

THE TOLLKEEPER' S COTTAGE

A museum about tolls, roads,
and nineteenth century life
owned, restored and operated by the
Community History Project

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Cottage is located at
750 Davenport Road M6G 2B3

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Ontario Trillium Foundation
and by more than 500 individuals,
organizations and companies.*

TOLLKEEPER'S COTTAGE SPECIFICATIONS

Sits on

parkland owned by City of Toronto
leased portion enclosed by retaining wall
800' from original site (under street pavement)
buildings rest on concrete pad with radiant heating system

Cottage

circa 1835 (elements from pre-1820 to 1840)
one original door dated in 1790s
20' x 30' one-storey with low attic
front and back entrances
found with front porch & rear shed missing
main room, two bedrooms, plastered walls
pine vertical plank construction, 2" thick
original floors hand-planed pine T&G
shiplap clapboard handsawn, whitewashed
roofed with cedar shakes on 20" pine boards
early fireplace replaced with stove

Joining Section

4'2" x 26', wood frame with skylight

Addition

15'6" x 26' one storey
one entrance
main room with bathroom, mechanical room
vertical plank construction interior
T&G siding exterior
marmoleum tile floor covering

RESTORATION AND FURNISHING

Restoration

Historical Research: James Orr, Brian Narhi, Jane Beecroft

Architects Klaus and Marjut Dunker, Dunker Associates

Heritage Consultant Dorothy Duncan

Project Manager Jane Beecroft

Assistant Project Manager I Brian Narhi

Assistant Project Manager II Larry Priestman

Consulting Architect Katie Kurtin

Volunteers 12,000 hours

Original material saved, re-used

Replacement materials from Historic Lumber, Acton

Various Skilled Professionals

Period Furnishings

most furniture, furnishings donated
furniture restored or protected by experts
or by volunteers wherever appropriate

Modern Equipment

computer donated
folding tables donated
appliances, folding chairs
purchased tableware, serving items
donated

Historic Plantings. Groundskeeping Historic

plantings originally established by Grassroots Albany
volunteers. Aboriginal plant garden by Two Blue Jays
Dancing. Plantings by our CHP volunteers with native
Ontario plants or plants the first settlers would have
brought for their household use

OPERATIONS

Regular Operations

museum run by trained volunteer docents
open to public Saturdays
hours (non pandemic!) 11 am to 5 pm summer
11am to 4pm winter
Open other days for special events such as
Victoria Day Tea, St. Patrick's Day Tea,
December cookie sale, Strawberry Social

admission by voluntary
contribution wheelchair ramp and
pathway

Special Programmes

days or evenings as announced
may be series of workshops, single lectures
costs as announced

Sales items:

books and pamphlets on local history
Leaflets for local walking tours
Handmade knitwear -mittens, hats, etc.
Door snakes

Rentals

intended to support operating costs
maximum capacity inside limited to 35 persons
(no capacity limit outside)
single unisex fully accessible washroom space
at \$25 per hour
extra charges for use of certain equipment

TTC Access from Bloor Subway

Bathurst bus from Bathurst station to Davenport
Davenport bus from Spadina station to Bathurst

School field trips can be arranged, as can
group visits for seniors and others. Email us!

