

**Heritage/Archives Newsletter**  
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This winter is progressing along at record speed. The realization that it is now the end of February just dawned on me, and that I must put together another newsletter for the heritage and archives and report on activities and events which took place over the month.

It was a “short” month but an extremely busy one. Once again, the number of visitors to the archives was steady all month with visitations practically every day. Also there were several telephone and e-mail inquiries from individuals looking for historical information. One particular request came from a university student doing a paper on the origins and formation of the Cabot Trail. Fortunately, I was able provide material which was useful in her project.

On Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February ( National Heritage Day), the Heritage and Archives Department hosted an Open House beginning at 1:00 p.m. Throughout that afternoon, thirty people braved the cold and windy day to stop by and either acquaint, or for most part, re-acquaint themselves with the materials which are housed within the archives. The warden, Wayne Budge and councillor, John Graham MacInnes were both on hand throughout the afternoon to greet and meet the people who came for a visit. As in previous open houses, tea and snacks were available and enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Wayne and John Graham for attending the open house. It was greatly appreciated and also encouraging to know that Municipal Council has an interest in heritage.

The featured heritage building which appeared in “The Victoria Standard” for the month of February, was Greenwood United Church Manse. This old residence which is in its one hundred and eleventh year is still functioning as it was intended when it was first constructed – that of a manse. The manses around the county are gradually being sold to private individuals because of the cost of trying to maintain both a church and a manse. This is one of the very few still being utilized as such. Whether it continues as a church owned dwelling or it is sold privately, it will always be a part of the rich built heritage of Baddeck and the county.

Along with the above, the normal archives and heritage work continued as usual with site forms, research, indexing, etc., etc.

We are now entering “spring” month. Hopefully, the weather trend we had during the first two months of the new year will prevail, and there will indeed be an actual spring this year. I am looking forward to, once again, getting out and starting more field work for the inventory.

That is all for February. Watch for the next newsletter at the end of March.

