

Dear Mayor Lehman, and all Members of Barrie 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 **2018** for your kind attention.

This year was another busy year indeed!...

Once again, as well as making proclamations to welcome guests to various functions and events. I was greatly honoured by council to wear the special naval uniform of Sir Robert Barrie, and to perform various functions around the city. This included the welcoming of Sir Thomas Ingilby and a wonderful choir from our twin town of Harrogate England.

I am also again pleased to have been invited to make several historic presentations to senior living communities around town and to local Girl Guides and Brownie groups, thus continuing to promote our wonderful community's history.

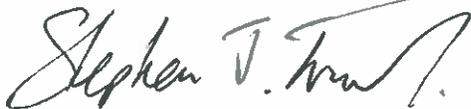
I have also once again attended many fund raising functions helping raise money for local charities, as well as Barrie schools celebrating local students success and achievements.

This year is the end of my present 4 year contract:

{Therefore if it pleases council to do so, I formally request that council take this opportunity to renew my contract as your Official Town Crier for another 4 years.}

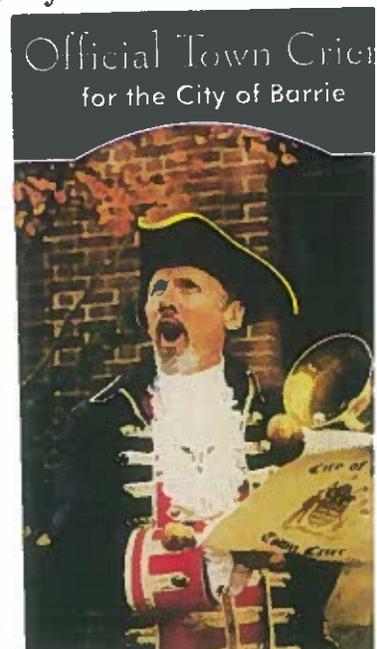
Be assured I will once again carry out my duties to the utmost of my abilities.

Most kind regards



Stephen J. Travers

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***TOWN CRIER'S ANNUAL REPORT OF ALL EVENTS
ATTENDED IN 2018:***

Jan 6th: Proclaimed welcome at Mayor Lehman's Levee at city hall.

Jan 24th: Gave special presentation to Canadian National Pensioners Association at Allendale Heights Recreation Centre.

Jan 25th: Proclaimed welcome to members of the Barrie British Club celebrating Sir Robbie Burns luncheon.

Jan 26th : Performed proclamation to promote wellness and relaxation at Eastview Secondary School.

Feb 2nd: Attended and performed a 'History of Barrie' presentation for everyone at Woods Park Seniors Centre.

Feb 4th Attended and performed historical downtown walking tour for everyone at the 'Barrie Winterfest Celebration'.

Feb 21st: Attended and performed historical presentation to students at Barrie Eastview SS.

Feb 22nd: Attended the Barrie Legion Hall to perform welcoming proclamation and presentation to Veterans Club of Barrie .

Mar 1st: Proclaimed welcome and made historic presentation to senior residents at Whispering Pines Seniors Residence Barrie.

March 13TH: Attended meeting with members of council and Arin Donnelly to promote Barrie's culture and tourism.

March 30th : Attended Barrie Probus Club function at the Barrie Legion Hall proclaimed and welcomed all in attendance .

April 4th: Attended Woods Park Seniors Centre to proclaim welcome to seniors and make special presentation.

April 11th: Attended Meeting at Georgian College to discuss welcoming international students from around the world.

April 12th: Proclaimed special welcome for international students at Georgian College.

April 13th: Conducted Presentation and performed proclamation for students at special 'Mental & Physical Wellness' week at Eastview SS.

April 24th: Attended Barrie Learning Centre to make special retirement proclamation for long serving staff member of SCDSB.

May 2nd: Performed proclamation and presentation for Amica Seniors at Little Lake location.

May 12th: Attended Liberty North to welcome guests supporting COPE Service Dogs charity.

May 15th: Proclaimed royal wedding celebration cry for Parkview 55 plus group.

May 16th: Performed special welcoming proclamation dressed as Sir Robert Barrie at Barrie North SS, with Rob Warman and members of the committee celebrating Sir Robert Barrie's 1812 achievements. .

May 17TH: Met at Collier St United Church and conducted historic walking tour of Barrie for group of local Girl Guides.

