



Peterborough Historical Society Bulletin

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- PHS Monthly Meeting
Nov 19, 2013 7:30 pm
- Hutchison House
Museum
Heritage Lunch Dec 4
– noon and 1:00 p.m.
Advance tickets
- Hutchison House Fes-
tive Sale Nov 30 -10:00
a.m. till 12:30 p.m.
- Hogmanay Wednesday,
January 1, 2014

The public meeting
on November 19th
will begin at 7:30pm
in the lower level
auditorium of the
Peterborough Public
Library.

PHS Public Meeting November 19th Canadian Participation in the American Civil War

Acclaimed author John Boyko will be the guest speaker at the November public meeting, discussing his latest book, *Blood and Daring: How Canada Fought the American Civil War and Forged a Nation*.

Since its release in May 2013 the book has received critical praise in both Canada and the United States. The National Post called it “a wonderful and seamless popular history full of colourful characters, intrigue and political back-stabbing of the first order” and New York’s Publisher’s Weekly said “The book presents a startlingly unfamiliar and ominously dangerous period in Canadian-American relations”.

John Boyko is the author of five books and has been applauded by the Globe and Mail as a “distinguished scholar of Canadian political history”. He has appeared many times on television and radio and is a regular contributor to newspapers across Canada. He is also described as a passionate and engaging speaker.

John grew up in Peterborough and is the former Dean of History and currently an administrator at Lakefield College School.



From the President

The City of Peterborough ratified its first policy relating to the identification and management of archaeological resources in April 2013.

The policy promises to place appropriate identification and conservation of archaeological resources as priorities for municipal infrastructure projects like road construction, trunk sewer and water main construction and storm water facilities. It also affects planning approvals for private sector projects with the potential to impact on archaeological resources.

I say it's about time we started to show some sensitivity to the culture of people who inhabited this land 10,000 years before the Europeans arrived.

The policy was developed in response to the discovery of human remains in the parking lot on Brock Street a few years ago. At the time, there was no clear direction on how to address the situation.

Now, when something similar arises, the response will be clear.

In Peterborough because of its location and history, it is no longer appropriate to say "if" archaeological resources are identified. In reality it's "when" more archaeological resources will be discovered.

Barb McIntosh

Remember When

From The Bulletin November 1976

Hutchison House News

Documents, newspapers and textile fragments have been found in strange places in the Hutchison House. Some were perhaps hidden and forgotten and some overlooked as workmen commenced to make improvements. Some may have fallen down between the walls from the storage area under the eaves. One document indicates that the log school house became the courthouse on Saturday. There are many fragments or sheets only of newspapers. Fortunately complete is a rare booklet printed in 1821. It commemorates the coronation of George IV.

A lady's house cap has been found. Grimy and discoloured and not in too good repair, it could nevertheless serve as a pattern for future attendants' caps. Certainly, no other could be more authentic. A careful assessment of the considerable number of "finds" has yet to be made and the papers will be catalogued by Mrs. Jane Deyman. Already a very complete record of the restoration work has been put on film by Mrs. Martha Kidd for the archives of the house.

The committee for furnishing Hutchison House has been gathering information on what may be required and eagerly wait for work to be sufficiently advanced to permit a peek inside the lovely old house. That section portraying the life of the Hutchison family must have furnishings no later than 1847. The cut-off date for the Harvey-Connal period could be as late as 1870. A record is being kept of the furnishings that kind people are prepared to offer for the Hutchison House. The home is considerably larger inside than the snug exterior might lead one to believe and a variety of furniture will be required. Have you something suitable to offer? Please get in touch as soon as possible with a member of the furnishing committee – Mesdames Carver, Farquharson, Gamble, Kidd, Ross, Scobie, Miss Heideman, and Drs. Brisley and Turner.

Planes, Trains and a Victoria Mansion

PHS Bus Trip Saturday October 19, 2013



Linda and Paul Lumsden placed flags on the memorial stones honouring their parents

Alice Latham and her two sons Richard and David at the National Air Force Museum in Trenton



Doug Lavery examines the tool collection at Memory Junction Museum in Brighton



PHS members tour the National Air Force Museum in Trenton

Eugene and Ralph Bangay owners of Memory Junction Museum in Brighton



PHS Plaque Commemorates the Kingdon Barrel Factory

PHS unveiled its newest plaque on Thursday, Oct. 17 at the former site of Kingdon Barrel Factory, on the Trail just east of Barnardo Avenue. Hutchison House provided tea and scones for descendents of the Kingdon family prior to the unveiling ceremony. PHS President Barb McIntosh welcomed the family and guests. Sam Kingdon shared his memories of the factory and gave a brief history of the family who have been in Peterborough and area since 1840. The family still runs lumber businesses in the city and in Lakefield. Leslie Parnell represented City Council and was enthusiastic about the PHS historical plaque program.

