



The Municipality of Port Hope,
population 15,000 rests on
the North Shore of Lake Ontario
about 1 hour's drive east of Toronto



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The Architectural Conservancy Branch was formed almost 50 years ago
There are over 200+ private homes designated under the Ont. Heritage Act
There are 40 Churches and public buildings designated
A Heritage Conservation District makes up much of the downtown core
Local ACO has contributed almost a million dollars to direct building conservation and emergency projects over the years.



We have one of the best Main Streets in Canada;
vibrant with independently owned shops and restaurants. We pretty much
survived the malling of the country and today there are many high quality
restorations along its Heritage Conservation District



The municipality has wonderful topography including the cascading
Ganaraska River

A powerhouse in the past, a great recreational asset today



Port Hope, like many waterfront towns and cities around the world, calculated that reclaiming and redeveloping its waterfront was a logical step to take at this time.

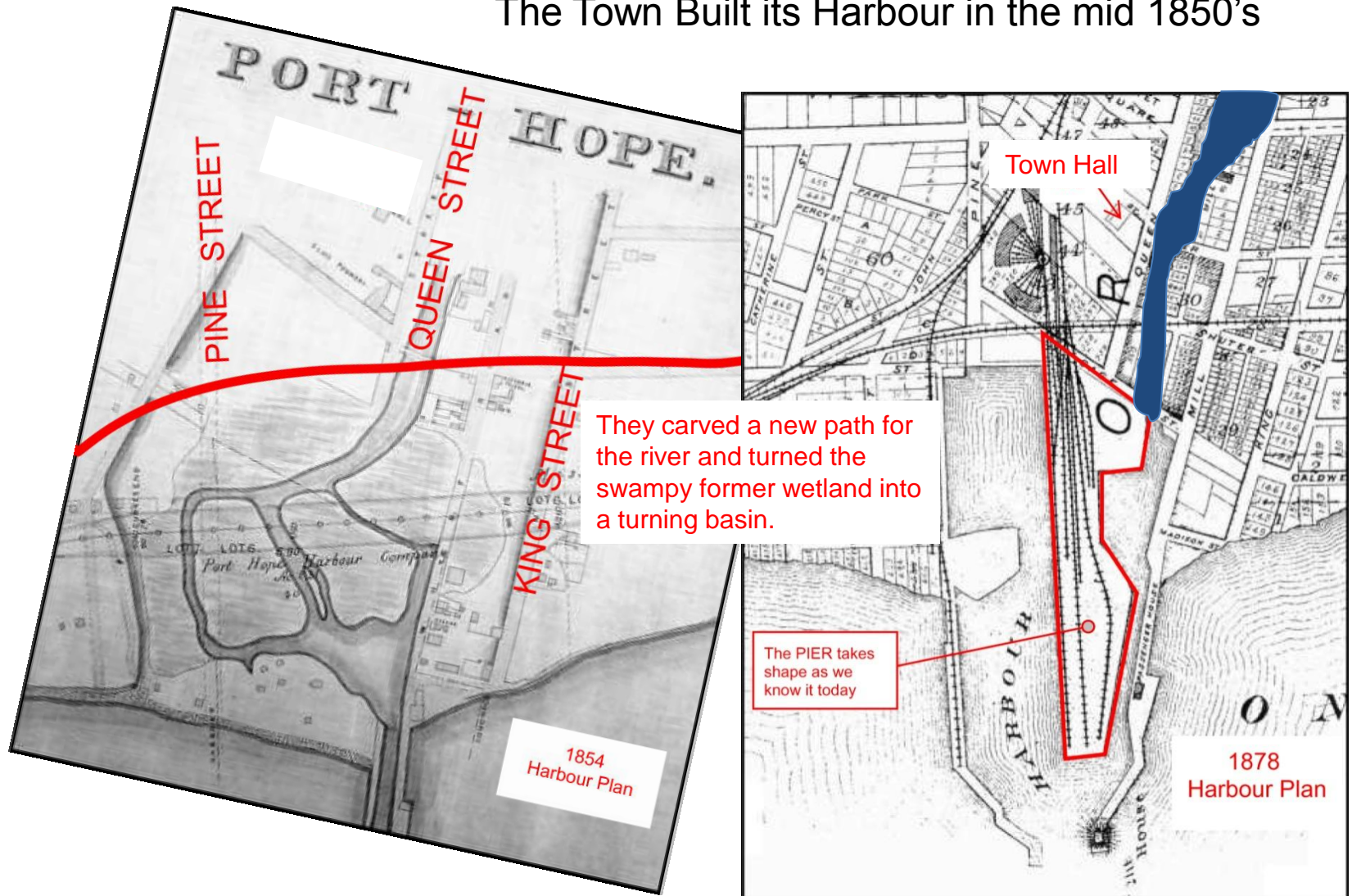
Some of thought we should study the matter in terms of re-purposing the assets that remained there after the end of the industrial era.

