

### **Norval Community Association Report**

The following report was received by the Town on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and was requested by the Norval Community Association to be attached to Staff Report RP-2018-0030.

# ***Normal Community Association***

## **Past Present Future**



# Norval Community Association Project Initiatives

## Introduction

The Norval Community Association (NCA) is a non-profit organization with a mandate to foster strong community spirit, preserve historic values, and promote beautification. Community volunteers have encouraged civic pride in the Hamlet of Norval since 1974. Its volunteers have been actively involved in municipal issues that affected the Hamlet for over 40 years. The NCA takes great pride in supporting initiatives that celebrate its rich and diverse cultural heritage including our First Nation history, (plaque dedication - 1991 McNab Park) and the preservation of its distinct environment in the Credit River Valley. The village of Norval was settled by 1818 following the War of 1812 at Queenston Heights, Ontario. Treaties signed in 1818 involved the Eagle and Otter Tribes now known as the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

For many years, the NCA has recognized and celebrated one of its most notable international figures, Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery - who was born in Prince Edward Island but spent more than half of her life in Ontario. Montgomery's husband, Reverend Ewan Macdonald, was the Minister at the Norval Presbyterian Church, and Union Presbyterian Church in Glen Williams. The author and her husband had two sons, Stuart and Chester, and the family resided in the Norval Presbyterian Manse for the period from 1926 to 1935. The home was built in 1888 ten years after the Norval Presbyterian church which was built in 1878.

In 1993, Julie Pomeroy, Bob Crawford and myself (all of us from old Norval families) met to create a community event which would celebrate Lucy Maud Montgomery. Proudly this year 2018 we recognize the 25th anniversary since Montgomery Christmas started in Norval. Since the beginning, our 3 Norval churches (Anglican, Presbyterian, and Norval United Church) have participated in the event, and in recent years St. Elias Ukrainian Church on Heritage Road has been involved.

Norval residents Bob Crawford, Chuck Bryce, and George Gastle designed and built three impressive hand carved signs - a Norval gateway feature Sign at Pine Court with gardens, McNab Park sign, and Lucy Maud Montgomery Garden Sign.

The Norval Community Association is proud of many legacy projects:

**Canada's Centennial 1967** - cairn designed and built with stone from local Norval farms and time capsule installed (which was opened for Canada 150 in 2017), and a bronze plaque incorporated

**1991 McNab Park** was designed and a plaque installed recognizing our First Nations and First Settlers; a hand carved sign was installed; Riverside trail built with parking lot, park benches, picnic tables, and gardens added

**1992 - Canada 125** - the Lucy Maud Montgomery Heritage Gardens were designed and built with a plaque installed identifying the famous Canadian's author's life in Norval

**1997 - An Analemmatic Sundial** was built with the financial support of the Carter Family to honour the men and women of Norval who served their country in time of war



**1998 - Willow Park Ecology Centre** opened with the Robert Nobel Tree Trail designed by the late Irene McIlveen; and Butterfly Garden was installed by the Norval Community Association

**2006 - NCA and Norval Women's Institute (NWI)** teamed up and built a gazebo with quotes of Lucy Maud Montgomery to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of NWI

**2008 – LM Montgomery Museum** - June 21, Mayor Rick Bonnette attended the opening of the Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum at Crawford's Village Bakery which closed in 2014

**2014 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the incorporation of the Norval Community Association.

**2016 - The Children's Garden of the Senses** was officially opened by Mayor Bonnette and members of Council - Outdoor Art Sculpture was placed by the waterfall in memory of Ted and Ruth Thompson the bronze sculpture is known as The Story Girl a book written by Lucy Maud Montgomery

**2017 - Canada 150** - The Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills and the Lucy Maud Montgomery Heritage Society LMMHS purchased the former home of Lucy Maud Montgomery. The Town of Halton Hills supported the museum project as part of their Canada 150 Celebration in 2017. In 2018 the LMMHS applied for a National Heritage Designation with the Federal Government to declare 402 Draper Street in Norval the former home of Lucy Maud Montgomery a National Historic site. Once approved this site will be the first nationally designated site in Halton Region.