To date, the PHS has erected over 50 historic plaques in Peterborough. The Plaques Committee members, Gail Corbett, Stewart Brown and Elwood Jones began a sponsorship program three years ago. Sponsors donate \$150.00 towards cost of the plaque.

The next plaque to be celebrated is the Canon Davidson Home at 64 Hunter Street, sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hinton. The date of the unveiling ceremony will be announced at a later date.

The committee is still looking for sponsors for the following plaques: Malone, Hazelbank, Langton House, Protestant Home, and Peterborough Canoe Factory. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these PHS plaques with an inscription of your choice placed at the base of the plaque, please contact Plaques Chair Gail Corbett, 705-652-9232 or corbett1@nexicom.net.

A complete list of PHS plaque sponsors and locations will be published in February, 2014.



Three generations of the Kingdon family at the plaque unveiling



From the Curator

Now that the winds of November and 'Jack Frost' are upon us, there would be nothing more soothing than to sit by the crackling fire and relax. However, like the pioneers who might possibly rest a little after the harvest, we will continue to organize and run the upcoming programs and events, rake the leaves, and prepare the house for winter.



HUTCHISON HOUSE
35 Years of
Living History

The museum volunteers will hold their annual **Festive Sale** on Saturday, November 30 from 10am till 12:30pm at Hutchison House. We are currently taking orders for fresh greenery wreaths. These beautiful wreaths are made locally and sell for \$15 each. You may choose pine, cedar or mixed wreaths. Last month we also included an order form for Empire cheese. The deadline for wreaths or cheese is Tuesday, November 19. If you didn't receive an order form and you are interested in purchasing cheese, please let us know and we'll send you one. To place an order call the museum office at 743-9710. The wreaths and cheese will be available for pick up at the sale.

The Festive Sale will also include Christmas style baked goods, preserves, pies, potted salmon and other delicacies as well as a gift room of new-to-you items. Of course, none of this would be possible without donations for the sale, therefore, we respectfully ask each and every member of the society, their families and friends, to contribute baking, preserves or gift items. Baked goods should be wrapped for sale and only treasures that will be cherished by someone else will be accepted for the 'gift' room. Please do not donate common household articles that we cannot sell at this time. We do appreciate all contributions to this very important fundraiser. Donations for the sale may be delivered to the museum between November 25-29 for pricing and set up on Friday prior to the Festive Sale on Saturday.

December is promising to be another busy month with lots of bookings already for our popular 19th century Christmas programs and preparation for Hogmanay on January 1, 2014. There's never a dull moment! If it weren't for the help of our volunteers none of this would be possible. Thanks again to all of you who devote so much of your time and effort for the sake of Hutchison House. Most times your only reward is just two little words....thank you. We can never thank you enough.

Gale Fewings



Betty Hinton, Doreen Jones, Phyllis Nelson,
Erin, Carol Koeslag 2013 Junior Volunteers





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PHS Previous Month's Meeting New Municipal Archaeology Policy Applies to City Projects and Private Development

Because of its location in central Ontario along one of the province's most significant waterways, Peterborough has very high potential for widespread archaeological resources, involving both ancient First Nations and early European settlement. The City's new policy is meant to provide clear direction on how to assess and deal with these resources when they are found.

For its October public meeting, PHS partnered with the Peterborough Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society to present a lively discussion on the new policy and the procedures that are required for its implementation.

Eric Hansen, Heritage Resources Coordinator for the City began the evening with a detailed outline of the how the policy was developed and how it will apply. He was joined by Professor James Connolly, an archaeologist at Trent University, who lead development of a "predictive model" or series of criteria that will be used to predict the likelihood of archaeological resources at any given site. The model identifies Provincial criteria, multiple layers of City data and the specifics of known sites. This is the first of its kind to be introduced at the municipal level.

The policy applies to both City projects and private development.

This doesn't mean that homeowners require an archaeological assessment for small projects like a deck or an addition on their house. However, they are expected to understand the policy and will be required to take appropriate action if something is found.

For large projects such as subdivisions and major road work, the assessment process will be mandatory and if the predictive model indicates medium to high potential for archaeological resources, an archaeological survey will be required. Developers should welcome this approach. It is far less expensive to conduct an archaeological assessment at the beginning of the project than to deal with a full survey and conservation of artifacts after the project has been started.

The new policy, which was approved by Council in April 2013, brings the City into compliance with existing regulatory framework and legislation. It formalizes a committed to respecting cultural sensitivity and to fostering a partnership approach to archaeological resource management with local First Nations, licensed archaeologists and the development community.

Barbara McIntosh



Discussion Panel Participants: (left to right) Eric Hansen, City's Heritage Resource Coordinator, Dennis Carter-Edwards, Prof. James Connolly, Trent University and Tom Moher, President OAS, Peterborough.