

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 51' 8.514 / W 80° 30' 4.407

Circa 1895 • 297 Western Avenue

The Delhi branch of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was established on November 2, 1895. Originally, meetings were held in people's homes. Over time, the building was moved from four miles outside of Delhi and came to rest on the corner of Norfolk Street and Western Avenue. It has been remodeled inside and out. Today the building serves as a private residence.

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 51' 9.72 / W 80° 29' 32.272

Circa 1948 • 21 Lansdowne Street

The congregation was officially established on March 29, 1948 and met on Sunday afternoons from 2 – 4 pm at the First Baptist Church. The cornerstone for the Hungarian Presbyterian Church was laid in 1950, with a permanent structure opening on July 22, 1951. It was designed similar in style to the churches they had attended in Hungary and Romania. In 1961, the name of the church was changed to Calvin Presbyterian Church. Hungarian and English services are held regularly to this day.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 51' 11.484 / W 80° 29' 21.188

Circa 1934 • 110 Adams Avenue

St. John de Brebeuf {one of the Canadian Martyrs} and Companions Church started out on Talbot Street in Delhi in 1932. The first resident pastor was Rev. John Uyen. A new church was built on Adams Avenue in 1956 due to a growing number of Catholic parishioners in the area. It was renamed Our Lady Queen of Martyrs on June 21, 2007 when Our Lady of LaSalette Church amalgamated with St. John's. Queen of Martyrs came from the Canadian Martyrs that are depicted on a mural behind the altar. Masses are still held Saturdays and Sundays.

BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 50' 58.499 / W 80° 29' 40.919

Circa 1952 • 67 Sovereign Street

In 1952, the charter members of this church were meeting in a house at 923 Queen Street South, on the corner of Pine Street and Queen Street. In 1956, land on Sovereign Street was made available to the church and a "basement church" was built. As the congregation grew, additions were made in 1964 {present building} and 1978 {Sunday School} The church remains active and is vibrant in seeking to exalt in Jesus Christ with its worship and outreach in the community of Delhi.

DELHI BELGIAN CLUB

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 51' 6.093 / W 80° 29' 34.784

Circa 1948

360 James Street

The Delhi Belgian Club was built in 1948 in the heart of Canada's tobacco country in the Province of Ontario. For the many Belgian families and their children who emigrated here after the Second World War, the Club has become a loving reminder of their homeland. The Delhi Belgian Club remains a vibrant and active banquet facility in the heart of Delhi, where many community events are held and where many of Belgian heritage still gather and celebrate.

THE DELHI DISTRICT GERMAN HOME

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 50' 57.616 / W 80° 29' 30.495

Circa 1948

443 James Street

Construction of the Delhi District German Home began in 1949 and the newly completed hall was opened for use as of November 25, 1950. Using the blueprints from the Hungarian Home, a 150' by 50' building was erected on seven lots purchased from William E. Adams. The seeds for this hall were planted in 1936 when the German Association Club of Delhi was formed. The main objectives in erecting the German Home were to preserve and to encourage the traditions of ethnic Germans and to provide a club for the community for social and recreational purposes.

SLOVAK RECREATION CLUB

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 50' 48.006 / W 80° 29' 45.169

Circa 1940

124 Imperial Street

This building originally belonged to Delhi Public School and was used as an annex (portable classroom). In 1944, it was moved to the corner of Maple and Imperial Streets. On June 11, 1944 it was opened as the "New Greek Ukrainian Hall". Circa 1950, it was used as the Slovak Recreation Club and was later purchased in September 1962 by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs. When the building became vacant, it was moved to the McLaughlin Soccer Field located at the south end of Main Street, where it remains today.

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(Victoria Day to Labour Day)

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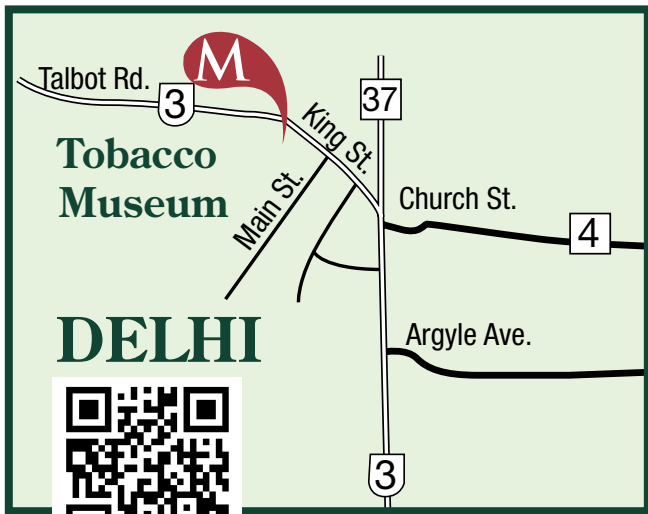
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CANADA TOBACCO DISTRICT HUNGARIAN HOUSE