Norval-on-the-Credit event sponsored by Canada 150 federal grant. Speeches by MP Michael Chong and MPP Ted Arnett - who presented awards and letters of thanks to NCA organizers, and ceremonies by representatives of Mississauga of the Credit First Nations and other national indigenous groups. Norval-wide participation in the event which included local churches, missions, and community groups. Celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the LM Montgomery Heritage Garden.

**2018 Canada 150+** a Pollinator Canoe was installed in McNab Park with a Credit River Water Ceremony, signage honouring the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and new Pollinator gardens - attended by Chief Stacey Laforme and Mayor Rick Bonnette. The Norval Community Association continues to welcome fans of Lucy Maud Montgomery from all over the world.

The Lucy Maud Montgomery Writing Box project will be initiated in the 2018-19 school year with support from THH Sustainability Fund and others.

The Norval Community Association has a long history of hosting special events - the longest running is Montgomery Christmas since 1993. Other popular Norval events enjoyed by Halton Hills residents and beyond - the President's Garden Party; Riverfest; Pioneer Days; Strawberry Festival; May 24<sup>th</sup> Queen's Birthday with Parade, Fireworks, and bed race; Ground Hog Night; Anne of Green Gables Day; Annual Plein Air (drawing participants and visitors from a wide area of Ontario and New York State); Norval-on-the-Credit; Pioneer Days; Not-So-Empty-Bowls; Kairos Blanket Exercise; and in 2018 Norval's first Hot Dog Day.

Note: Norval special events - Speaker series and book signing with many well-known Canadian Lucy Maud Montgomery Scholars attending: the late Professor Michael Bliss,

Dr. Mary Rubio, Professor Elizabeth Hillman Waterston, Dr. Edith Smith, Professor Irene Gammel, Dr. Ben Lefebvre, Alexandra Heilbron, Professor Kevin McCabe, Professor John Ferns, Heirs of Lucy Maud Montgomery, Kate MacDonald Butler, the late David MacDonald,

Published Authors: Melanie Fishbane, Elizabeth MacLeod, Rea Wilmshurst, Carolyn Collins, local author's Elaine Laird Crawford and daughter Kelly, Mary Maxwell, Joan Carter, Deb Quaile, and Richard Ruggle have recorded our local history, and many, many other prominent Canadian Lucy Maud Montgomery Scholars, and authors have presented at Norval events through the past 25 years.

Norval has proudly honoured our early settlers with several bronze plaques at two pioneer cemeteries: McNab Cemetery (an extension of the riverside trail in McNab Park) and St. Paul's Anglican Church at Hillcrest Cemetery.

McNab Park dedication took place in 1991 to honour our first settlers, the McNab family and First Nations. The Willow Park Ecology Centre, Norval Park and McNab Park are situated along two water courses the West Branch of the Credit (known as Silvercreek) and the Credit River. These parks have all been revitalized by volunteers and continue to provide enjoyment for local citizens and visitors.

In 2018 the Credit Valley Trail Tourism Committee declared Norval as one of the pilot sites for the future trail from Port Credit to Orangeville, which will include 22 nodes. The Credit Valley Trail will be a continuous 100 kilometre pathway through the Credit River Valley - from the headwaters in Orangeville to Lake Ontario in Port Credit - connecting people to the beauty of nature, rich cultural experiences, Indigenous heritage and values, and to the sacred, sustaining waters of the Credit River.

Also in 2018 NCA participated in the Town of Halton Hills Cultural Days by hosting the Kairos Blanket Exercise with Regional Councillors Jane Fogal and Clark Somerville attending. Our entry won the Ontario-wide People's Choice Award for 2018.

