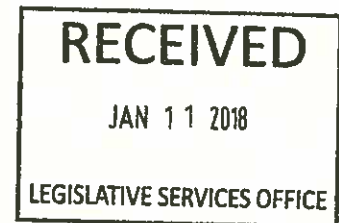


# A proclamation from the desk of Stephen J. Travers

*Official Town Crier for The City of Barrie*



Dear Mayor Lehman, and all Members of City Council,

As Official Town Crier for the City of Barrie, I am pleased to submit the attached annual report of my Town Crier activities during the past year **2017** for your kind attention.

Yes 2017 was a busy year indeed!...

As Canada celebrated **150 years of Confederation**, I was happy to make a host of appearances as your Official Town Crier on behalf of our historic city of Barrie to celebrate this wonderful fact.

As well as making proclamations to welcome guests to various functions and events. I was most pleased to have been invited to make several historic presentations to senior living communities around town; thus promoting our wonderful community's history, and also helping raise money for charity.

This year I also conducted several historic walking tours on behalf of the city, as well as Heritage Barrie. All were attended by many persons of various ages and enjoyed heartily by all!

*Most kind regards*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Travers". The signature is stylized and fluid.

**Stephen J. Travers**

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## ***TOWN CRIER'S ANNUAL REPORT OF EVENTS ATTENDED IN 2017:***

**Jan 21<sup>st</sup>:** Conducted historic presentation for visitors from Innisfil historic Society.

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup>:** Performed special proclamation at the festival for Georgian College 50<sup>th</sup> Year in service celebration.

**Feb 5<sup>th</sup> :** Attended and performed a 'Historic Walking Tour' for everyone at the *Barrie Winterfest* Celebrations on the lakeshore.

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Attended and Performed special historical presentation for students at Eastview Secondary School.

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup> :** Attended and proclaimed welcome to all at Northwest United Church Chilli Cook-off contest.

**Mar 4<sup>th</sup> :** Attended City Hall to perform welcoming proclamation to promote the charity for 'Rare Diseases Connection' flag raising ceremony .

**Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> :** Proclaimed special welcome and made historic presentation to Huronia Probus Club, helping raise charity monies.

**March 29<sup>th</sup> :** Welcomed group of Georgian College international students to City Hall with special proclamation introducing Mayor Lehman.

**March 30<sup>th</sup> :** Attended Barrie British Club function celebrating reign of Queen Elizabeth II .

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** : Performed special proclamation at Bayfield Mall the Y *Super-bowl Bowling Contest* in aid of young students.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**: Performed proclamation for special dinner to commemorate exemplary service of previous Mayor of Barrie Mr Willard Kinzie.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** : Attended Mavericks Music Hall fashion show to deliver welcome to all in attendance supporting Jamie Hall's featured Charity.

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** : Conducted meeting with Simcoe Theatre group studying Barrie history for research for a new play entitled : '*The Five Points*'.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** : Attended Waterford Senior living to present special historical presentation raising funds for charity.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** : Performed proclamation for Eastview S.S celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** : Attended Liberty North to welcome guests supporting COPE Service Dogs charity.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** : Met with Barrie New-comers Club members to guide them on a 1hr historic walking tour of Barrie.

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** : Performed special welcoming proclamation at Ferndale Banquet Hall dinner for Retired Teachers of Ontario Association.

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** : Attended Maple-view Heights Public School to talk to Junior kindergarten class and explain life as the Town Crier.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** : Made special greeting proclamation to Barrie British Club at Woods Park Senior Centre.

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** : Welcomed visitors to Barrie at Southshore Centre for Food Revolution Day Celebration with special proclamation.

**June 7<sup>th</sup> pm**: Performed welcoming proclamation and performed special historic presentation for members of Grave United Church Barrie.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** : Made welcoming proclamation for members at St John Vianny Church to aid their celebration of *Family Heritage Festival*.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** : Proclaimed to Barrie Women's Christian Group at Ferris Lane venue celebrating 150 yrs of Canada's Confederation .

**June 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>** : Performed 3 special proclamations and proudly represented the City of Barrie, at International Town Criers Contest held in Markham Ontario .

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** : Attended to proclaim welcome to all, at well-known Barrie Solicitor Mr. Alfred Dick's retirement function at McLaren Art Gallery.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** : Attended and performed welcoming cry for RVH Regional Medical Facility celebrating 120 years of service to Barrie.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> pm** : Performed historical presentation for seniors at the Amica Little Lake facility raising monies for charity.

