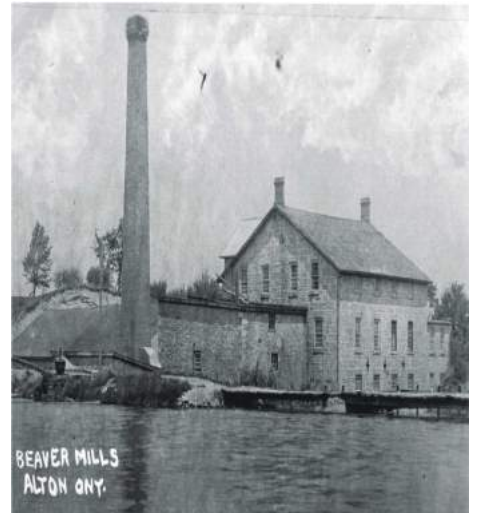




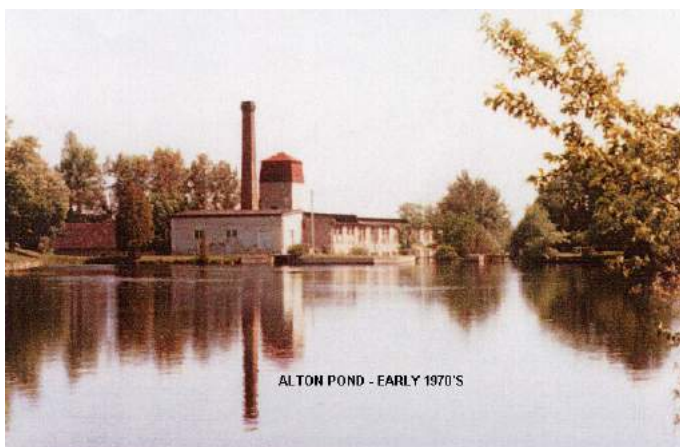
**History:** The Alton Millpond is an integral part of the village of Alton. The millpond was created over 130 years ago, when the Beaver Knitting Mill (now known as the Alton Mill) was built, to provide power to run the woollen equipment in the mill. Since that time, the millpond has provided more than just power to the mill, but also become a landmark in the village.



Not only is it a beautiful feature, but it is also used for skating and hockey in winter and fishing in summer. It is home to wildlife such as swans, ducks, geese, turtles, and fish including Largemouth Bass, Rock Bass, Bluntnose Minnows and Creek Chub.



**What's the Problem?** The Alton Millpond has deteriorated due a number of causes including **silt build up**, **storm sewer inflows** from the municipal storm sewer and simple passage of time. The existence of the pond also **warms the water** which is harmful to the cold water fish habitat of Shaw's Creek. If no action is taken, the pond will be completely filled in within the next several decades.



**What are we doing?** The Alton Millpond Rehabilitation Committee was established in June 2009 and has been working to develop a process, a plan and raise funds to study and fix up the pond. The committee is made up of the owners of the Alton Mill, local citizens, Millcroft Inn & Spa, representatives of the Alton Village Association and Alton Grange Association, Town of Caledon representatives, Credit Valley Conservation and other environmental, fishery and renewable energy organizations.



The committee is looking to rehabilitate the pond in a **creative manner** that will **allow fish passage, improve the water quality of Shaw's Creek, create a recreational amenity** for the community and retain the ability to **generate hydro-electricity**. This will ensure the millpond and the creek will be a healthy ecosystem for generations to come.

**Detailed background information needs to be collected** and **various options** will be considered as part of the development of a rehabilitation **Master Plan**. Depending on the options, funding availability and procedural details, a public meeting will be held to find out what you think about the options. Funding needs to be secured and community support will be essential to carry this project out.

**How can you help?** The project will take time, money and lots of work by all those involved. How can you help?

- Donate time – join the committee or help out with our fundraising projects
- Attend our public meetings and let us know what you think!
- Support our fund raising efforts!

**For more information:** Check out our websites [www.altonmillpond.org](http://www.altonmillpond.org) and [www.altonmillpondhockey.ca](http://www.altonmillpondhockey.ca) or contact Committee chair, Jeremy Grant: [jeremy@seatongroup.com](mailto:jeremy@seatongroup.com) or 519-766-1440

### The story behind our logo:

In the winter of 2010, we asked the grade 4, 5 and 6 students from the Alton Public School to enter a logo contest. Over 40 logo designs were submitted and four students were awarded prizes for their creativity. The winning design by Jessie Haggett formed the foundation of the ultimate logo created by graphic designer Dawn Friesen. Dawn also was the logo contest expert advisor.