Upper Canada College purchased over 400 acres in 1913 along the banks of the Credit River. The Toronto school has complemented their teaching by creating the Upper Canada College Norval Outdoor School. The students have planted over 1 million trees on the property. The UCC outdoor school is one of the oldest outdoor schools in Canada. The college is supporting a trail link from their property into the village of Norval. The trail will link into existing trails creating a loop throughout the village.

NCA is working with representatives of the CVC, Bruce Trail, and others to re-open the Credit Valley Footpath as part of the Credit Valley Trail.

Canada's Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2017 was an opportunity for Norval to continue to celebrate our past, for the future and many projects were considered. It is well documented that the Hamlet of Norval was established by 1818 and the Norval Community Association recognizes the significance of the 200th Anniversary of our settlement in 2018.

Lucy Maud Montgomery and former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill celebrate the same birthday November 30, 1874. Norval citizens are planning a celebration to honour these two world renowned figures for the 150th Anniversary of their birth in 2024.

Norval's boundary road is called Winston Churchill Blvd. and Adamson Street is named after one of Norval's most prominent early settlers General Sir Peter Adamson.

These significant milestones take considerable forward thinking and planning, and the NCA is prepared to recognize its commitment to create initiatives surrounding these milestones that will encourage civic pride in the Hamlet of Norval.

One such project to kick-start the initiatives leading into the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary milestone was the installation of the "Children's Garden of the Senses" and supporting horticulture education for seniors and youth. The gardens are wheelchair accessible, serving those with special needs - unveiled September 2016.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation approved funding support for Norval in the amount of \$169,500 for the children's garden over a 2-year period from July 2014 to July 2016, in partnership with the Town of Halton Hills. The children's garden design was the start of the community transformation. Eileen Foley, Landscape Architect and Halton Hills citizen, designed the Children's Garden of the Senses.

Through supporting civic pride within the community, the NCA encourages the open dialogue with the Town of Halton Hills, collaborative partners, and other government levels to create a multi-level platform of engagement and funding for its proposed project initiatives within the Hamlet of Norval to enhance, celebrate and preserve the natural and distinctive built environment.

## **Background**

The Town of Halton Hills recently completed a comprehensive review (2010) of the existing *2003 Norval Secondary Plan* culminating in approved amendments pertaining to policy, transportation and infrastructure, the environment, floodplain, land use - including residential and commercial, design and heritage protection, and tourism impacting the hamlet. Staff from the Planning, Development and Sustainability Department confirmed in *Council Report PDS-2014-0012* that the recommendations were consistent with the Strategic Directions and Strategic Objectives of the *Town Strategic Plan* including:

- D. Preserve, Protect and Promote our Distinctive History
  - D.2: To encourage the preservation and enhancement of the historical character of the Town's distinctive neighbourhoods, districts, hamlets, and rural settlement areas.
- E. Preserve, Protect and Enhance our Countryside
  - E.2: To recognize, protect and enhance the established network of rural settlement areas that support and contribute to the countryside character of the Town.

As a result of the *Norval Secondary Plan* review, the *Hamlet Design and Heritage Protection Guidelines* were developed to protect the unique hamlet character prevalent in the community. These guidelines support the aspects of sustainability, gateways, focal points, crosswalks, surface parking and site circulation, streets and boulevards,

lighting fixtures, signage, trails, building character, building height, building materials, residential buildings, commercial buildings, and institutional buildings.