Others thought nothing of the kind.

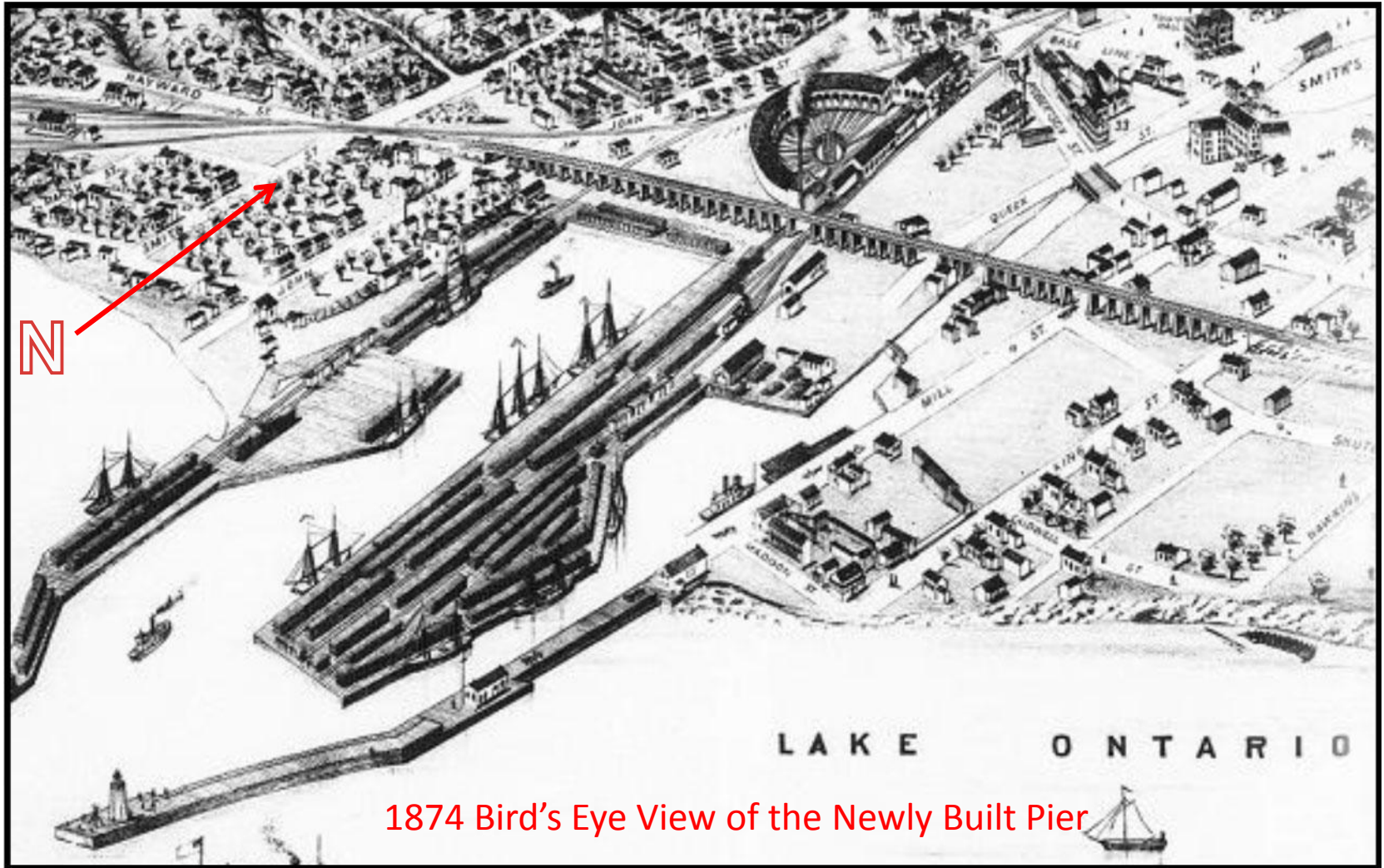
HERE IS SOME BACKGROUND

Today's Subject: Port Hope's Waterfront and The Centre Pier

The Town Built its Harbour in the mid 1850's



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1874 Bird's Eye View of the Newly Built Pier

The Centre Pier

