February 4th: Dr. Erika Behrisch Elce, Royal Military College  
**Lady Franklin and the Franklin Expedition**  
In the 1850s, the search for the lost Franklin Expedition was considered England’s “Modern Odyssey,” and Lady Franklin nothing less than the “Penelope of England.” Today, she is still often portrayed as a symbol, but now also as a conniving strategist whose own ambition propelled her husband to his tragic end. This presentation considers the life of one of the Victorian period's most compelling women in a new light: not as Penelope or conniver, but as a master of narrative.

February 11th: J. William (Bill) Galbraith, author  
**From "The 39 Steps" to the Steps of Rideau Hall**  
John Buchan, best known as the Scottish-born author of spy thrillers, was appointed Governor General of Canada in 1935, an appointment that created a nation-wide controversy but which ended by inspiring several of his Canadian successors, including Adrienne Clarkson and David Johnston.

February 18th: Dan Black, author  
**Veil of Secrecy**  
Canada and the CPR participated in a secret scheme to transport tens of thousands of Chinese labourers to France during the First World War.

February 25th: Dr. Steven High, Concordia University  
**Donald Trump and the Rust Belt 5: The Populist Politics of De-industrialization**  
Many small towns all over North America have been struggling as factories that helped build the town close their doors. Join Dr. Steven High as he delves into the populist politics surrounding the deindustrialization of factory towns.

March 3rd: Peter McFarland, General Manager, Opinicon Resort  
**Revitalizing the Rideau: Taking an Old Gem into a New Era**  
The Opinicon: then and now. Join us for a historical tour of Chaffey's Lock and vacationing along the shores of Opinicon Lake over the ages. From early long-stay fishing getaways to today's weekend retreats, the Opinicon has always been about family, friends and relaxation on the Rideau Canal. Peter McFarland, General Manager of The Opinicon Dining & Resort, will talk about keeping the nostalgia alive while charting a new path for the resort, its staff, the community and the region at large.

**DETAILS**  
Doors Open @ 9:30  
Coffee + Cookies at intermission  
Question Period | Ends by Noon

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