

Huntsville Heritage Committee

Meeting held on **Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**
in the **Huntsville Civic Centre, Council Chambers**

Attendance

Chair: Councillor John Davis

Members: Tim Doyle, Muskoka Marine Museum
Lucille Frith, Huntsville Train Station Representative
Tricia Markle, Friends of Muskoka Pioneer Village
Patrick Mason
Councillor Brian Thompson
Det Schumacher

Absent: Wayne Baker
Councillor W. A. Beatty
David Johns
Greg Reuvekamp
David Topps, Huntsville/Lake of Bays Rail Society Representative

Guest: Elspeth Hogg

Staff: Dianne Conwath, Deputy Clerk
Brian Crozier, Director of Community Services
Teri Souter, Manager of Culture, Heritage and Programming

1. **CONVENE**

Moved by Tricia Markle

HER04-10

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT: we do now convene as the Huntsville Heritage Committee at 6:07 p.m.

Carried.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Patrick Mason

HER05-10

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT: the Huntsville Heritage Committee Agenda dated Wednesday, May 12, 2010 be adopted as printed and circulated, as amended.

Carried.

3. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- Nil -

4. **DEPUTATIONS**

- Nil -

5. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

a) Report CS-2010-24 – Culture Plan Consultant

Teri Souter outlined the Report. (Schedule "A" attached)

Member Patrick Mason highlighted the process to select a Culture Plan Consultant.

Ms. Souter said that the Culture Plan is to be completed by December 31, 2010 with a 'draft' available in October.

Ms. Souter noted that interim reports will be provided to Committee as the Town moves forward through the process.

Chair Davis thanked Teri Souter for all her work and assistance on this initiative.

Moved by Trisha Markle

HER06-10

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AND FURTHER THAT: the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documentation.

Carried.

b) Report CS-2010-25 – Book Resale Offer

Teri Souter highlighted the Report (Schedule "B" attached), as well as provided background on the Dr. Norris E. Hunt book "*Muskoka: A Change of Seasons*".

Discussions took place regarding:

- how the book will be marketed – orders taken by email;
- a new process in which to promote and generate interest in the books;
- effect on the local bookstores who are currently selling the book;
- consideration of the shelf life of the current stock i.e. possible deterioration;
- the book and pictures are dated; however, they are timeless and historical in nature;
- Patrick Boyer's interest in revising historical Muskoka books.

Moved by Patrick Mason

HER07-10

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Patrick Boyer, muskokabooks.ca for the Huntsville Heritage Committee at the offered price of \$4/book (total \$160) as offered;

AND FURTHER THAT: the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documentation.

Carried.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Revisions to "Pictures from the Past" and "More Pictures from the Past"

Elspeth Hogg highlighted what would be involved to make the revisions and to reprint "*Pictures from the Past*" and "*More Pictures from the Past*".

Ms. Hogg noted originally that Patrick Boyer suggested the two books could be combined into to one book, but this cannot be done and he is now suggesting that the books be individually updated and reprinted.

Ms. Hogg indicated that in order to proceed to try to update the two publications she spoke with several people who had worked on the original books and that to put the original books together it was very time consuming and labour intensive as approximately 100 volunteers and hundreds of hours were spent on the original project.

Discussions took place regarding:

- setting up a volunteer working group to go through the books and do minor edits;
- co-coordinating the number of volunteers to take on the project would be very onerous;
- going through the books to see what and where they need to be amended;
- the problems with making the changes – once the change is made i.e. property owners – the information can be quickly outdated;
- once the necessary corrections/amendments adding a notation in the front of the book stating it is accurate up to a certain year;
- feasibility of hiring of a youth intern/summer student to do the research;
- setting up as a Studio Project for a community college;
- making the necessary amendments and reprinting the books – leaving the door open for future publications;
- reprinting of the books in their current format creating the possibility for someone to do a sequel;
- creation of a website to receive additional historical/ancestral information;
- to the best of our knowledge, bringing the information up-to-date to 2010;
- the public are requesting reprints of the books as they are today;
- creation of interest in the preparing and publishing of new books.

