

EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

invites you to our 44th AGM

Tuesday, Evening Meeting, NOVEMBER 26, 2024 @ 7pm S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY 170 MEMORIAL & DURANT AVES.

In the JOHN S. RIDOUT AUDITORIUM



EYHS Speaker John Wilson

on Topic: "East York Lost Rivers"

7pm Doors Open. Meet & Greet Light Refreshments Served

730_{pm} President Pat's Welcome & Remarks

8pm EYHS Speaker John Wilson 9pm EYHS Meeting Wrap up

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

East York Lost Rivers, Ashbridge's Bay and Toronto's new Port Lands

Old East York was built on a height of land that drains to Toronto's post-industrial Port Lands – once the extensive lakeside marshland known by the settlers' name, Ashbridge's Bay. This talk will imaginatively recreate East York's landscape and watercourses that have been altered by Toronto's growth, it will highlight the subsequent changes to Ashbridge's Bay, and it will focus on the recent history of the Port Lands as they have been "naturalized" and "flood protected" in the name of a climateresilient and sustainable future.

BIO

John Wilson is a historian by training and avocation who focuses on local, Tkaronto/Toronto history. John generally passes along his learnings on Lost River Walks, which he leads 6-8 times a year. For 30 years he has been a citizen-activist for restoring a healthy relationship among Toronto's people with the natural environment — working with the Task Force to Bring Back the Don, the West Don Lands Committee, Lost Rivers and numerous other local initiatives. His childhood was spent in rural Vermont, his adulthood in Toronto, with his wife and two grown children.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