**June 25<sup>th</sup>** : Attended Welland Rose Parade Festival to perform welcoming proclamations to visitors on behalf of the City of Barrie .

**June 28<sup>th</sup>** : Attended and performed proclamation for Mayor Lehman & members of Council, and members of provincial parliament at Barrie Heritage Park celebrating 150 yrs of Canada's confederation and welcoming the Snow Birds Airshow and also WWII Veterans Association members.

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** : Attended and performed welcome proclamations for all citizens in downtown Barrie & waterfront area celebrating Canada Day and 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation!

**July 5<sup>th</sup>** : Made special historic presentation to residents of Woods Park Senior living.

**July 6<sup>th</sup>**: Made special 150<sup>th</sup> historic presentation to residents of Sienna Seniors Centre Barrie.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** : Delivered historical presentation to Golden K at St Paul's Church Barrie raising funds for local charity

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>**: Attended Provincial Town Criers Contest on behalf of the City of Barrie in Bracebridge Area.

**July 25<sup>th</sup>**: Proclaimed opening welcome to the audience at Mady theatre for the play performed by students entitled “ *The Five Points*”

**July 25<sup>th pm</sup>** : Attended and proclaimed welcome to ESL students from the Barrie Learning Centre and then conducted historic walking tour for them in downtown Barrie area.

**July 26<sup>th</sup>**: Attended and performed special proclamation for all members and visitors attending ‘*Communities in Bloom*’ lunch at Southshore Centre.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** : Performed special celebration cry for residents from Tiny township area.

**Aug 17<sup>th</sup>** : Attended and performed special historical walking tour for the guests and attendees at Mady theatre, incorporating and featuring special flood-lit art works in various locations around downtown area.

**Aug 21:** Made special presentation on 18<sup>th</sup> Century history subject to raise funds to support Syrian Refugee Fund & family sponsorship at Waterford Seniors residence.

**Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> :** Proclaimed welcome around lakeshore area for Mayor Lehman and for MP's from Provincial and Federal parliament. celebrating the "*Illuminate Barrie Festival*".

**Sept 5<sup>th</sup> :** Attended and made flag raising proclamation at city hall to help promote and to raise funds for *Child Cancer Awareness* Charity groups.

**Sept 8<sup>th</sup> :** Met seniors from the Waterford Seniors residence to make presentation and raise funds to aid others.

**Sept 12<sup>th</sup>:** Performed special historical presentation for students at Bear Creek S.S.

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> :** Welcomed visitors to Simcoe County at the Oro World's Fair.

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>:** Made special presentation for seniors at Owen Street Seniors Centre.

**Sept 20<sup>th</sup> :** Attended Sandy Cove Acres Ladies Breakfast to present historical presentation thus raising funds for others.

Pm: Attended Amica Seniors residence at Little Lake to conduct 'History of Barrie' presentation.

**Sept 21<sup>st</sup> :** Made opening proclamation for fund raising event held at Southshore Centre in aid of *Canadian National Institute for the Blind*.

**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Performed opening proclamation for all the children attending the special "Annual Scavenger Hunt" organised by St Margaret's Church Barrie.

**Sept 26th** : Conducted historical research at Union Cemetery.

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>** : Led and conducted historical walking tour of *Downtown* Barrie for citizens and visitors for and behalf of Heritage Barrie Assc.

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**: Conducted special *Union Cemetery* historic walking tour for citizens and visitors for and behalf of Heritage Barrie Assc.

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>**: Made presentation to raise funds for local charity at Canadian Legion building for Barrie Probus Club members.

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** : Made proclamation at Elmvale Public Library and made historic presentation too.

**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>**: Made presentation at Waterford Seniors Residence.

**Oct 26<sup>th</sup>** : Welcomed international ESL students from Georgian College to Barrie City Hall and introduced Mayor Lehman to them all.

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**: Made historical interest presentation at Amica Seniors Residence Little Lake venue.

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>** : Performed proclamation welcoming parents of students at Bear Creek S.S ‘*Night of Academic Excellence!* ‘

**Nov 8<sup>th</sup>** : At Woods Park Seniors Residence performed WW11 talk and story of my own father’s part at a member of the Allied troops.

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>**: Led Barrie’s Santa Claus Parade announcing that “*Santa was on his way today!*”

**Nov 29<sup>th</sup>**: Attended Sandy Cove Acres to make Xmas proclamation and tree lighting.