May 18th: Made special 'Royal Wedding Celebration' proclamation for Prince Harry and Meaghan to Allendale 55 plus club at Allendale Rec Centre.

May 24th: Performed welcoming proclamation for members of the Retired Teachers of Ontario 50th Anniversary at Ferndale Banquet Hall.

June 2nd: Made welcoming proclamation for volunteers of the Mission Thrift Store Charity Shop celebration of 10 years in existence.

June 14TH: Proclaimed to graduating students at the SCDSB head office.

June 15th: Performed historic presentation at Amica Seniors Residence Little Lake.

June 21st : Attended to proclaim welcome to all at celebration for local businesses man Will Marshall celebrating 35 years of serving the insurance needs of citizens here in Barrie.

June 23^r : Attended and performed welcoming cry for members of the Legion at special charity night in Midland Legion.

July 3rd: Performed welcome for party of VIP international visitors at Georgian College.

July 12th : Attended new Ribbon Cutting at Mathews House Hospice Centre Alliston to perform welcoming proclamations to visitors and generous donators.

July 14th: Represented the City of Barrie as your Official Town Crier at Ontario Town Criers Contest held in Bracebridge Muskoka.

July 25th: Attended and performed welcome proclamations for all city staff, citizens and volunteers involved with the 'Communities in Bloom' celebration at the Southshore Centre.

July 31st: Made special Welcoming proclamation to Sir Thomas Ingilby and representatives of our twin town of Harrogate, as they arrived from England at Barrie City Hall.

Aug 3rd: Conducted historic walking tour of the downtown area for Sir Thomas Ingilby and various council members joined by the Harrogate choir.

Aug 7th: Welcomed all citizens and special choir from Harrogate as they performed to an audience at the West Lutheran Church @ Ferndale and Livingston.

Aug 11th: performed welcoming proclamation for Councillor Donna Orsatti of Innsidale council for her husband's 70th Birthday.

Aug 23rd: Proclaimed opening welcome to the audience and attendees at the Annual Barrie Fair.

Sept 6th: Attended and proclaimed for fund raising quiz night event for the Canadian Legion.

Sept 9th: Attended and performed proclamation for all in attendance at the Will Marshall Insurance company charity Golf Day.

Sept 12th: Performed special celebration cry and made an historic presentation for students of Bear Creek S.S.

Sept 18th: Performed celebration proclamation for the seniors over 80's group at Sandy Cove Acres.

Sept 20th: Volunteered to attend and perform welcoming proclamation for all the volunteers who volunteer to work at the Mission Store Barrie at a dinner held at the Lions Gate Hall Barrie.

Sept 25th: Made presentation on 18th Century history subject to raise funds to support local charities at Eastview SS for Kristen Bach's class of students.

Sept 29th: Performed free downtown walking tour for residents and visitors entitled “ *Historic Barrie Heroes and Heroines Rogues and scoundrels*”

Sept 30th: Led special historic walking tour of the Union Cemetery entitled “ Barrie's pioneers and prominent citizens”

Oct 1st: Performed opening proclamation for special new showcase featuring the uniform and medals of Sir Robert Barrie.

Oct 11th: Welcomed seniors and made entertaining presentation for the residents of Amica Little Lake location.

Oct 25th: Made proclamation for a retiring chief custodian Mrs Ellen Craig who has served the SCDSB for over 20 yrs

Nov 1st: Made opening proclamation for night celebrating the ‘Night of Excellence’ celebration for students at Bear Creek S.S.

Nov 1st pm: Led historic down town walking tour for ‘Barrie Brownies’ girls group.

Nov 2nd: Read poem aloud “*In Flanders Fields*” to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of WW1 at Barrie British Club at Woods Park Seniors Centre.

Nov 7th: Led and conducted historical presentation for senior citizens at Woods Park seniors residence.

Nov 17th: Led Barrie's annual Santa Claus Parade announcing that *"Santa was on his way today.... Hurray!"*

Nov 21st: Attended and proclaimed welcome to celebrate the Barrie Arts Awards Celebration at the Barrie Country Club.

Nov 22nd: Made proclamation telling all that Barrie's Radio Station Fresh Radio 93.1 is the Official Christmas station for Barrie.

Nov 23rd: Attended 80 Bradford St for the opening of the 360 degree photograph of the City of Barrie by businessman Herman Keoslag. Then proclaimed opening.

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