kenneth G. Brown
Organizer and 1st President 1957-61
Women's Auxiliary
Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital

The contract was officially awarded to Frid Construction Company Ltd. of Hamilton on May 19th, 1959. The value of the winning tender was \$2,761,300 for a 200-bed hospital. This was an increase in size and spend over the original estimate due to increases in town population. However, including all fees, equipment and start-up costs the cost to open the doors would be near \$3.8 million for the now larger 6 floor hospital.

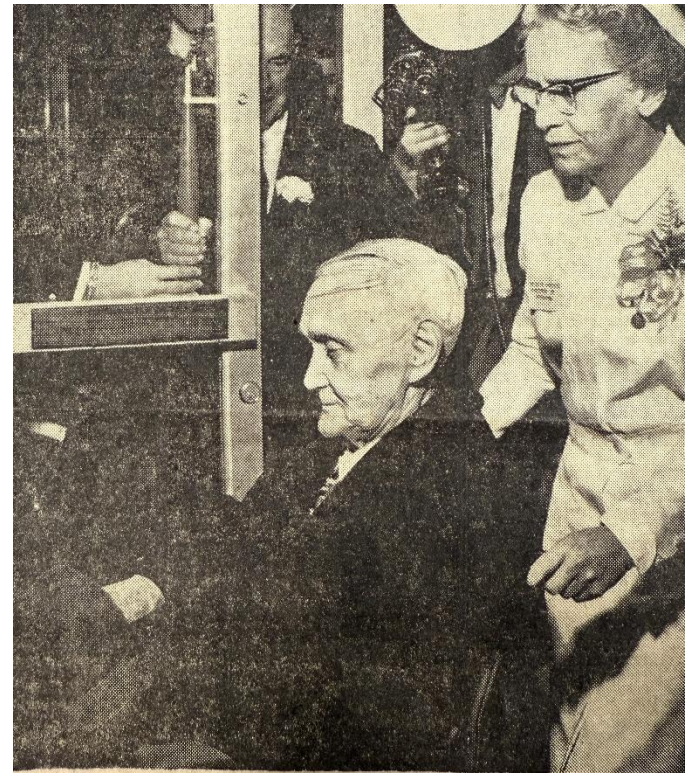
Many community members served on the various committees required before and during construction. This included committees on Building (site and construction), Purchasing (equipment and supplies), Finance, Campaign (fundraising), Research and Planning (hospital affairs), Human Relations and Personnel and Medical Staff. In addition, there was a Museum committee. The Joseph Brant Museum, originally started by the IODE was now under the umbrella of the Hospital Association since it sat on the hospital property. It served as the Associations offices. There was concern on what was to ultimately become of the museum building, but ultimately it was saved and has become a central part of the Burlington museum system.

The sod was turned on May 26th, 1959, by A.S Nicholson in an event attended by over 300 residents. Good progress was

made with initial construction, and on September 30th, 1959, the cornerstone was laid.

After some delays due to construction, labour strikes and a continuing shortage of nurses (some things never change) the new 228 bed hospital held its opening ceremony on January 14th, 1961.

At the opening ceremony, the first person to officially enter the hospital was Elias Edmund Brant, also known as Louie, the great-grandson of Joseph Brant. He was 84 years old at the time and in a wheelchair. He was taken in the main entrance by Marie Hudson the hospitals Director of Nursing. He was quoted as saying "I'm tickled to death to be here". A few weeks later the hospital was officially admitting patients.



AT HOSPITAL OPENING — Louis Brant, 84-year-old great-grandson of Chief Joseph Brant, after whom Burlington's new hospital is named, was the first to enter the building on its official opening. In a wheel chair, he was taken in by Miss Marie Hudson, director of nursing.

Over the years, the hospital grew along with its community, doubling in size in 1971 (before bed reductions in the 1990s) and adding another tower in 2017. The legal name of Burlington-Nelson Hospital Association would remain until 1977 when the hospitals governing body name was officially changed to Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital Corporation. In 2013, the word 'Memorial' was dropped during a re-branding, shortening the name to just Joseph Brant Hospital.

As we look forward to the next 65 years, we should remember and thank all of those community members who worked so hard to bring about our hospital!



Burlington Historical Society
Preserving Burlington's History for Today and Tomorrow

Membership - 2026

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Membership Dues

☐ New Member

☐ Renewal

☐ Family \$40.00

☐ Adult: \$30.00

☐ Senior \$25.00

☐ Yes, as a **new** BHS member I wish to receive the Gazette newsletter and other e-communications and understand I can unsubscribe at any time.

Volunteer

Are you interested in volunteering with the Society? Would you like to help us in preserving the history of our City? Tell us a bit about your talents and interests – info@burlingtonhistorical.ca

Donation

I wish to make a separate donation to the society in the sum of _____

A Tax Receipt will be issued for all donations totalling \$25.00 or more

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