



City of Sarnia

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SUBJECT: Historical Walking Tour

Community Development Services and Standards Department in collaboration with the Sarnia Heritage Committee have created a historical guided walking tour that describes stories from Sarnia's past that occurred in the downtown area.

The guided tours will take place at 6:30 p.m. on July 31, August 1, 9, 14, and 21, 2019. They will begin at City Hall, 255 Christina Street North, at the fountain.

Tours will be approximately 75 minutes long. On-street parking and parking in municipal lots after 6:00 p.m. will be available for tour participants.

The tour is free to participate in, however a suggested \$5 donation to the Sarnia Heritage Committee will support the conservation of Sarnia's built heritage. Donors will receive a copy of the Sarnia Heritage Passport, a local heritage booklet.

Walking tour highlights include:

- The Lawrence House, Sarnia's own haunted house;
- The greatest crime story you've never heard about;
- Sarnia's history as a summer resort destination during the jazz age;
- How people used to do business downtown.

"Given the event's immense popularity in 2018, we are offering the historical walking tour again this year. Residents are invited to take part in this entertaining and educational walking tour featuring the historical elements of

downtown Sarnia. The tour will walk at a slow pace; all are welcome," explains Stacey Forfar, Director of Community Development Services and Standards.

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