The NCA has initiated or been involved in the following recent projects:

1. Children's Garden of the Senses - unveiled September, 2016. Bronze Statue – "The Story Girl"
2. Military Remembrance - Veteran's Memorial - March 22, 2018 public meeting held
3. Trail and Cycling Enhancements - partner with Upper Canada College, 2017 – Bruce Trail and CVC, 2018
4. Norval Presbyterian Manse Museum Purchase, March 2017
5. Norval Parish Hall Theatre - August 2017: The Blue Castle - Lucy Maud Montgomery
6. Norval Shale Quarry Cancellation - Brampton Brick announced cancellation of the Shale Quarry April 9, 2018
7. Enhanced Tourism Initiatives - Hamilton, Halton Brant RTO-3 (Museum, LMM Garden)
8. Creation of Poetry Book - Norval Resident history - completed 2018
9. Canada in a Day National video creation - Summer 2017 (not accepted)
10. Most Patriotic Community Canada 150 Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce partner – July 1, 2017
11. Canada Summer jobs - one student for each summer 2017 and 2018
12. Canada's Sesquicentennial Celebration – Norval-on-the-Credit Hosting an event June 3, Pollinator Canoe, LMM Story boards, Moccasin Trail, "150 Paintings for Canada 150" sign, First Nation events and ceremonies including Tipi Raising and Drum circle, Norval Women's Institute Bronze Plaque unveiling in the Children's Garden of the Senses, and Cairn in Norval Park opened and rededicated. Partnered with Nirankari Mission and Ukrainian Orthodox Church to bring multinational experiences to local citizens.
13. Norval Presbyterian Manse and cottage historic bronze plaque unveilings June 3, 2018 Mayor Bonnette
14. Dedication of Pollinator Canoe and Water Blessing Ceremony - Mississauga of the Credit First Nation – June 2, 2018
15. Anne of Green Gables Day & 26th Anniversary LMM Garden - National Garden Day Event – June 16, 2018
16. Norval's First Hot Dog Day – Homecoming - Unveiling Outdoor Art - Norval Park, June 16, 2018
17. Fourth Annual Plein Air Event - August 18, 2018
18. Norval planting of the Royal Oak in Norval to honour the Wedding of Harry and Megan May 19, 2018 at 402 Draper Street
19. Second Annual Not-so-Empty Bowls event at Norval Presbyterian Church – September 22, 2018
20. Norval Church History Booklet - Pat Farley 2018
21. Montgomery Christmas 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – November 24, 2018

## **Hamlet of Norval - Future and Ongoing Project Initiatives**

The NCA supports the integration of the *Hamlet Design and Heritage Protection Guidelines* in the planning, design and implementation of the proposed project initiatives

for the community. Funding sources for the project initiatives include applications for federal, provincial, regional and municipal support and the potential for a capital campaign for the community.

#### *1. Children's Garden of the Senses – Phase 2*

The NCA received financial support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) for the installation of a Children's Garden of the Senses within the Lucy Maud Montgomery Heritage Garden and resources including a Project Manager and Education Coordinator. The NCA recognizes the contribution and support from the Town of Halton Hills necessary to complete the garden installation, and the importance of collaborating with the municipality.

The NCA needs further dialogue on: the installation of fencing, adequate parking, noise buffering, safety guidelines with respect to children, and the need for a public washroom to accommodate the public and tourism visitors expected to visit the site. The Lucy Maud Montgomery Heritage Garden has been classified as a destination park by the Town of Halton Hills. The NCA applied for another Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant for the children's garden in 2016 which was not successful.

#### *2. Military Remembrance Project- Veteran's Memorial*

The NCA has recognized its community residents' military contribution to protecting the freedom of Canada on the international front. It is important for the NCA to augment the recognition of the military and its significance to the community by incorporating a feature of remembrance to reflect and commemorate the military. Inscribing the names of Norval veterans on a plaque is a high priority.

The NCA has had dialogue with the Community Development Supervisor at the Town of Halton Hills with a report to council and it is our vision to build a Veteran's Memorial in the future. (2014-15 report to Council). Public meeting was held by the town at Upper Canada College on March 22, 2018.

#### *3. Trail and Cycling Enhancements*

It is recognized that trail and cycling development are important components of providing non-vehicular access through the Hamlet of Norval and along the Credit River Valley and West Branch of the Credit River and potential trail linkage into Georgetown. The NCA will continue to work with the Town of Halton Hills to collaborate on the development of a plan for linkages and installation to the existing Halton Hills Trails, and would offer volunteer support to the Trails Advisory Committee.