It was the consensus of the Committee to reprint as is and take the options back to Patrick Boyer to see what he thinks and enquire of Mr. Boyer of any grant opportunities that he may be aware of. Elspeth Hogg will have further discussions with Mr. Boyer on the reprinting of the books.

b) Old LACAC Files

Elspeth Hogg noted that located at the Library, there are a lot of old LACAC files which include a considerable amount of archival material i.e. pictures, negatives, minutes, historical information on all the houses highlighted in the two heritage books: "*Pictures from the Past*" and "*More Pictures from the Past*".

Ms. Hogg said that this material has not been stored in an appropriate archival manner.

Ms. Hogg has volunteered to catalogue the items and to ensure that they are being kept archivally secure, would require purchasing the proper file folders/sleeves/discs. Ms. Hogg asked if the Town could assist in purchasing the material necessary to secure and retain this archival information.

Ms. Hogg noted that this is a large project and could take 3 to 5 years to complete and materials costing approximately \$600. a year.

Discussions took place regarding the:

- Town's commitment to adequately preserve historical information such as this;
- the necessity to have information properly archived and available.

Staff noted money for the required materials will be found as preservation/retention of Municipal records, is the Town's obligation to maintain the records.

Further discussions took place regarding the Past Perfect System used by Muskoka Heritage Place and the electronic on-line version used by the Library for recording archival information and the compatibility of the two systems.

Brian Crozier said that he would have discussion with the Director of Corporate Services regarding the Town's archives.

7. MINUTES

- a) The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2010 were received for information.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Baker Photographs – Electronic Format

Chair Davis said that Member Baker is working on the project; however, Mr. Baker has had computer problems which have caused some delays.

- b) Heritage Books Reprint Update

Chair Davis said the Town has received delivery of the reprinted copies of the heritage book, "*Huntsville: With Spirit and Resolve*" by Susan Pryke and will be available for sale in books stores, in the near future.

- c) Heritage Note Cards Update

Member Lucille Frith provided an update noting the following:

- the heritage note cards have been in circulation for about six months through eight retailers;
- sales are moving slowly but looking at increased sales over the summer months;
- the Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce have expressed an interest in selling the heritage note cards.

d) Muskoka Heritage Place – Visitor Photograph Area

Teri Souter said the matter was recently discussed at Muskoka Heritage Place Operations Meeting and possible site locations included the General Store porch or the Trapper's Cabin porch.

A discussion took place regarding placement of a banner identifying Muskoka Heritage Place at the on-site photo location.

e) Heritage Plaque Rotary Garden – Main and John Streets

Brian Crozier reported the Rotary Club have not yet decided what they are doing regarding signage but there is adequate space for the Town to place a heritage plaque denoting the area where Captain Hunt first settled.

f) Muskoka Colonization Road Map Installation

Teri Souter said that the Muskoka Colonization Road Map has been mounted and is on display in the front foyer of Town Hall with the Captain Hunt display.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES FROM GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

a) Muskoka Heritage Place

Ron Gostlin highlighted the Muskoka Heritage Place Operational Notes. (Schedule "C" attached)

Chair Davis enquired as to the status of the two gates that were to be installed. Teri Souter said that the gates had been excluded during the 2010 budget discussions.

A discussion took place regarding publicizing that the Muskoka Heritage Place is "Back on Track" as well as, providing a memento of the launch. Committee suggested that possibly the Huntsville/Lake of Bays Railway Society could possibly work with Debbi Miller, Manager of Marketing on this initiative.

b) Huntsville Train Station Society

Member Lucille Frith provided a verbal report.