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 51' 19.169 / W 80° 29' 47.045

Circa 1949

71 King Street

The Canada Tobacco District Hungarian House, built in 1949, is a living monument to the faith, diligence and perseverance of the Hungarian people in this community who immigrated to this area seeking a better life. We express our thanks to the founding members and to all who have served, and continue to serve, to maintain and promote the special gifts of Hungarian heritage and culture. The CTDHH works to promote a greater understanding of the unique character of its own community while enriching, respecting and celebrating the diversity of Delhi.

DELHI POLISH FRIENDLY ALLIANCE

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 51' 11.657 / W 80° 29' 58.135

Circa 1939

234 Main Street

A small group of Polish Nationals, living in the Delhi area, decided to unite and on December 14, 1939, Branch 17 of the Polish Alliance of Canada was duly affiliated. In 1942, Branch 17 purchased a property at 234 Main Street in Delhi in order to build a hall. The new building was opened on April 20, 1947. The members of Branch 17 continue to endeavour to preserve and to enhance the Polish heritage, traditions, language and culture. Club members are involved in many charitable and community events.

PORTUGUESE HALL

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 51' 4.954 / W 80° 30' 1.69

Circa 1978

307 Main Street

In 1978 the former grocery store on the corner of Main and Gilbert Streets was purchased by Mario DaSilva. The Portuguese Hall was established as a place where people could come to preserve their heritage, language and culture. After a decline in membership, the property was sold to the Knights of Columbus in 1987.

Churches

ST. CASIMIR'S LITHUANIAN CHURCH

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 51' 42.017 / W 80° 29' 43.79

Circa 1959 • 41 Talbot Street

St. Casimir's Lithuanian Church was formed in 1959 at the former site of St. John de Brebeuf and Companions Church. It originally served parishioners from Ingersoll, Woodstock, Port Burwell and Aylmer. The 18 foot oak cross that stands in front of the church today was erected in the early 1970s and was dedicated to those who died for God and Country. The parish still serves the Lithuanian community today.

ST. ALBAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 51' 22.093 / W 80 29 41.284

Circa 1864 • 19 Talbot Street

A request to organize a Church of England was granted in 1864. Services were first held in private homes. St. Alban's Church was built in 1878. The land on which it is situated was donated. The Gothic arch and stained glass windows pay homage to many of the founding members. The church has been well maintained and remains the "little gem" that it was at the time of its origin. Regular services continue to be held to this day.

DELHI UNITED CHURCH

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 51' 16.79 / W 80° 29' 50.394

Circa 1880 • 105 Church Street West

The Delhi United Church was built in 1880 on the site that was once the Methodist Church that had burned down the previous year. By 1925, the Presbyterian and Methodist churches united, changing the name. As the church population grew and more space was needed, it became necessary to construct a new building including a Sunday school and new hall. Funds were raised in 1955 and opening ceremonies were held on Sunday, May 19, 1957. Regular services are held to this day.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 55 52.587 / W 80° 17' 29.487

Circa 1835 • 41 Church Street West

The Baptist congregation was the first organized religious congregation in the village of Fredericksburg {Delhi} in 1835. Deacon Frederick Sovereign gifted a parcel of land to the church in 1870. The schoolhouse was remodeled, lifted, turned and placed on a new foundation and basement. The original cemetery for the village was located to the West of the church in which is now known as Memorial Park. The cemetery was moved to its present location in 1886.