#### *4. Norval Presbyterian Manse Project*

The objective of the Norval Presbyterian Manse Project is to facilitate the purchase of the property to preserve and protect the former home of the internationally beloved Canadian writer Lucy Maud Montgomery, Norval's most famous former citizen. Montgomery, the author of *Anne of Green Gables* and over 20 more novels, partly wrote or published six of these books while living here. She also wrote several volumes of her personal journals about Norval.



A comprehensive business plan will study the property purchase in partnership with The Prince's Trust Canada and the Prince's Regeneration Trust in the United Kingdom. Other studies which will identify sustainability, strategic plan, preservation, and programming for a broad range of uses including the relocation of the historical artifacts for the purpose of a permanent museum. Opportunities will be explored such as: a literary arts component in recognition of the significance of Lucy Maud Montgomery to this space, multi-functional space for education and meetings, bus tours, festivals, writers in residence, etc.

The purchase of the Norval Presbyterian Manse (built in 1888) and the cottage (circa 1830) and historic barn on the site will be developed in a multi-dimensional approach.

NCA members participate on the Lucy Maud Montgomery Heritage Society Advisory Committee who will oversee the project and will collaborate with potential partners on the project, including but not limited to:

Heritage Canada National Trust, the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, The Prince's Trust Canada, Halton Region Museum, Private Foundations, the Ontario Arts Council, University of Guelph, the Town of Halton Hills, Halton Hills Library, Chamber of Commerce, Credit Valley Artisans, Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills, Credit Valley Conservation, Bruce Trail, Esqueping Historical Society, Upper Canada College, and others.

Recent federal funding announcements could support the project including:

- New Building Canada Plan (Ontario specific): <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/regions/on/on-nbcp-npcc-eng.html> (\$11B dedicated to Ontario)
- Federal Gas Fund: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/gtf-fte-eng.html> (Proposed to be used for tourism, capacity building, culture, recreation and tourism).
- Ontario Trillium Foundation - new Capital Funding Initiatives - 2018

Review Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum funding handout updated 2015. The NCA will remain active and support the manse project.

##### *5. Centre of Environmental Excellence and Arts Centre*

In the future the NCA proposes the restoration of the Norval Public School for a project initiative to create a Centre of Excellence for the Environment, and Public washrooms. The NCA is mobilizing Norval to create a heritage, cultural, tourism, and environmental destination. A vision to create a literary centre recognizing the legacy of internationally recognized author Lucy Maud Montgomery in combination with the environmental preservation of the Credit River Valley lands is evolving as a significant factor in its legacy.

The NCA proposes to continue to work with all levels of government agencies, and others, in collaborative partnerships that includes but not limited to:

Willow Park Ecology Centre, University of Guelph, Credit Valley Conservation, Bruce Trail, Ontario Arts Council (Literary Arts Officer), Upper Canada College Outdoor School, Town of Halton Hills, Credit Valley Trail, Credit Valley Artisans, University of Guelph, Ontario Tourism, and any other partners that may be involved in the future.

Recent federal funding to support the project initiative includes:

- New Building Canada Plan – Small Communities Fund (Municipal Grant for communities less than 100,000 population): <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/sc-cp-eng.html>. (Proposed to be used for the installation of a green energy program – for the Literary and Environmental Arts School building renovations. Application is submitted by the municipality.)

6. *St. Paul's Anglican Church Norval Parish Hall - Theatre - Halton Hills Inuit Outreach Project*

A strategy for incorporating theatrical performance and other Norval cultural initiatives should be coordinated in partnership with the Town of Halton Hills Tourism Committee. The St. Paul's Anglican parish hall is the location for a community outreach project for the support of families in Nunavut - last shipment was October 24, 2018

The parish hall is the site of the Old Tyme Concerts held during the years Lucy Maud Montgomery lived in Norval. The Spirit of Maud Theatre Company returned to host a performance of "The Blue Castle" in August 2017.

