

CHP is desperately in need of a new home!

Our Yonge Street office is about to be demolished to make way for the 80-storey condo

Big space!

Free of charge!

By 31 December 2007!

We require 2000 to 2500 square feet (the lesser amount after we get the Tollkeeper's Cottage up and running) to house our large research library, 43 filing cabinets of archival material, many special collections, plus space for making displays and storing those not currently in circulation and for meetings.

Call 416-515-7546 with offers or tips . . . soon.

# COMMUNITY HISTORY PROJECT

FOUNDED 1983 - INCORPORATED 1987 ONTARIO NO. 729493



## PROSPECTUS

The Community History Project (CHP) was founded in 1983 and incorporated in 1987 as a local history group with a large study area in the midtown area of Toronto. Members come from all walks of life and primarily from middle to senior years. CHP has an Executive and Board of Directors and operates entirely on a voluntary basis.

Members pay an annual membership fee plus their own expenses in doing the work of the group. The group has various fundraising projects to support its work, and receives an annual Heritage Organization Development Grant of \$1215.00 from the Ontario Ministry of Culture.

The corporate address of CHP has been at the Spadina Branch of the Toronto Public Library since 1983 through the gracious permission of the Toronto Public Library Board.

CHP owns a rare historic building, the Tollkeeper's Cottage, which has been placed in a City-owned park and is being restored to an estimated value of more than \$500,000 with donations from the general public and \$75,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. As well, furniture, furnishings, goods, and services have been donated, and volunteers have contributed more than 6000 hours of labour on the building alone, plus fundraising and public education work. As a museum, the Tollkeeper's Cottage will be operated by trained volunteers. The building has been municipally designated and will become a National Historic Site when completed in 2008.

In 1987, CHP received the *donated* use of 3000 square feet of space on the second floor of Cumberland Terrace from Bruce Heyland of Hammerson Canada. The group developed an office, archives, activity and public education centre at this location until 1996 when the property was sold. The same year, Douglas Matthews of Nastapoka Holdings invited CHP to make its home *free of charge* in property at Roy's Square where 2700 square feet in two buildings became CHP's offices, archives, meeting space and storage space for displays and special collections. This location is about to be demolished in January 2008 for redevelopment. Other volunteer heritage groups made use of both locations over the years, including the city-wide Maps Project which produced a study on lost historic sites for the current Official Plan.

CHP carries insurance on its members and its holdings, including the Tollkeeper's Cottage. CHP and its members have been granted many awards and honours by all levels of government and from other heritage organizations.

References: Bloor-Yorkville BIA; YBB Business Association; Heritage Toronto; Toronto Historical Association; Councillors Mihevc, Vaughan, McConnell, Walker; MPPs Bryant, Smitherman, Marchese; MP Bennett; and from Randal Froebelius of Equity ICI which manages the buildings at Roy's Square.

Further information (to 31 December 2007): 416-515-7546