

**Friends of Devereaux House
Annual Report
2020**

Devereaux House was a quiet venue in 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the house was closed to the public and no short term rental activity occurred. Georgetown Soccer Club staff, being just one person, worked intermittently throughout the year from the second floor offices.

There were few enquiries about rentals since public gatherings were restricted and people knew that our venue would not be a Covid-safe setting.

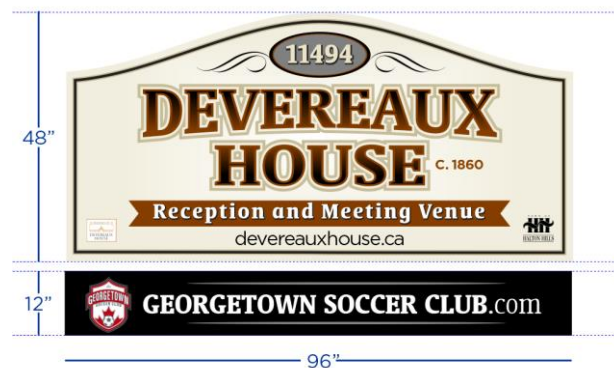
The property was enhanced with the installation of new black wrought iron railings flanking the front steps and a striking new sign at the fence announces our location. Grass cutting and snow clearing by Town staff ensured that the building appeared cared for, and some touch up painting was done on exterior doors. The house was checked weekly, thermostats lowered and exterior lighting maintained. Garden elves, mostly from our Womens' Institute partners kept the front garden looking loved.

Some capital works in the offing could include completion of the brick cladding in the north west corner of the house and chimney work. These masonry items will need the services of a qualified heritage mason. In addition, when the house is operating again, the water filtration system which controls the salt and iron content from the well will need to be replaced or repaired.

We have continued our property and directors' insurance since accidents and property damage can occur despite extremely limited building use.

Fortunately, the Soccer Club has continued to pay its monthly rental and this has allowed us to cover utility and other expenses.

At press time, we are in shutdown due to a third wave of Covid infections. Hopeful that summer 2021 will see us out of this pandemic and operations at the house can resume in the fall.



*Respectfully Submitted by Ann Lawlor
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