Ms. Frith noted:

- a Dedication Ceremony to Art Coker will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at the Huntsville Train Station;
- renovations on the windows and doors are complete;
- painting touch-ups have been completed;
- the basement is drying out.

c) Muskoka Marine Museum

Member Doyle had nothing to report at this time.

d) Friends of Muskoka Pioneer Village

Member Tricia Markle provided a verbal report. (Schedule "D" attached)

Discussions took place regarding:

- the need to have display signage at the new Summit Centre indicating that Muskoka Heritage Place is open for business;
- placement of signage noting all that exists in the immediate area of the Summit Centre.

e) Huntsville/Lake of Bays Railway Society

- Nil -

10. **NEW BUSINESS** cont'd.

a) National Aboriginal Day

Teri Souter provided a verbal update on the plans for National Aboriginal Day on June 21st noting that the Town is the event facilitator and is being hosted by the two local First Nations.

b) Muskoka Heritage Foundation - Nominations - Built and Cultural Heritage Stewardship Awards

Chair Davis highlighted the Muskoka Heritage Foundation Awards noting that the Town of Huntsville has been a recipient on a number of occasions in the Government Category - Built and Cultural Heritage Stewardship.

Chair Davis said that it is a very lengthy application process and a nomination can be put forward by either an individual or a group.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Tim Doyle

HER08-10

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT: we do now adjourn at 7:55 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Huntsville Civic Centre, Council Chambers.

Carried.

Chair

Corporation of the Town of Huntsville

Huntsville Heritage Committee

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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Carried.

May 12, 2010



TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE

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Development Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protective Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Works	<input type="checkbox"/>

DEPARTMENT: Culture, Heritage & Programming

REPORT #CS-2010-24

Confidential: Yes No

To: Huntsville Heritage Committee

From: Teri Souter, Manager of Culture, Heritage & Programming

Meeting: May 12, 2010

Subject: Culture Plan Consultant

RECOMMENDATION:

Requires Action **For Discussion Only**

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ORIGIN / BACKGROUND Cultural planning is an economic and social driver; supported by many city planners, authors and economists. Vibrant community culture has been cited as a critical market position differentiation for tourism towns; and the antidote to an uninteresting homogenous "geography of nowhere" (Glenn Murray) and as the "economic driver of the creative class and knowledge economy" (Richard Florida), among many others. Since 2002, staff has participated in a variety of Cultural Forums hosted by Federal, Provincial and Municipal agencies. Networking with Cultural Managers identified Best Practices. Foremost among these is a Municipal Cultural Plan. A Cultural Plan would strengthen and support the many heritage, arts and cultural volunteer groups, events and agencies in our community. An umbrella "Cultural Mission" statement could be used by all participants in this sector to achieve branding strength by repetition, critical mass of cultural attractions and events, and promote partnerships/bundling of activities in the local cultural sector.

A Cultural Plan is a probable requirement for any future non-municipal tax dollar investment in the Cultural Sector.

DISCUSSION

On September 9, 2009 the Huntsville Heritage Committee (HER 22-09) directed staff to undertake Municipal Cultural Planning Process and apply to the Creative Communities Prosperity Fund. Council ratified the recommendation on September 28, 2009 (No. 425-09). Funding application was prepared and submitted October 2009. Funding approval received March 15, 2010 for \$68,000 of \$89,400 project (Provincial File #20091DD2691) received. Council resolution #125-10 on April 26, 2010 authorized mayor and clerk to sign funding agreement. Staff prepared RFP, advertised in print and online, and organized selection committee consisting of: Chair of Cultural Plan Selection Committee, Councillor Fran Coleman, Deputy-Mayor Councillor John Davis, Huntsville Heritage Committee Chair Patrick Mason, Huntsville Heritage Committee Member Brian Crozier, Director of Community Services Teri Souter, Manager of Culture, Heritage & Programming

RFP closed May 7, 2010 at 4 p.m. Deputy Clerk Dianne Conwath opened and recorded submissions, which were given to Selection Committee, along with RFP and marking criteria.

