

Heritage/Archives Newsletter

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The Municipal Heritage and Archives Department has now officially opened for 2004. During February and March, there was limited access, however, since the 29th March, the Archives has been available for use by the public during its regular hours.

During the month of April, the Archives welcomed several visitors both in person, and also via the telephone. The Boularderie Historical Society project workers visited during the morning of Tuesday, 20th April and were introduced to the collection housed in the Archives Room along with having a tour of the Registry of Deeds where they were shown the procedures of searching property deeds and grants.

The Iona Connection held its annual meeting on Saturday, 17th April in St. Peters at the Bonnie Brae Seniors' club. The Municipal Archives was represented at that meeting by our Heritage/Archives clerk who was re-elected to serve on their board. The Iona Connection is changing from a co-operative to a society in order to make it easier to access government funding which may be available. The paper work for this transition was completed at the last board meeting and it is anticipated that within the next month or so to receive confirmation of this new status. At the meeting, the brand new locator map was distributed to the members who had previously contributed to this project. It took much longer than anticipated because of a series of set backs, however, the map project has become a reality! The previous locator map of Cape Breton was produced by the Iona Connection in 1993. This new map has the latest up- dates, and is very attractive and informative. These maps are available for sale at the Court House in Baddeck for the sum of \$2.00. For those who may be interested, please inquire at the Tax Office.

The Council of Nova Scotia Archives held its annual general meeting and archives presentations for their members from 22nd April to 24th April. Our Heritage/Archives clerk attended both the meeting and the presentations. There were excellent presenters on a varied range of topics pertaining to archival procedures and preservation methods. This event also provides an opportunity for persons in the archival field to network with each other and learn what is happening in other archives across the Province.

The Federation of Nova Scotia Heritage will be hosting their spring conference between the 13th and 15th May at the Inverary Inn in Baddeck. The theme of this conference is "Our Storied Past" and it looks like it should be an interesting session. We hope to be able to participate at this conference.

Well, that is all the news for April. It has been a busy month, and with the anticipated arrival of visitors to our area in the near future, we are expecting that visitation to the Archives will be increased substantially in the next few months. Look for our newsletter at the end of May.