7. *Heritage Property Designation*

As part of the preservation of its unique heritage and distinct environment, the NCA recognizes the significance of its built environment. The character and charm of the community rests on protecting this distinct rural hamlet, and promoting and celebrating its rich heritage - Norval's three historic churches (Norval Presbyterian Church, Norval United Church, and St. Paul's Anglican Church) and other heritage sites connected to the significant former residents identified above. Note: 402 Draper Street former home of Lucy Maud Montgomery was designated in 2018 along with 404 Draper Street the Caretaker's Cottage. Review of a heritage district in Norval in the vicinity of the future manse museum would be timely.

8. *Hamlet of Norval Streetscape*

The *Hamlet Design and Heritage Protection Guidelines* support the aspects of sustainability, gateways, focal points, crosswalks, surface parking and site circulation, streets and boulevards, lighting fixtures and signage. The NCA proposes discussion and open dialogue between the Town of Halton Hills and the community residents in developing a plan for incorporating these significant features and streetscape for the hamlet of Norval. In planning for the significant milestones in 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, and 2024, the NCA recognizes the importance to its own

civic pride and to the broader community to plan for the long-term improvements to the streetscape of Norval.

These are some notable Norval residents, and heritage designated buildings of significance, and contributors to the Hamlet of Norval that will be recognized including, but not limited, to the following:

**Notable Norval Residents:** First Nations Heritage, Mississauga of the New Credit First Nation, re: archaeological Norval sites that still exist such as (Indian Rock), Norval on the Credit;  
Lucy Maud Montgomery (famous Canadian Author) - future museum and Literary Art Centre;  
J.W.L. Forester (World Renowned Portrait Painter);  
John Watkins (Russian Ambassador);  
Dr. Webster (20 years Halton County Sheriff);  
Dr. Paul Lapp (Sundial Expert);  
A.J. Cassons (Group of Seven Painter);  
Early Settlers: General Sir Peter Adamson, Colonel Clay (Post Master for over 50 years) Thomas Maxted (Renowned Builder), Russell family (Hill of Pines) (Homestead);  
Norval Mill Owners, to name a few: Robert Noble, James MacNab, General Sir Peter Adamson, Gordon Browne;  
Shannon Crawford (Gold Medalist Spain Summer Games);  
David Carter (UNESCO Blue Planet Award 2015 & Georgetown District High School Hall of Fame);  
Adelaide Hoodless Hunter – Women's Institute

**Heritage Designated Properties under the Provincial Heritage Act approved by Halton Hills Council:** Disciples of Christ Church, The British Hotel, and Robert Little-Shoemakers House. The Norval Manse, former home of Lucy Maud Montgomery, and the Caretaker's Cottage were designated in 2018.

**Norval Recognition through the years:** Congratulatory letter from Prime Minister Jean Chretien, and Queen Elizabeth, former Mayors - Russ Miller, and Marilyn Serjeantson, and current Mayor Rick Bonnette, Communities in Bloom Award, Georgetown Horticultural Best Community Garden, Province of Ontario - Heritage Award, Canada 150 recognition from MP Michael Chong and MPP Ted Arnott, Cultural Days recognition for Kiaros Blanket Exercise - Culture Days 2018

**Norval Community Association Members Recognized:**

Tom Pettingill  
Jamie Cunningham  
Carolyn Martin  
Kathy Gastle

**Norval Community Association executive members through the years:**

Councillor Pat Patterson  
Councillor and Mayor Kathy Gastle  
Mayor and Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy

Julian Reed, Member of Provincial Parliament, and Federal Member of Parliament

#### 9. *McNab Park, Meadow, and Riverside Trail*

McNab Park, including the Meadow and Riverside Trail, has evolved into a popular destination over the past 25 years for children in the community and family gatherings. The Pollinator Canoe was unveiled in 2018 in partnership with the Mississauga of the Credit. Local environmental groups have expressed an interest in the removal of invasive plants and planting more Pollinator Plants and Trail improvements along the Credit River in this area.