Morley & Associates	\$54 - \$59,400 + taxes
Imperial Cotton Centre for the Arts	\$65,000 + taxes
TCI Management Consultants	\$63,400 + taxes
Novita Canadian Urban Institute	\$65,000 + taxes
AuthentiCity	\$60,163 + taxes
Cambium Environmental	\$41,860 + taxes
NetGain Partners, Inc.	\$59,567 + taxes
LURA Consulting	\$59,985 + taxes

Selection Committee reconvened on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 4 p.m. At their direction, staff posed ancillary questions to top ranked proposals: time spent in community; methodology of information collection.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that, pursuant to the terms of the Funding Agreement contract between the Ontario Ministry of Culture and the Town of Huntsville, TCI Management Consultants be contractually hired by the Town of Huntsville to prepare a Culture Plan, and further that Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary agreements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – *(Budget & Financial Planning Officer must sign Report)*

“Insignificant” (under \$1,000) disbursements budgeted Heritage Committee to cover meeting refreshments. A Cultural Plan is expected to enhance the Town’s eligibility to attract funding for Cultural Sector projects in the future. Net positive financial implication.

INSURANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT OR HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

– *(Human Resources Manager must sign Report)*

n/a

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Cultural Plan will support the Unity Plan.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPLICATIONS n/a

COUNCIL STATEMENT OF DIRECTIONS AND PRIORITIES n/a

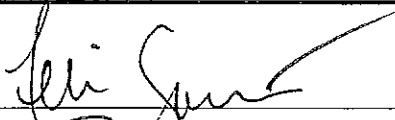
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CONSULTATIONS

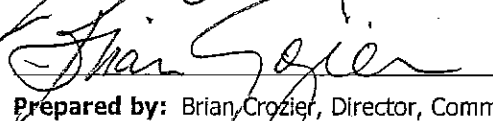
ATTACHMENTS

CONCLUSION

A Cultural Plan for the Town of Huntsville will strengthen Arts, Culture and Heritage and position various groups to also strengthen the Social leg of the three (Environment, Economics, Social) legs of the community sustainability "Unity" plan.



Prepared by: Teri Souter, Manager of Culture, Heritage & Programming



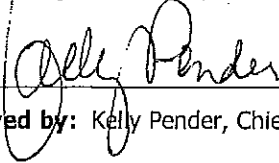
Prepared by: Brian Crozier, Director, Community Services



Approved by: Julia McKenzie, Budget and Financial Planning Officer

n/a

Approved by: Lisa Smith, Human Resources Manager



Approved by: Kelly Pender, Chief Administrative Officer



TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE

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DEPARTMENT: Culture, Heritage & Programming

REPORT #CS-2010-25

Confidential: Yes No

To: Huntsville Heritage Committee
From: Teri Souter, Manager of Culture, Heritage & Programming
Meeting: May 12, 2010
Subject: Book Resale Offer

RECOMMENDATION:

Requires Action **For Discussion Only**

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 - reject the offer of purchase; OR
 - prepare a counter offer; AND
- further that, Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign any necessary documentation.

ORIGIN / BACKGROUND Dr. Norris. E. Hunt (Dr. Joe) was a valued member of the medical community in Huntsville for many years. He and his wife Maureen were also instrumental advocates, members and volunteers at Muskoka Pioneer Village, and then Muskoka Heritage Place. Dr. Joe was additionally a talented and avid amateur hobby photographer. Dr. Joe compiled and published a full colour book of local (many Village) images in 2003. The Town of Huntsville owns the copy right on this book. The proceeds from the sale of the book (retail currently \$15) are retained for the Huntsville Heritage committee.

DISCUSSION

There are currently 17 cartons each containing 40 books (680 copies of the book) in storage at Muskoka Heritage Place. The photographs and the books themselves are timeless in their depiction of natural beauty. These books are often used as gifts to international visitors, as they do not have many words and thus do not present any language barrier to their appreciation. The books are now becoming outdated i.e. Muskoka Pioneer Village not Muskoka Heritage Place as location. The book is a local favorite.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Huntsville Heritage Committee provide direction to staff to either

- a. accept the offer of purchase from Patrick Boyer, Appendix 1; or
- b. reject the offer of purchase; or
- c. prepare a counter offer; AND

further that, Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign any necessary documentation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – (Budget & Financial Planning Officer must sign Report)

The budget implication of this decision would be categorized as "insignificant".

INSURANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT OR HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

– (Human Resources Manager must sign Report)

n/a

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

n/a

ACCESSIBILITY IMPLICATIONS

n/a

COUNCIL STATEMENT OF DIRECTIONS AND PRIORITIES

n/a

POLICIES / LEGISLATION

n/a

CONSULTATIONS

ATTACHMENTS APPENDIX 1 - email below from Patrick Boyer to Teri Souter, dated May 3, 2010
12:21 PM Subject: Muskoka Books/Patrick to Teri/RE: Hunt Books

Good morning, Teri

It sure was a pleasure meeting you in person, and hearing your wonderful talk about books. You truly have a lot to offer to others, and your way of presenting information is most engaging.

Thanks for following up about Norris E. Hunt's *Muskoka: Change of Seasons*. I think to start I would want to buy 1 box of 40 copies.

As for the price, I am guided by two example of others who had surplus inventory and were happy to have an outlet for a single quick sale. The Town of Bracebridge has a quantity of *A Good Town Continues* which are essentially just sitting in storage and the CEO was happy to sell a couple boxes of them to me for \$2 a book. The Toronto publishing house Dundurn Group last week sold me three different titles for which they, too, have more inventory on hand than they need, and sold me a carton of each for \$3 a book. I would normally only order 5 or 10 copies of a book for our MuskokaBooks.ca on-line store, so as not to tie up too much money in inventory, but it may be more convenient to buy the larger quantity. If I offer you \$4 a book, this would mean a single sale of \$160 and I could pick up the books in Huntsville.

Please let me know if this meets the approval of your committee.

I should point out, should any committee members wonder, that MuskokaBooks.ca is not competing with our District's independent booksellers, because at our website we are directing people to the bookstores and heritage centres of Muskoka, and we are only selling these books on-line to people who cannot get to Muskoka or to the bookstores. None of the Muskoka bookstores is set up for on-line ecommerce, so what they and MuskokaBooks.ca do will be complementary operations – all serving to expand information about Muskoka and our heritage.
Thank you very much, Teri. With kind regards . . .

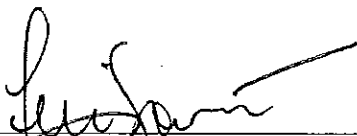


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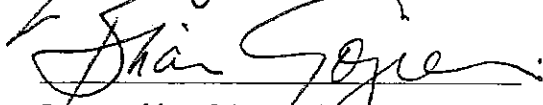
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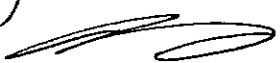
Staff require direction from committee on how to proceed on this offer.



Prepared by: Teri Souter, Manager of Culture, Heritage & Programming



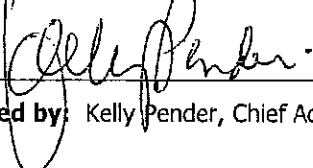
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Approved by: Julia McKenzie, Budget and Financial Planning Officer

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Approved by: Lisa Smith, Human Resources Manager



Approved by: Kelly Pender, Chief Administrative Officer



Muskoka Heritage Place ~ Operational Notes

Our next Operation's meeting is tomorrow at 9:30 am.

On-Site photo opportunities were previously suggested by Councillor Davis, for visitors to have their photograph taken will either in or seemingly in pioneer costumes or situations. We have discussed the possibility and recommend providing a small variety of pioneer replica costumes (upper body and hat only) to be used in a predetermined location with or without costumed narrative staff or volunteers in the photos, depending on availability. We suggest areas like the General Store porch or Trapper's Cabin porch. Interiors of building must be avoided to eliminate the damage to artifacts as a result of camera flashes.

