

## The Walking Village on the Move

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The Walking Village, which originated in the Village of Flesherton, is taking steps to become a registered non-profit organization.

The initiative, founded in 2008, originally worked with the Flesherton & District Chamber of Commerce. Since the change to this parent organization, friends of walking have decided to register this initiative as an independent non-profit.

“This status will allow us to apply for funding for our walks and other projects,” Barbara MacKay, the founder and administrator, says. She adds that the initiative has been operating on donations of time from, for instance, walk leader David Turner, and one-off sponsorships from the Grey Highlands Chamber of Commerce. “We thank these individuals and organizations for their generosity and anticipate continuing our good relationship with them.”

Non-profit registration in Ontario requires, among other things, **three founding board members**. They are:

- **Mary Ferguson**, a Kimberley resident, non-profit specialist, currently working on her PhD in rural studies at Guelph and an avid Beaver Valley walker (with her dogs!);
- **Jon Gillette**, a Grey County walking friend and the designer of all of the beautiful Walking Village posters; and
- **Geraldine Robinson**, a most venerable Flesherton resident and an original member of the Friends of the Flesherton Hills.

These volunteer founding members will be joined by a steering committee of other friends of walking. Please be in touch by phone or email with MacKay if you would like to participate. barbara@makehay.com , 519-924-3623.

The Walking Village would like to hold more free public walks, such as the popular Priceville Heritage Walk and the Flesherton Foraging Walk. And, another plan for moving forward is the creation of a Grey-Georgian Trails Network with the Walking Village acting as a charter member for this wider organization.

Please visit the new Walking Village web site at [www.walkingvillage.org](http://www.walkingvillage.org)