DELHI MASONIC LODGE

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 51' 20.699 / W 80° 30' 25.958

Circa 1869

367 Talbot Road

The Delhi Masonic Lodge was first established in Fredericksburg, now Delhi, on July 2, 1869 with the first meeting and ceremony hosted at the home of Doctor Wood. The Delhi Masonic Lodge changed locations several times around Delhi, lastly moving from King Street to its present day location situated on Highway 3 near the top of the hill just west of the downtown core across from the Delhi Community Centre. The Lodge is a fraternal organization with the sole purpose of "making good men better". The group is known for their devotion to family, faith, country and fraternity.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION DELHI BRANCH NO. 125

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 51' 10.063 / W 80° 29' 57.607

Circa 1928

249 Main Street

The Delhi Branch Royal Canadian Legion it might be said was conceived of necessity, born in desperation and matured to remedy conditions for ex-service men and their dependents. It then progressed to provide aid and support to all their fellow citizens in many diversified ways. The club was chartered as Branch No. 125 in October of 1928 and continues to remain active in the community. The Legion was responsible for the cenotaph project in 1955 raising \$4,450 in funds to build the community's war memorial.

KINSMEN AND KINETTES

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 51' 9.05 / W 80° 29' 57.256

Circa 1920

169 Wellington Street

On June 20, 1932, the Kinsmen Club of Delhi was chartered. In 1936, a blacksmith shop was purchased and became the club rooms. The club's motto is 'Serving the Community's Greatest Need', and their objective is 'to promote and to direct fellowship among young men of good character within Canada'. The Kinettes were chartered in 1948, with a similar mandate. Some of the Kinsmen's many community projects have included the swimming hole, pool, splash pad, baseball diamond, Zamboni at the Delhi Arena, the Centennial Park pavilion and restoration of the Quance dam and sawmill, as well as contributions to local soccer, baseball, swimming and precision skating clubs.

OPTIMIST CLUB

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 51' 9.05 / W 80° 29' 57.256

Circa 1948 • 161 Wellington Street

The first Delhi Optimist Club was formed in 1948. George Reynaert built the youth centre and club house on Wellington Street. The club slogan 'Friend of the Boy' became 'Friend of Youth' and the club fostered Scouts, Guides, hockey, baseball, skating teams, their own Boys' Club and an annual treat for less fortunate youth. Around 1980, the club gave up its charter and the clubhouse and wading pool were demolished and the swings, slides and picnic tables were removed and the area became a car park. Since their initial disbanding in 1980, two further Optimist Clubs were formed in Delhi but neither was able to sustain itself for very long.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DELHI/LASALETTE

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 51' 9.05 / W 80° 29' 57.256

Circa 1919 & 1961 • 307 Main Street

The Knights of Columbus help to render mutual aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works. The Knight's Hall, once located at 307 Main Street, was moved in 2014 to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church where the group continues to remain active in the community today.

DELHI DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 50' 57.223 / W 80° 29' 54.094

Circa 1920 • 418 Queen Street

The Delhi District Horticultural Society was organized in May 21, 1920 in the Chrysler Building by Dr. F. E. Bennett, President of the St. Thomas Horticultural Society with nearly 75 members joining the local club. The mandate of the newly formed organization was the beautification of the town. The Society remains active today meeting monthly at the Delhi Friendship Centre on Queen Street. The group donates numerous books on various horticultural topics to the local library and supports local school projects, as well as oversees the Downtown Planter Box Program and the planting and maintenance of the herb garden and flower beds at the Delhi Tobacco Museum and Heritage Centre.

FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OF ONTARIO, DELHI BRANCH

Circa 1908 - 1995

The Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, Delhi Branch, was established on March 5, 1908 and served in various halls and homes across Delhi. The motto of the Women's Institute is 'For Home and Country'. During times of war, the Women's Institute banded together to send care packages to soldiers overseas which included bandages, handkerchiefs, quilts, blankets, socks, scarves, mittens, canned goods, preserves and cigarettes. The Women's Institute is wellknown for its commitment to raising funds and goods for many community organizations as well as funds for scholarships and sponsoring children in need in countries overseas. The Delhi Branch disbanded in 1995.

ROTARY CLUB

Circa 1970

The Rotary Club of Delhi was chartered on May 15, 1970 with 23 members. They were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Simcoe. Since being chartered, they have been very active in the community and have supported many local projects including the Delhi Medical Centre and the Norfolk General Hospital. The establishment of Rotary Heights, a non-profit housing facility for seniors, located at 283 William Street, was spearheaded by the Rotary Club, who, upon its completion, transferred it over to a volunteer board of directors.