We recommend initiating this additional service from Canada Day though to close on Thanksgiving, Our education program visitors generally do not have the time to partake in this activity (due to their tight schedule) and we have no idle manpower during this phase of our season to supervise and promote this event.

We'd like to determine which costumes are to be designated for this activity following the registration and costuming of all of our regular employees and volunteers.

Train Update: Track continues to be connected but we have been instructed not to schedule train runs until July 1st. The operation of the steam locomotive in time for Canada Day is very doubtful and is dependent upon how smoothly our boiler inspection goes and is administered. But we remain positive that we'll have a train for Canada Day pulled either by steam or diesel electric locomotive.

Traditionally we schedule our annual boiler inspection for the fall so that come spring all we have to do is put the locomotive back together and operate. The fall of 2009 was not normal and due to track coming (out we could not configure the locomotives and the rest of the rolling stock in a way to allow us to tear it down for inspection. We knew this was not an ideal situation but had no choice.

Train Station Update: Station sustained a great deal of cosmetic damage as a result of the move but has been repaired by Greg Smith and looks great. It has a new hardwood floor, has been painted, wainscoting has been repaired and replaced and most importantly has a brand new view overlooking the river.

Work yet to be completed as of May 11th:

Fixtures are there but water and sewer has yet to be hooked up

Minor trim painting needs done

Once the support steel has been attached to the end of the building Greg will go in and rebuild the deck platform.

Perimeter fencing has yet to be installed for both site security when closed and pedestrian protection during operation.

Grants vs. Projects: We have several grant applications submitted again this season and are waiting for approval or denial. We have a Museum Assistance Program grant application submitted to allow us to perform a collection's shelving system project in our archives. The archives are grossly overcrowded and are in dire need of a complete overhaul. The best that MAP officials can tell us is that results of the application will be available sometime in June.

We also applied separately to Young Canada Works for two positions to assist with the project, and although we were not successful in receiving a grant for a year round intern, we were successful in obtaining one grant from Y.C.W. for a seasonal student. The grant is for a 75% wage supplement and we have planned for the outstanding 25% or MHP's contribution of the wage in our 2010 capital budget, whether we are successful in receiving the MAP grant or not.

Summer Job Service ~ we have been approved for a rebate of \$2.00 toward the hourly wage of 4 young employees this season.

We have also submitted but not heard back from a Benjamin Moore grant application to offset the cost of painting of the Hill House in the village. The Friends of Muskoka Pioneer Village have generously offered to pay for this if the grant is not awarded and the house painting is almost complete but I've not yet received the invoice.

Member Councillor Davis's recommendation in addition to the Hill House painting the back side of the Train Shed (which had never been painted for whatever reason) will be completed this spring as well. This cost will be paid out of the MHP R & M budget.

Security & Control

MHP experienced an attempted break and enter on Friday April 23rd by attempting to gain entry through one of the office windows. The motion alarm must have scared them off however the window required replacement. This break in attempt prompts us to investigate the cost of inside bars on the few access points we have. The cost will be insignificant compared to the loss or damage sustained to the archives and collection should they wish to do some real damage. Once we determine our needs I will source and cost the project for financial review.

MHP will also require fencing at our main gate once the area formerly the upper Cann Lake Parking Lot is complete and hydro-seeded. This area is now designated park area and to prevent people from freely strolling into the village a fence should run along the pond side of the cedar trees and across the end of the park to the pond.

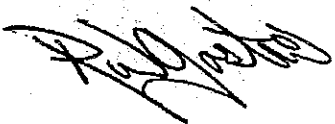
Great Nations Exhibit Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Teri Souter Manager of Culture Heritage and Programming came up with the idea for the Great Nations exhibit almost 2 years ago but as a result of MHP needing to store our rail exhibit from the (then in transit) train station the exhibit was shelved for a year. Sara White Collections coordinator has done a fabulous job in creating this exhibit and it is a celebration of the traditions, symbols and values brought by the people who immigrated to here. The exhibit opening this spring and coinciding with the G8 helps to add to the importance of our many cultures and how it played a huge role in shaping Huntsville. This exhibit however, is not G8 focused as we are displaying actual donated artifacts from our collection that do not necessarily contain G8 material.

