

Heritage/Archives Newsletter
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Well, here it is, the final day of the first month of the new year – despite all the “bad” weather, it has gone by miraculously quickly. Because of suffering with a bad back over the holidays and into the new year, I missed several days in the early part of the month and as a result, I am now scrambling to get caught up on heritage and archival work.

Visitors were fewer than in previous months, however, there were “the regulars” and also a few new people who dropped by which means that word is getting out and people are curious as to what can be found in the Archives.

February is anticipated to be a busy month here at the Archives. As usual, we will be hosting an Open House to observe National Heritage Day which is the third Monday of February. Because of Court being held on that day which means that the Court Room will be out of bounds, I have decided to hold the Open House on **Wednesday, 20th February between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.** The theme for Heritage Day 2008 is “Work that endures: Career in Built Heritage. A display will be set up in the Court Room, and tea and snacks will be served throughout the afternoon. Looking forward to seeing all the regular people as well as meeting new people on that day. Mark it on your calendars and please plan to attend. Everyone is most welcome.

The deadline is fast approaching for the Historic Places Initiatives statements of significance on four of our County’s Municipally registered heritage properties. To date, we have registered fourteen properties. For this phase, four properties will be presented for inclusion in a central data base which is being provided by HPI. The remainder of the properties will be completed during subsequent phases in the future. This is going to require quite a bit of work and will take up a good deal of time during the next month.

I would like to offer congratulations to Mrs. Effie Bain on her “History of Baddeck” which she has compiled over the past fifty-five years. I was delighted that she presented the Archives with one of the first copies back in the summer. In the January 15th edition of the **Victoria Standard** newspaper, Mrs. Bain was featured (front cover) with the original handwritten manuscript. Mrs. Bain is to be commended on all the hard work and painstaking research which she put into this compilation.

This is an important year for the Village of Baddeck as it will be celebrating its one hundredth anniversary of incorporation as a village which took place in 1908. I understand that celebrations are being planned to take place throughout the year and in particular, during the summer season. Congratulations to Baddeck on this important milestone.

Well, that’s the news from the Heritage and Archives Dept. for January. Watch out for the next newsletter at the end of February.

