

# Perth and District Historical Society

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## **The Perth and District Historical Society October 17, 2024 Meeting: Celebrating Lanark County**

The Perth & District Historical Society's October 17, 2024, meeting celebrates the 200th anniversary of Lanark County with a presentation by Jasmin Ralph, Clerk of Lanark County.

To start, it is necessary to reflect on the creation of Lanark County. Earlier data based on the records of County meetings and the election of the first warden indicated the County came into existence in 1867. Subsequently though, a change in dates resulted from a review of the

*Statutes of Upper Canada – Bathurst - 4<sup>th</sup> Geo. IV Chap., 5 (1824)* as quoted and which provides as follows that:

*“AN ACT to divide the County of Carleton, in the Bathurst District. – Passed 19<sup>th</sup> January, 1824*

*II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Townships of Bathurst, Drummond, Beckwith, Dalhousie, Lanark, Ramsay, Darling, Lavant, North Sherbrooke, South Sherbrooke, together with all the unsurveyed lands within the limits of the District of Bathurst, with such of the Islands in the Ottawa River as are wholly or in greater part opposite to the said townships and unsurveyed land, shall constitute and form the County of Lanark.”*

To honour the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the County has been sharing fascinating stories, historical facts, and photos that highlighted the incredible journey, and the people and events that spanned two centuries. Jasmin will be providing an overview of the history of Lanark County, with a focus on the County administration, and the services it provides.

Last month our speaker was Stacey Niceliu, a member of the Perth-Upon-Tay Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. He, and other local Legion members, have been working on the Veterans Banner Programme for Perth. His presentation covered the background for introducing the project in Perth, the sponsors, and the extent of the community's participation. The banners displayed throughout Perth help demonstrate the history of military service over the years by those connected to Perth.

The Perth and District Historical Society is dedicated to learning about and popularising our history and is a forum for discussion and celebration of our area's rich culture and heritage. The meetings are held the third Thursday of the month and are open to the public, at 7:30 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, Perth-Upon-Tay, Branch 244, home of the Hall of Remembrance, 26 Beckwith St. E. in Perth. The usual "Toonie Fee" applies for each meeting. For information, contact Ellen Dean at 613-264-8362. Our website at [www.perthhs.org](http://www.perthhs.org) has additional information about us and items of interest related to Perth and district.

*Article submitted by the Perth and District Historical Society*