On Saturday June 5th at 11:00 am in the Muskoka Museum we are hosting our "Great Nations" Exhibit Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

This is an informal gathering to officially open the exhibit. The mayor has confirmed he will be in attendance as has the Honourable Tony Clement and members of the SMO. Council and MHP volunteers have been invited and a press release will be issued.

This is the official opening of the exhibit and I extend a personal invitation to the Heritage Committee if you are able to join us.



Ron Gostlin
Manager Muskoka Heritage Place



Friends of Muskoka Pioneer Village

Although the Village has not yet opened The Friends have already been hard at work. The following is a brief account of how our season is progressing.

Following an excellent article in the Forester we have received several new volunteers and also have had requests for membership forms. The Horticultural Society has been in contact with us regarding help with the beautification project. Because of the G8 they did not plan on any new projects around town and have shown some interest in helping the Friends. I met with two of the executive and we made some decisions on proposed planting and new gardens. It still has to go before their board but we are all optimistic.

The store is in the process of being merchandised. This year we have decided to go with a much more local theme with pottery, beautiful wooden boxes (eg jewelry boxes, card boxes) made locally of Muskoka woods, home made knitted socks and many branded items. I am also attempting to obtain some Muskoka and/or Ontario tartan items. Great ideas for gift giving. Shoppers are always welcome.

The early spring has allowed us to get a jump on work. All the chimneys have been repaired, re-bricked and/or closed off to prevent winter damage.

Plans are underway to paint the Hill House which should be done before the Grand opening July 1st.

The grass will once again be kept cut by a Friend volunteer.

The trees planted by Rotary and the Friends in 2008 on the south end of Cann lake, along the town line to commemorate the 50th anniversary are to be replaced. Thanks to Mayor Doughty.

I should also make note that Volunteers have been busy all winter photographing artifacts and entering data on the Past Perfect program, which is a digital record of the Collection.

The Friends of Muskoka report for May 12th 2010 to the Heritage Committee

Tricia Markle

FRIENDS OF



I WOULD LIKE TO RENEW (OR BECOME) A MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS OF MUSKOKA PIONEER VILLAGE. *Memberships cover the period May 1 through April 30.*

Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. : _____
 Address: _____
 City, Province or State, Country: _____
 Postal Code: _____
 Telephone: _____

Membership Categories:

1. Single \$20.00
2. Family \$25.00
 (Husband, wife and children under 17)
 (Please list names of all family members for family membership): _____
3. Benefactor \$500.00+
 (A Life Membership will be given for donations of \$500.00 or more)
4. I am pleased to make a personal donation of: \$00

Tax receipts will be issued for Corporate and/or donations of \$10.00 or more

As a member, I would be willing to help in the following areas:

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| 1. Friends and Company Store | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Special Events | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Special Projects, e.g. Publications & Period Costumes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Summer Interpreter/Narrator | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. School Programmes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Building Restoration & Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Cataloguing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Display and Exhibits | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Baking (if telephoned) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Your paid-up membership in good standing entitles you to:

- ✓ *Voting privileges at the Annual Meeting*
- ✓ *Workshops presented by the Friends*
- ✓ *Periodic Friend's newsletter*
- ✓ *10% discount in Friends & Co. Gift Store at Muskoka Heritage Place*
- ✓ **Free admission to the Village, not including train, (for cardholder(s), once membership card(s) is(are) received via surface mail.*
- ✓ **Must present original card to receive Free Admission. No exceptions will be granted.*

Please fill out this form and forward with your cheque to:
 (You should receive your membership card within 6 weeks)

(Please make cheques payable to Friends of Muskoka Pioneer Village)

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