

Advance Publicity for “A New History of the Old Mill”

This is a look at one of Toronto’s iconic landmarks – an old grist mill that overlooked the Humber River and became the focal point of the Old Mill complex, which today consists of a tea room and restaurant, a banquet hall and event space ... and an inn and spa that has been built into the footprint of the old grist mill. We start with Indigenous peoples, travel through the era of exploration and settlement and see how the Old Mill remains a vital part of the Kingsway neighbourhood of Toronto.

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Clockwise from top left: The ruins of the original old grist mill became a centre for boating and recreation on the Humber River. The Old Mill Tea Garden was opened by developer Home Smith in 1914 to entertain clients looking at his building lots in the Kingsway. Home Smith’s motto “A Little Bit of England far From England” is incorporated in the modern Old Mill logo. The Old Mill is now a top-ranked entertainment and event venue in the west end of Toronto.