Our First Nation partners recognize the significance of the recent designation by the Credit Valley Trail Committee for McNab Park to be one of the first nodes along the trail. The park rehabilitation presents an opportunity to work with our First Nation partners to create a talking circle, moccasin trail markings, meadow planting of indigenous plants, trail enhancement, and storyboards that would tell the history of this environmentally sensitive area.

Environmental rehabilitation, enhanced trail development, and space for our First Nation to hold ceremonies by the Credit River will begin in the spring of 2019 with our partners - local environmental groups, such as P.O.W.E.R., Credit River Anglers, Credit Valley Conservation, Corporate sponsors, the Town of Halton Hills, and others.

### **Recommendations**

The Norval Community Association recognizes the significance of its collaborative partnership with the Town of Halton Hills. In preparation for the celebration the significant milestones these are project initiatives that require open dialogue and discussion with the community residents, collaborative partners, strategic funders and multi-levels of government.

The following recommendations are being brought forward by the Norval Community Association:

1. It is recommended that the Norval Community Association collaborate on: prioritizing the project initiatives, developing strategic plans and business plans, sustainable Tourism, establishing timelines and schedules, and mining funding from grants and other financial resources for project initiatives.
2. It is recommended that the Norval Community Association in partnership with the Town of Halton Hills review the funding and project plans for the installation and additional features for the Children's Garden of the Senses, and consider requirements for consistency with existing Town parks with respect to fencing, signage, accessibility, lighting and support facilities in anticipation of public education and tourism engagement.

3. It is recommended that special recognition for military contribution of Norval residents and the broader military family be considered and designed as a significant feature for the community. The concept, design, historical features, funding sources and installation will be developed in partnership with the Town of Halton Hills and other government partners.
4. It is recommended that there be a review of the trails and cycling linkages connecting the existing trails to Norval as alternative methods of promoting non-vehicular traffic to the hamlet, and promoting the healthy active sustainable initiatives to support the Town of Halton Hills sustainability platform. Continue our conversation with Upper Canada College Norval Outdoor School, Willow Park, Bruce Trail, and Credit Valley Conservation to develop trails in partnership.
5. It is recommended that the Norval Community Association review the opportunity to create a centre of Environmental Excellence and Arts Centre with public washrooms at the site of the Norval Community Centre, Norval Park as part of the public process March 22, 2018.
6. It is recommended that a strategy be developed for promoting open dialogue with the Norval community residents for the transformation of the streetscape of the village. This would include pedestrian-friendly sidewalk enhancements, signage, parking, focal points, lighting, and landscape design that would enhance the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lucy Maud Montgomery and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and other special events.
7. It is recommended that planning for the milestone celebrations be considered with the Town of Halton Hills in order to undertake a coordinated approach and appropriate recognition for these significant events occurring in 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, and 2024.

**2019** – Re-opening of the Credit Valley Footpath through Upper Canada College Lands to Terra Cotta. Enhancing and improving McNab Park and Riverside Trail.

**2020** – National Heritage designation of 402 Draper Street, former home of Lucy Maud Montgomery

**2022** – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the installation of the Analemmatic Sundial in honour of the men and women who served their country in times of war

**2024** – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Lucy Maud Montgomery and Winston Churchill. Official Opening of the Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum and Literary Arts Centre

The Norval Community Association extends its appreciation to the Town of Halton Hills for its continued support and the project initiatives envisioned for the Hamlet of Norval. The transformational steps being considered will continue to create tremendous civic pride for the Hamlet of Norval and the Town of Halton Hills from the perspective of Heritage, Culture, Tourism, and the Environment for the future.

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Signature Author, First Nations, Settlers &amp; other Significant People