

Heritage/Archives Newsletter
June, 2004

With the month of June nearly at an end, it is time, once again to bring everyone up to date with the happenings in the Municipal Heritage and Archives Department.

A lot of time was spent this month on completing site forms for the ongoing project in recording the built heritage of the county. The site forms which have been completed were, for the most part, of heritage buildings on Boularderie Island. Finally, this district is nearing completion – one more trip to photograph the remainder of the buildings will, hopefully, enable the Heritage Inventory Clerk to finish District 5.

As our Heritage/Archives Clerk is also assisting with the upcoming Municipal Election which will take place on 16th October, considerable time, was also spent in training sessions, and administration work with regard to the enumeration of the voters in the County.

Friday, the 4th of June turned out to be quite an exciting day at the Court House. A marriage took place in the courtroom at 10:45 a.m. Wedding vows were exchanged between Christine Kavanagh and Luciano Lisi. Our Heritage/Archives Clerk and the Registrar of Deeds were asked to be witnesses for the couple. Although not absolutely certain, at this point, (more research will be required), it is believed that this was the first wedding to take place in the Court House. The couple were married by Justice of the Peace, Joey Beaton of Mabou

As usual, there were visitors to the Archives during June. One person, in particular, was gathering information on the old buildings and historical sites located with the Village of Baddeck for a walking tour to be undertaken by the members of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Along with all of the above, the Heritage Clerk wrote the regular monthly article for the local newspaper – “The Victoria Standard”. The article which appeared in the early June edition featured St. Andrew’s Anglican Church in Neil’s Harbour.

In July, August and September, our Heritage/Archives Clerk will be giving a presentation once a month at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum. The theme of this program will be the history of Victoria County, and also a history of the Village of Baddeck from its early beginnings in 1819 through to the turn of the century. The first program will be presented at the museum on Wednesday, 7th July at 7:00 p.m. Watch for the posters.

Well, that is the news for June. It is hard to believe that another month is at an end – the days and weeks just slip by so quickly. With our visitors coming from away, it is expected that the Archives will be busy during the next few months. Please check our website for the next newsletter at the end of July.

