

The City of Quinte West, Hastings County Historical Society, Trent Port Historical Society

Invite you to
A Celebration of Quinte West History

The Event

A public unveiling ceremony for a memorial bronze plaque to recognize **Gilmour Lumber Company** and its contribution to the establishment and development of Trenton in the 1800s. By the early 1800s, the Gilmour Company was well established both in lumber and in shipping, first in Britain and later in New Brunswick and Quebec. In 1852, the company established a sawmill at Trent Port on the shore of the Bay of Quinte. This mill grew to become the largest sawmill in the world and a major contributor to the growth of Trenton, both in terms of employment and economic activity. Logs were harvested in the north and floated down rivers, into the Trent and down to the mill for processing. In 1893 the company announced new timber limits of ten harvest shanties with 40 men each with a goal of cutting 30-million feet of lumber. Over the years the timber lands were exhausted and in the early 1900s the company rapidly declined and closed its operations. The large sawmill was demolished in 1909.

Location

Centennial Park Amphitheatre near the waterfront trail.

Date and Time

Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

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