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Saturday, September 26, 2015 - The Toronto Carrying Place: A Shared Legacy

A special one-day event exploring the history of Toronto's most storied path!

August 2015 - The [Etobicoke Historical Society](#), in collaboration with partner organizations The Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel, [York Pioneer and Historical Society](#), Swansea Historical Society, [West Toronto Junction Historical Society](#), and [King Township Historical Society](#), with financial support provided by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and the City of Toronto through the Host City Showcase Program, is pleased to announce the upcoming event, *The Toronto Carrying Place: A Shared Legacy*.

This event is scheduled to take place **Saturday, September 26th, 9:00a.m.-3p.m., at the Old Mill Inn**, located at 21 Old Mill Road, Etobicoke. Featuring presentations from noted authors, academics, and local historians on such diverse topics as the *Tkaronto* Portage or Toronto Carrying Place Trail, the Iroquoian and Algonquian origins of the Toronto region, as well as First Nations' encounters with Étienne Brûlé, Samuel de Champlain, and other Franco-European explorers and voyageurs in 17th century Ontario, this event will also feature a series of multilingual theatrical "living history" theatrical installations along the Pan Am Path/Shared Path, in Étienne Brûlé and King's Mill Parks, along the banks of the Humber River - a federally designated Canadian National Heritage River since 1999.

Featured Presenters:

Annie Veilleux, Cultural Heritage Division Manager, ASI
Christian Bode, President, La Société d'histoire de Toronto
Prof. John Steckley, anthropologist/linguist, Humber College
Christopher Moore, Governor-General's Award-winning author and historian
Prof. Carolyn Podruchny, historian, York University

With Special Guest:

J'net AyAy Qwa Yak Sheelth, Indigenous Outreach and Learning Coordinator, Royal Ontario Museum

During the afternoon, participants will be invited to walk the Pan Am Path/Shared Path, encountering some of the people whose own stories have intersected historically with those of the Humber River. These theatrical installations, scheduled at designated points along the Path, will feature scenes by professional performance groups including [Ars Musica](#), [Jumblies Theatre/First Story Toronto](#) (*Talking Treaties* collaborative project), as well as Etobicoke's own [Humber River Shakespeare Co.](#)

The Toronto Carrying Place: A Shared Legacy, is **FREE** and open to all members of the public, with light refreshments provided free of charge. **Morning programming begins in the Old Mill, Brûlé Rooms A&B, at 9:30 a.m., with doors opening at 9 a.m. Afternoon performances will begin at 1:30 p.m., with group-led tours meeting in the parking lot across from the Old Mill at 1p.m.** Those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP by registering [here](#), or by phoning (416) 346-9291 (NO pre-registration is required for those wanting only to attend the afternoon program). For more information, please visit [sharedlegacy.ca](#), or contact hugh.barnett@mail.utoronto.ca.