The Centre Pier is 12 Acres of man-made land adjacent to the commercial core on Port Hope's waterfront.

Three interesting industrial buildings

The Ganaraska River mouth to the east, historic turning basin to the west.

ALL OWNED or CONTROLLED BY THE MUNICIPALITY

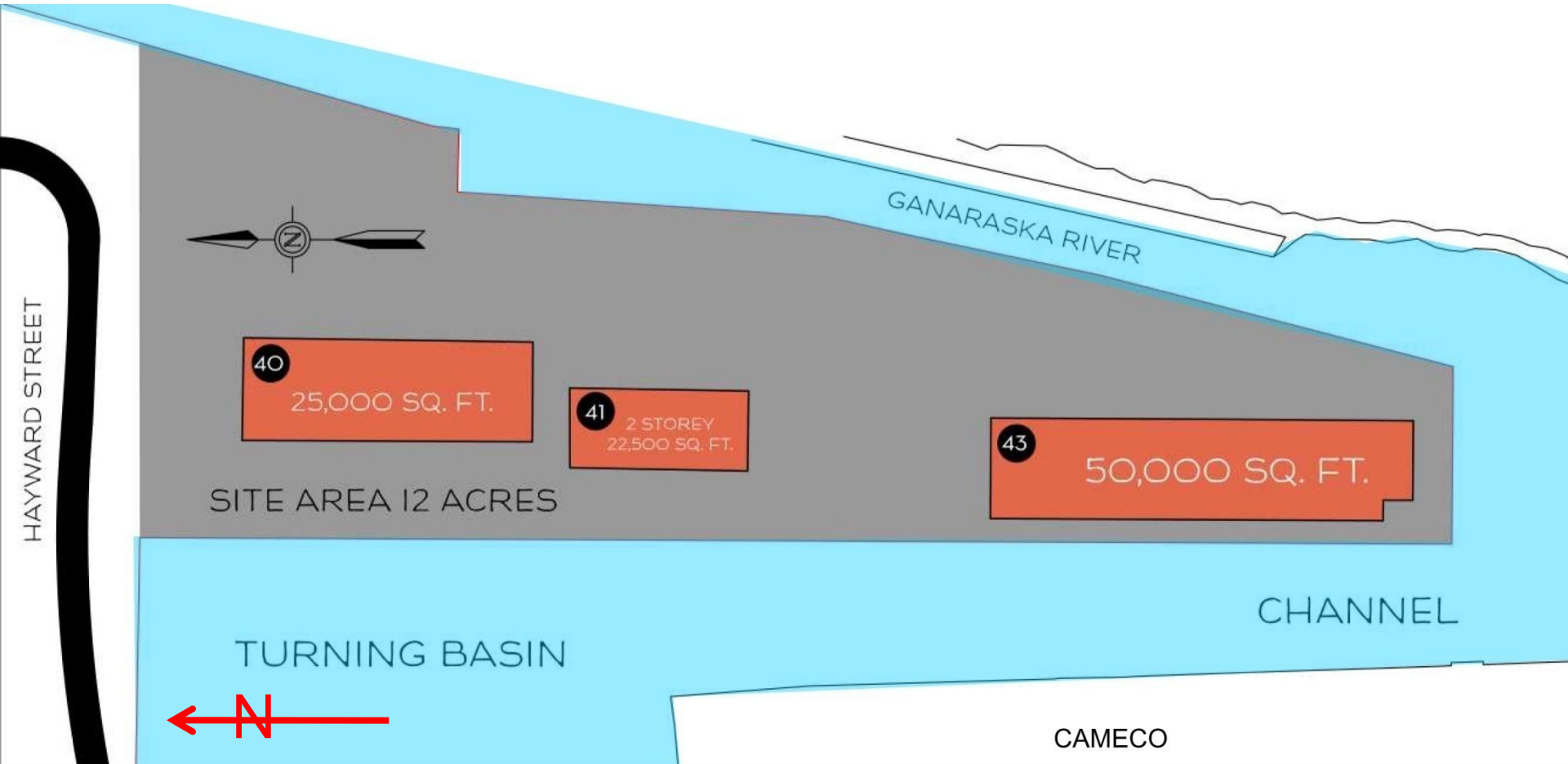
Downtown: 150
yards this way!



