

REPORT

Oakville Public Library Board

Meeting Date: June 20, 2024

FROM: Oakville Public Library

DATE: June 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Oakville Remembered Series – June 20, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Oakville Remembered Series report with received for information.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- The Oakville Remembered Series was created as a millennium project by Oakville Community Foundation (OCF) under the auspices of its Oakville Heritage Trust committee.
- OPL staff participated in the Oakville Remembered Series project and the resulting 3 DVD set placed in OPL's local history collection.
- It was discovered that disc 1 of the set was missing, marking the significant loss of a piece of Oakville history.
- Through a partnership with Catherine Hurley and Cogeco, OPL was able to receive re-mastered digital files to allow for the return of a complete DVD set to the collection as well as the inclusion of the series onto OPL's YouTube Channel.

BACKGROUND:

As a celebration of the new millennium, the Oakville Community Foundation (OCF) under the auspices of its Oakville Heritage Trust committee, worked with several local heritage organizations to create an interview series entitled, *Oakville Remembered*.

The videos were produced by Cogeco and were part of their TV programming from 1999 to 2001. A copy of the three DVDs were gifted to the Oakville Public Library to be held as part of it's local history collection. OPL's contributed to the videos through the involvement of then Local History Librarian Barbara Ann McAlpine and subsequently Elise Cole.

In 2020, Catherine Hurley, a past Chair of OCF and Oakville Heritage Trust reached out to the heritage community in celebration of the 20th anniversary of another project, the Oakville Heritage Trails. Catherine reconnected with Elise Cole, Local History Librarian on a few topics, including the observation that while OPL still had Volumes 2 and 3 in the collection, Volume 1 was missing.

In 2022, Catherine Hurley, in her role as part of the Oakville Lakeside Residents' Association (OLRA,) reached out to Elise as part of a separate project, however, through this process, Elise met Nikki Wesley of Cogeco.

When the missing Oakville Remembered Series Volume 1 DVD was mentioned, Nikki was able to ask a long-time staff member at Cogeco about the videos, and then proceeded to transferred them to OPL as well as remaster them as MP4s so that OPL would be able to place them online via OPL's YouTube channel. Cogeco also divided them into chapters to allow OPL to make the videos available via Oakville Images as an additional access point.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

The DVD was added to the collection and Oakville Remembered is now available as a complete three DVD circulating set. As for the beginning of June, the restored set has been circulated nine times since March 2024, and has a further 11 holds. In addition to the DVD set, the videos are available via Oakville Images and are expected to available via OPL's YouTube channel by June 20th, 2024.

APPENDICES:

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