KINGDOM HALL

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 50' 52.66 / W 80° 29' 33.264

Circa 1949 • 25 Imperial Street

Community Groups

MULTICULTURAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION OF NORFOLK

Circa 1978

Established in 1978, under the leadership and guidance of Rev. Laszlo Pandy-Szekeres, the Multicultural Heritage Association of Norfolk's mission statement reads, 'In the spirit of goodwill and understanding, the purpose of the Multicultural Heritage Association of Norfolk is to promote and to encourage cultural awareness in the community'. They have organized 21 Heritage Days and participate in several social and cultural events across Norfolk County. The group provides the flags at the Delhi District High School, local parades, World Day of Prayer and Remembrance Day ceremonies. The Association also creates displays in libraries, store windows and at the Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show and at the Delhi Tobacco Museum & Heritage Centre.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS (IOOF)

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 50' 48.006 / W 80° 29' 45.169

124 Imperial Street

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows was one of the first international fraternities to accept women into their organization. They are a group known as 'odd fellows' as it is a term that refers to those odd few who are willing to sacrifice themselves for others. They are known for helping those in need and for their good behaviour, morality, truth, kindness and friendship. The first meeting was held in a room in the Morgan Block Building, located on the southwest corner of King and Main. Later, they purchased a hall on Imperial Street where they remained until they disbanded around 2010 and the building was moved to the McLaughlin Soccer Field located at the south end of Main Street.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE (IODE) DUNKIRK CHAPTER

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 50' 48.006 / W 80° 29' 45.169

Circa 1940 - 1971 • 124 Imperial Street

The Independent Order of Daughters of the Empire, Dunkirk Chapter, was established on September 23, 1940. The motto of the group was 'Resolute and Undismayed', from a speech that King George IV delivered on the day of the Battle of Dunkirk for which the chapter was named. They began with two major projects. The first, collecting salvage for the war effort and the second, opening a thrift shop which helped raise money for the war effort but also sold clothing for a reasonable price helping many families during the war. They continued to send money and parcels with medical supplies and cigarettes to the war front. After the war, education and children were their primary focus and helping those less fortunate. The group disbanded in 1971.

DELHI LIONS CLUB

GPS Coordinates: N 42° 50' 51.663 / W 80° 29' 30.496

Circa 1975 • 512 James Street

Where there's a need, there's a Lion. The Delhi Lions Club received its charter in 1975 with 38 members. Their projects focused on bettering and supporting the community in all areas with fundraising and events. These events, including magic shows, dances and community breakfast were hosted at the Lions Hall located at 512 James Street The International Lions Club continues to collect glasses to aid the blind and visually impaired with donation boxes located around Delhi. The local club disbanded in 2008 and the building was sold. The building was demolished in 2016.

Kingdom Hall was built by the Jehovah's Witness' group of Delhi in 1949. The Delhi group later joined with the Simcoe group and merged as one, deciding to sell the building to another faith group in 1998. The building was sold in later years and is now a private residence.

DELHI EVENING MUSIC CLUB

Circa 1944

The Delhi Evening Music Club was formed on April 20, 1944 and came together once a month. The club was formed for people who loved music but served as active supporters of other charitable social clubs and helped to sponsor events. They were supporters of musical programmes in the schools and of individuals pursuing careers in music, presenting bursaries to students in specific areas of music such as piano. The club provided entertainment at local churches and on holidays such as Christmas and Canada Day. They helped fund the Delhi Community Band with their expenses to Expo '67 in Montreal. The Delhi Evening Music Club eventually disbanded and is no longer operational.

DELHI BOY SCOUTS

Circa 1934

The Delhi Boy Scouts were in operation unofficially in 1912 and 1922-24, forming an official group December 7, 1934 when they became the Delhi Scout Troop, Charter No. 229. The Delhi Scouts quickly got involved with other patrols across Ontario and became very well known for their stewardship and their community involvement. The Delhi Scout Troop was involved in many activities such as camps and church parades. The Delhi Scouts operated out of the former Township of Delhi Municipal Building, the Norfolk County Delhi Administration Building today, located on the south east corner of Church and Main Street but are currently inactive.

DELHI GIRL GUIDES

Circa 1935

Delhi joined the guiding movement forming the 1st Delhi Guide Company on November 1, 1935. The first Captain was Miss Margaret Quance and the First Lieutenant was Miss Mary Crooks. The following year, 1936, Brownies were established with 1st Brown Owl Miss Jean Morgan and Tawny Owl Miss Betty Quance. Guiding is still going strong in Delhi with Sparks, Brownies, Girl Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers, Trefoil Guild and Lones.