

The Sir Robert Barrie Project



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Background

- In 1788, Robert Barrie joined the Royal Navy (RN) at age 14 as a midshipman aboard HMS Discovery with Captain George Vancouver.
- During the War of 1812 he commanded HMS Dragon, which blockaded the American forces in Chesapeake Bay and his British Squadron captured some 85 American vessels.
- In January 1819 he took up the post of commissioner of the Naval Dockyard in Kingston. As the senior Naval Officer in the Canadian Colony he was instrumental in developing the facilities at Kingston as well as the building of the Rideau and Welland canals.
- In 1833, the city was named after Sir Robert Barrie, KCH, KCB

Scope of Project

- To highlight the history of our city's namesake.
- Have a display in a prominent location.
- Display would consist of:
 - a 48" x 36" painting of Sir Robert Barrie commanding HMS Dragon during the War of 1812;
 - a display case containing his naval sword; a replica of his Post-Captain (RN) uniform his naval bicorn hat.





Fundraising

- The Project Committee, as part of the city's International Relations Committee would request donations from people and businesses interested in promoting the history of Barrie and its namesake.
- Donations would be done through the city's finance department and an official receipt for income tax purposes given to the donor.
- A flyer has been designed to help raise awareness of the project and raise \$25,000 towards it.

Request to City Council

- Support for the project
- Permission to house the uniform and sword display case outside of the Sir Robert Barrie room at City Hall.
- Permission to display the original 48" x 36" painting by Canadian marine artist Peter Rindlisbacher in a prominent place, in the MacLaren Art Centre with a reproduction in the Council Chamber.