

2017/18 PROGRAMME: October Lecture
A Railway History of Niagara-on-the-Lake



- SPEAKER:** Peter Mulcaster PEng, CEng, FIMechE.
DATE: Thursday Oct 19, 2017
TIMING: Reception and snacks from 6:30 pm, lecture starts at 7:00 pm.
COST: No charge for members or guests.
WHERE: Novotel Hotel, 3 Park Home Avenue, North York, Ontario, M2N 6L3 - *Stage Door* room
DIRECTIONS: See map overleaf. Parking vouchers will be given out at the event
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OUR SPEAKER Peter started his engineering career working in the automotive industry in the UK and Germany. Upon arriving in Canada, he continued to work in the automotive industry but has spent the major part of his career in the Information Technology (IT) industry working for IBM where he held a number of responsibilities: computer manufacturing operations, customer IT engineering solutions, IT support delivery and consulting. Peter obtained his Higher National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from Bristol College of Science and Technology and served as IMechE Central Canada Branch chairman from 1998 to 2000.

Peter is now retired and lives in Niagara-on-the-Lake and also is a member of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association (CRHA), Niagara Division.

Abstract:

Niagara-on-the-Lake is known for its picturesque setting at the mouth of the Niagara River, its historic fort and buildings, theatre and the surrounding viniculture industry. Thus, it seems unlikely that it was ever a railway town, however, in earlier times, the town was served by two railways, one steam, the other electric both running through the centre of the town. Today, virtually nothing can be seen of the remains of the railway infrastructure. The talk will explore the origins of the railway dating back to 1839 and the resulting economic and strategic benefits it had for travel, tourism, industry, agriculture and the military up until its closure in 1959. Others topics such as railway safety, construction and equipment will be included and the talk will utilize period maps and black and white photographs.

Directions:- see over

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- **Location & access**
- GPS. N 43° 46' 9.07" W 79° 24' 47.03"

Directions

From Pearson Airport, follow Hwy 401 E., exit for Yonge Street N., follow 6 traffic lights then turn left onto Park Home Ave. The hotel and parking garage are on the left. From E. Ontario, Ottawa or Quebec, follow Hwy 401 to Toronto W., exit for Yonge Street N to Park Home Ave. From Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Rochester and the US, follow the QEW to Hwy 427 and head N. to Hwy 401 east, follow the same directions as from the airport.

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