

Heritage/Archives
Newsletter
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Following an extended long weekend, I just realized that this is the final day of November, and once again, it is time for the monthly newsletter from the Heritage and Archives Department.

November was equally as busy as September and October as far as visitors were concerned. There were approximately fifteen people who dropped by in person and several who contacted me either by phone or e-mail. The majority of the inquiries were of a genealogical nature and I was able to direct them to the local genealogists and also to people I knew who would be related to them.

On the 4th and 5th of November, the archives hosted a two day workshop which was sponsored by the Council of Nova Scotia Archives. This was the last of four workshops which were held in Cape Breton in 2010. This workshop dealt with the preservation of materials in archives. The instructor was well known, conservator, Ann Shaftel. Ms. Shaftel travels all around the world offering her expertise in the proper care and handling of archival materials. There were twelve participants along with yours truly. These people came from communities in Cape Breton and also there was representation from archivists from the mainland. It was a wonderful learning experience and I only hope I am able to implement the proper conservation principles which she taught us over the two day workshop.

The Baddeck & Area Historical Society met for its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 17th November here in the Court Room. As usual, there was a good turn out of members. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 15th December at 4:00 p.m. in the Court House. New members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

The by-election in District 8 (South Harbour to Bay St. Lawrence) took place on Saturday, 20th November. We welcome new councillor, Johnny Buchanan of South Ridge Road, South Harbour. Mr. Buchanan won the district by a margin of twenty-seven votes over this closest opponent, Bernie Vassallo. On Monday, 29th November, Mr. Buchanan was sworn in as councillor for District 8 at the regularly scheduled County Council meeting. Congratulations to Mr. Buchanan in this victory.

That is the news from here for this month. In closing, I would like to wish all the Scots out there a very happy St. Andrew's Day.