

“The Lighthouse in the Field”

Credit: Leon Barron

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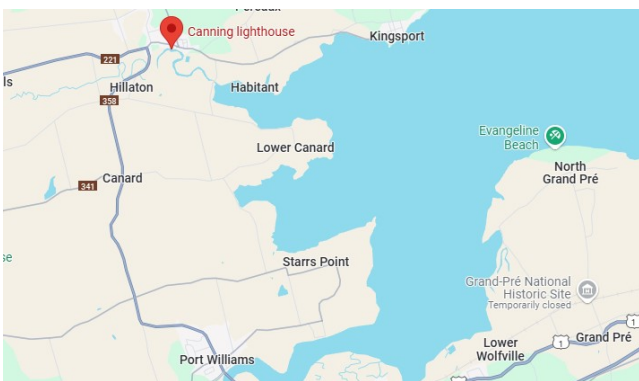


Borden Wharf Lighthouse

Credit: NSLPS – DPC

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Before 2000 when a lighthouse was deactivated, it was sold to the highest bidder who had to move it offsite. The Borden Wharf Lighthouse erected on the Habitant River, Canning NS in 1904, was bought by a farmer in 1959 who cut this pepper-shaker style lighthouse in two, burned the top half and used the bottom half as a pig shed on his farm. In 1980 the lighthouse base moved to a new home where it became a tool shed. The Village of Canning took ownership of the base in 1990 to use as a tourist information kiosk. In 2003 the Fieldwood Heritage Society bought the base and with the help of the local industrial arts class plus a grant from the Kaplan Fund, built a new top half to restore the lighthouse to its original shape and size. As the land under it has been sold, the Borden Wharf Lighthouse needs again a new home. It could move to the site of the Canning shipyards, now Bruce Spice Park, where it would be once more the “Lighthouse in the Hayfield”.



Location of Borden Wharf Lighthouse  
Source: Goolge Map



Red X marks potential site in Bruce Spicer Park  
Credit: NSLPS - DPC