OMDC News

The OMDC recently hosted its 9th Regional Film Forum for film office liaisons from across Ontario. The group shared best practices and strategies to build a stronger support network for film and television production across Ontario. The Ontario Film Commission would like to thank all of the attendees, it was a fantastic day. A tremendous thank-you to our panelist for participating this year.

Justin Culter, Film Commissioner
Views from the Past

NEW LOCATIONS

Diefenbunker Canada’s Cold War Museum (L2845)
The Diefenbunker is a four-story, 100,000 square foot underground bunker, built between 1959 and 1961. During the Cold War it was intended to house 535 Canadian government officials and military officers in the event of a nuclear attack. It served as Canadian Forces Station Carp until 1994. Now it operates as a not-for-profit, charitable museum. The secret government military bunker features a command centre, residence bunks, medical centre, operating room, hospital-like hallways, control rooms, broadcasting room, period offices, cafeteria, industrial kitchen, washrooms, Bank of Canada vault, mechanical room, morgue, storage rooms, and stairwells. Entrance to the bunker is accessed through the blast tunnel with a helipad in the parking lot.

Contact: Tobie Champion-Demers | t.champion-demers@diefenbunker.ca | 613-849-0007 ext. 266
Navy League of Canada Hamilton Branch (L15712)
Situated dockside to the HMCS Haida National Historic Site, the compound is fenced and gated with a large grass parade ground in front of the white and navy blue clapboard training facility. The Navy League of Canada’s Hamilton Branch building is divided into three main areas. The south wing is two stories with kitchen and boardroom. The central gym and indoor parade facility with storey vaulted ceiling and cement floor. The north wing is two stories with classrooms on the second floor. Classrooms are utilitarian with hardwood or 1950s tile flooring, cement block or wooden walls and chalkboards, windows have mesh grills.

Contact:
Bonnie Whittaker | bmwhittaker@hotmail.ca | 905-512-4293
Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex (L4199)
Originally constructed in 1926, this triangular Beaux Arts 100,000 square foot complex has three grand ballrooms (two are identical) decorated in a traditional early 1900s classic renaissance style with crystal chandeliers, twenty seven foot ceilings, iron-laced balconies and arched windows along with one contemporary open concept room. The complex ballrooms are connected by four marble floored foyers with one containing a domed ceiling and cascading water. There is a courtyard patio in the centre with statues, waterfalls and balconies.

Contact:
Vito Ferrone | vito.ferrone@libertygroup.com | 416-542-3789 ext. 222
Standard Life Centre (L8932)

Built in 1984, this modern urban office building has 26 floors. It welcomes you to a large, atrium style main lobby with inlaid marble floors and polished granite walls. Escalators take you from the lobby to lower level concourse and shopping. Connect to the PATH underground pedestrian walkway system. Electronic media/ticker boards on street level at King Street entrance. Floor 17 features a conference centre and an administration office with views of downtown office towers. Floors 22, 24 and 26 have balconies overlooking streets to the east and west side of the building. Several floors have vacant office space. Underground parking accessed from Bay Street.

Contact: Terry Flynn | tflynn@bentallkennedy.com | 416-363-1983
Kingsway Lambton United Church (L4037)
Located in Etobicoke, the Kingsway Lambton United Church is a large old stone church with a bell tower above the front door. The front entrance, reception and elevators greet you with modern features. The chapel includes wooden pulpit pews and chairs, lounge, choir room, stained glass windows and elaborate woodwork and altar with piano. Church gymnasium has wooden floors and galley kitchen with green counters and paned window. Meeting/reception room with lounge area, paned windows, fireplace and grand piano, accessible entrance (west-side) and accessible washrooms on both floors and a Montessori School attached.

Contact: Donald MacInnes | office@kingswaylambton.ca | 416-234-8224
Hope Cemetery (L3702)
Opened in 1988, Hope Cemetery features a mausoleum with modern architecture and an addition. The mausoleum has 600 glass niches and 40 crypts and a columbarium all situated on 50 hectares—plenty of room to walk the spacious grounds. There is a crematorium on site, and administration office, and a small chapel.

Contact: Julie Marcil | julie.marcil@hopecemetery.ca | 613-519-1160

St. John’s Anglican Church, Cheapside Ontario (L15553)
Built in 1854, this small white shiplap single room church with steeple consists of centre aisle, stained glass windows, solid permanent wooden pews and carpeting. The lower level has a kitchen and community room. Located on the south side of the church is a small cemetery with old headstones, surrounded by farm fields.

Contact:
Reverend Richard Moorse | moorse@sympatico.ca | 519-587-5565
Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism International Centre (L15726)

Established in 1984 on 100 acres in Mono, ON, the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism International Centre includes large practice halls, temples and accommodations. Facilities include a welcome centre and large pond with an oversized statue of Guanyin and surrounding board walk. The Canadian Branch of Guangdong Chi Wo Tan Temple is located inside an original restored barn. The 2-storey Wellness Centre has a large commercial kitchen and dining room with second floor lounge and both a large and small practice hall. The large hall opens to a deck overlooking the grounds and pond. The complex has accommodations for 200 people on site in the Wellness Centre and Meditation Suites. The Quiet Cultivation Centre Practice Hall holds the 5,000 sq. ft. Great Hall banquet facilities. The Great Hall is a high-ceilinged practice hall decorated with bright red and gold Chinese lanterns, huge wooden drums, dias, and a long, sinuous, 50-person fire breathing dragon. There is an outdoor practice centre attached to the back of the hall. The temple, which opened in 2007, is approached by a broad avenue from the main driveway where a Guardian Shrine stands before the temple. Behind the temple are gardens, fountains and vineyards. There is a cemetery and columbarium on site.

Contact: Gordon Young | gyoung@taoist.org | 519-941-5981
The Cathedral Church of St. James Anglican (L5729)
The Cathedral Church of St. James Anglican has been servicing the St. Lawrence area since 1797. Initially built as a wooden church it was taken down to build the neo-classical gothic revival style church in 1853 by architect Frederic Cumberland. In 1865, the bell tower is completed and by 1874 the spire is installed. Inside features include; high ceilings, crypt, old vestry, Parish House, chapel and tunnels. The west lawn is a park on the west side of the church with paths and monuments. Parking lot is located on the north side. St James Cathedral Centre, a modern building, is attached to the church.

Contact: Lucia Al-Zaiatove | lalzaiatova@stjamescathedral.on.ca | 416-364-7865 ext. 231