The Port Hope
Centre Pier



The buildings on the Port Hope Centre Pier



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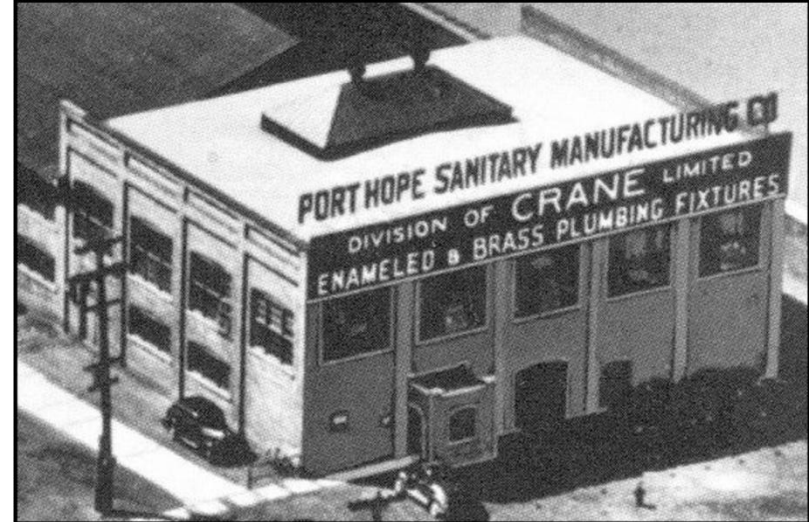
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Building 40
25,000 sq. ft
Clear Span

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Building 41
22,000 sq. ft
Heavy Timber
and Masonry
Two storey

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Building 43

50,000 sq. ft.
Rivetted Iron trusses with
Masonry Walls
Continuous Clearstory Windows



Building 43 is a classic Industrial Cathedral

With great pride and much fanfare town council,
every member of which had campaigned on a
platform that included:

“I was born and raised here in
Port Hope”

announces its new 25 million dollar waterfront
master plan!

