

Hamilton Harbour focus of Friends' library presentation

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Bringing Back the Bay will be the topic of a presentation Sunday, Jan. 20 at 2:30 p.m. at the Dundas Public Library, hosted by the Friends of the Dundas Library.

Speaker Jim Hudson, executive director of the Bay Area Restoration Council, will focus on the bay....from Dundas to the Beach Strip.

In the 1980s, Hamilton Harbour -- also known as Burlington Bay -- was identified as an area of concern by the provincial and federal governments.

Industrial activity and residential sewage had polluted the water and bottom sediments and most of the marshes were filled in; the ecosystem was severely degraded.

To improve the conditions, the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan was developed and made public in 1992. The plan identifies the types of pollution that enter the harbour, how the pollution can be cleaned up, who is responsible for the clean-up and prevention measures so that pollution does not continue to affect the harbour.

The Bay Area Restoration Council was established in 1991 to monitor, assess and promote the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan. Being a confederation of community stakeholders, BARC members represent organizations from the private, public and not-for-profit sectors and citizens from the Bay Area communities.

Donations in support of the Dundas Public Library are welcome.