

Advance Publicity for “Historic Cooksville”

The historic neighbourhood of Cooksville, at the intersection of Dundas and Hurontario Streets, has been at the centre of much of Mississauga’s history. A stage-coach stop on the Dundas highway, Cooksville became home to Ontario’s first vineyards and first winery. Oil and natural gas was discovered here more than 150 years ago and supplied, via pipeline, to locations as far away as Hamilton. Whole neighbourhoods have been constructed with bricks from the Cooksville brickyards. Then, the polluted brickyard site was successfully remediated to permit the construction of housing and beautiful parks. Come take tour with us around this lovely neighbourhood and hear stories about the people and places of Historic Cooksville.

Richard Jordan is a former President of the Etobicoke Historical Society and a former **Toronto Star** local history columnist. His feature articles on historical subjects have also appeared in the **Saturday Star** and the **Sunday Star**. He says, “I like to look at a neighbourhood and imagine how it changed through time – who once lived there and, more importantly, how they lived.”

The photo below shows the Cooksville House hotel. Built after Cooksville’s Great Fire of 1852, by pioneer settler Jacob Cook, the hotel stood at the northeast corner of Hurontario and Dundas Streets. It was torn down in 1953 and replaced by a Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce building in 1955. (Photo courtesy of Heritage Mississauga.)