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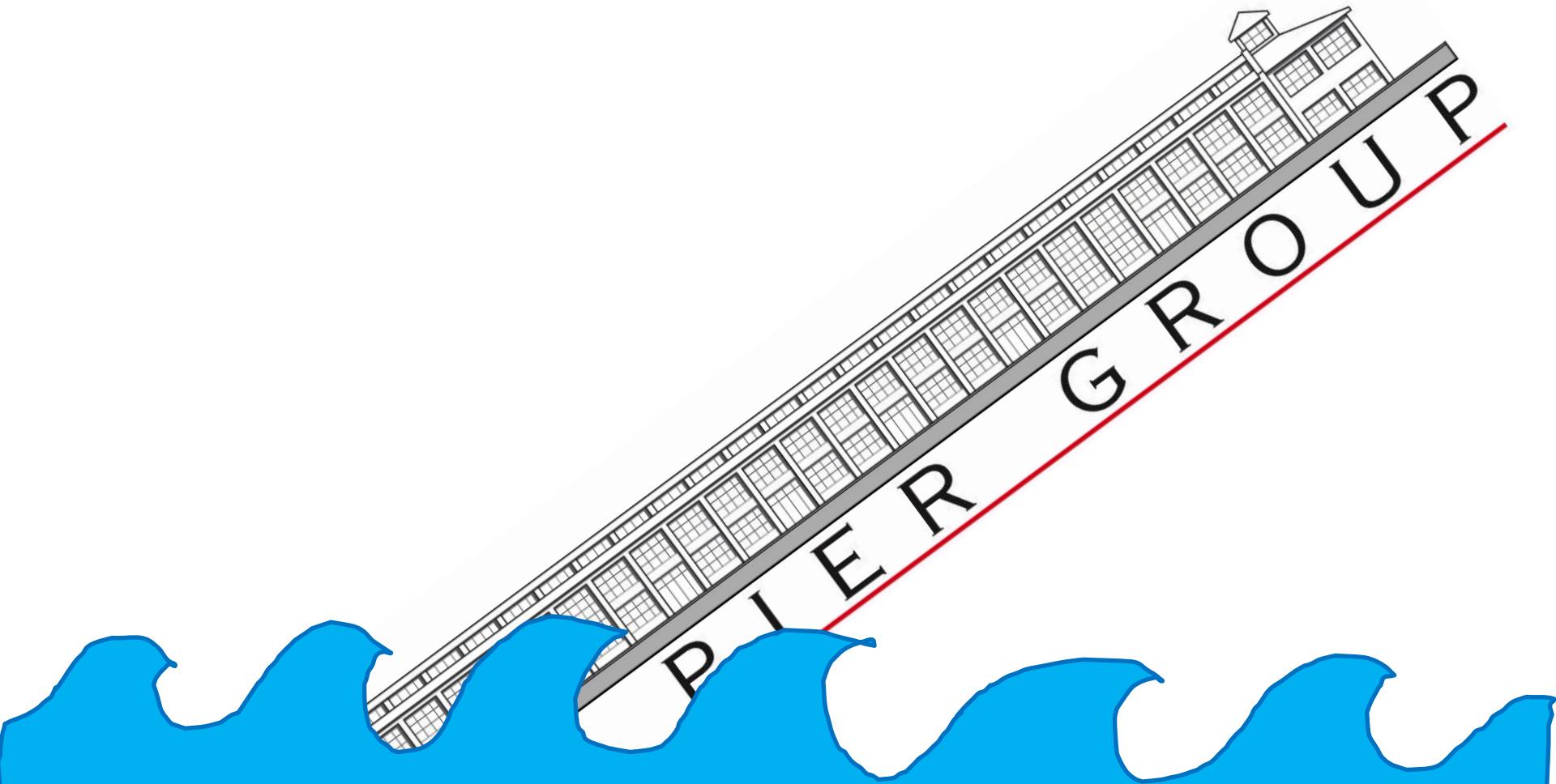
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The Pier
buildings are
all
demolished





HOW THE PIER GROUP CAME
INTO BEING AND WHAT IT HAS
BEEN UP TO.



LISTEN OR PERISH

Unless we improve our listening skills, we will continue to be veterans of the heritage wars with minor victories and many losses.

It turns out that working class people care more about people than they do about buildings.

That idea is starting to sink in at the Pier Group. We'll see where it takes us over the next while.

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