

THE TOLLKEEPER'S COTTAGE

A museum about tolls, roads,
and nineteenth century life
owned, restored and operated by the
Community History Project
c/o Spadina Road Library
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Ontario Trillium Foundation
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TOLLKEEPER'S COTTAGE SPECIFICATIONS

Site

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

donations, labour by Grassroots Albany
donations, labour by CHP volunteers

OPERATIONS

Regular Operations

museum run by trained volunteer docents
Tuesdays reserved for schools, seniors' tours
(bus parking area on Tuesdays)
open to public Saturdays only for first months
hours 10 am to 5 pm
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

publications on heritage subjects
maple syrup, sugar
seasonal indigenous pioneer foods
foodstuffs made from indigenous foods
historic recipes
period style refreshments

Rentals

intended to support operating costs
maximum capacity inside limited to 35 persons
(no capacity limit outside)
single unisex fully accessible washroom
space at \$15 per hour
extra charges for use of certain equipment

TTC Access from Bloor Subway (after Bathurst Street re-opened)

Bathurst bus from Bathurst station to Davenport
(every 12 minutes)
Davenport bus from Spadina station to Bathurst
(every 40 minutes)