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The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is a curated archive that preserves and shares Amherstburg's stories of the Underground Railroad, and the compassion and solidarity it took to make this network possible.

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## A Tribute to Paul Hertel

The Amherstburg Freedom Museum expresses very sincere condolences to Ute and the Hertel family on the passing of Paul Hertel on August 29, 2020. Paul was a founding member of the Museum and was a long-time supporter. He was born in Kitchener, Ontario and grew up in Hespeler, Ontario. He graduated from Preston High School, Waterloo Lutheran University and Althouse College and University of Western Ontario.

Before retirement, Paul was a history and social sciences teacher and department head at General Amherst High School and Sandwich South Secondary



School for thirty-two years. Paul also served on Amherstburg Town Council in 1978 and as Deputy Reeve in 1980. He also Paul served three terms on council and was committed to urban renewal, sustainable development and local historical preservation, including the development the King's Navy Yard Park along the Amherstburg waterfront.

In addition to his involvement with the Amherstburg Freedom Museum,



Paul also played a role in several other groups including The Amherstburg Performing Arts Society, The Gibson House Gallery and Art In The Park, Amherstburg Family Health Team, Essex County Citizens Against Fermi II and the Bellevue Conservancy. For his efforts, Paul was awarded the Mike Walsh Award in 2003 and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Award in 2013.

We will long remember his friendship, support and valuable advice during his many years with the Museum. We trust that Ute will continue to find comfort in our appreciation of her support for him which helped make it possible. We share in her sense of loss and value all that he gave.



## The Talking Drum

The Talking Drum is published monthly by the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. Contributions, story ideas, suggestions and feedback are always welcome. Please contact Mary-Katherine Whelan at [curator@amherstburgfreedom.org](mailto:curator@amherstburgfreedom.org)

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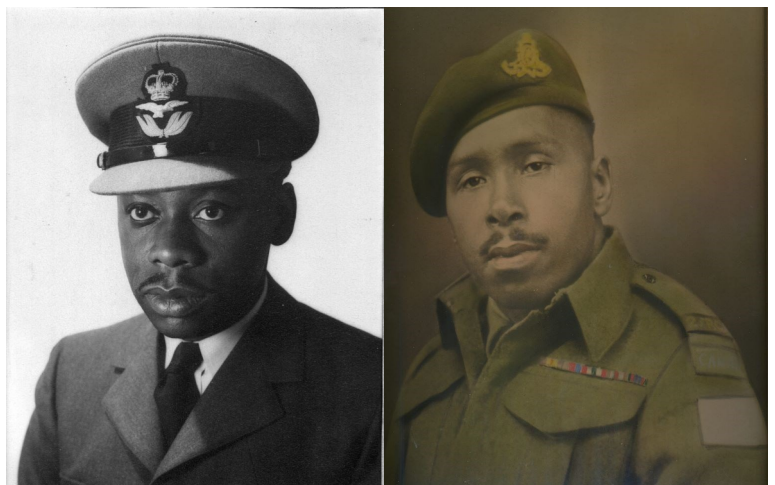
On Sunday, September 20th we celebrated our 45th anniversary. The Board of Directors and Staff would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who watched our virtual event, sent congratulatory messages, were interviewed, attended our in-person event, volunteered, bid on an auction item and donated. We would also like to thank James H. Sutton Funeral Home for sponsoring this event. Additional thanks to Larry Johnson and Teajai Travis for providing musical entertainment and to Amherstburg Town Councillors, Patricia Simone and Don McArthur for coming out to support us. We are incredibly grateful for everyone's support. Thank you!



Also, a BIG congratulations to Janice Harris who won our mask contest. She wore a mask that was decorated by her nephew and won a museum prize package. Thank you to everyone who participated and everyone who voted online. To rewatch our virtual event, click here <https://www.facebook.com/512641932223386/videos/322993022250392>

## A Call for Military Photos

Attention families of service members! The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is looking for photos of Black military figures from this region (Windsor-Essex), preferably in uniform, but we will accept photos of them not in uniform. We also need their rank. If you could please email a high quality photo (300 dpi) to [curator@amherstburgfreedom.org](mailto:curator@amherstburgfreedom.org) it is appreciated.



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