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Barrys Bay water

Ontario's Last Remaining Wooden Water Tower Dedicated

Thanks to the dedication of a small group of people and the generosity of a great number of others, Canada's last existing wooden railway water tower has been completely restored and is now part of a beautiful park in Barry's Bay.

Village councillor John Yakabuski, who was master of ceremonies for the dedication, said the water tower was erected in 1943, but was almost demolished in 1975. A petition was started to save the tower and a year later it was designated a historical landmark, ensuring it would never be demolished. In 1989 the Barry's Bay Railway Station Restoration Committee was organized. Its main goal was to restore the turn-of-the century station in the village. In 1998 a group which came out of this committee decided to preserve the water tower and make the area around it more appealing.