

Heritage and Archives

Newsletter

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What an exciting month June has been. Along with all the regular activities, we had a gala celebration to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Victoria County Court House.

There were fifteen visitors who dropped by the Archives in person during the month as well as several inquiries via e-mail and telephone calls. Two of the visitors were high school students working on projects for school and looking for research materials. In both cases, I was able to offer help.

The Heritage Cape Breton Connection held a board meeting on Monday, 2nd of June at the AGB Museum. Ideas were discussed regarding the pending SDI Project funding application. This program is available through the Provincial Government. In the past, the HCBC has managed to obtain funding through this program. The board did not apply for funding in 2013 but, instead decided to apply again in 2014. Our deadline for the application is September 30th. One idea which seemed acceptable to the board was a continuation of the "Voices of Heritage" with a connection to WWI. In any event, at the meeting to be held on 27th June at the Archives in Baddeck, the grant application will have to be finalized for submission.

The Baddeck and Area Historical Society did not hold its regular monthly meeting in June as the date was so close to the court house anniversary. The decision made by the members was to attend that event as a group. Monthly meetings will be suspended during July and August and the next scheduled meeting will be held in the court room on Wednesday, 17th September beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The article which appeared in the Victoria Standard for June was a photograph which goes back to over half a century ago. It was a photo of the 1962 Victoria County Municipal Council taken at the annual week long session in February. At that time there were nineteen councillors representing an equal number of districts. With the kind assistance of Hazel Fownes, everyone appearing in the photograph was identified. Hazel was the recording secretary for the council minutes at that time. For anyone interested in seeing this picture, it can be viewed at the court house.

On Friday, 20th June during the afternoon hours, the celebration to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Victoria County Court House took place. The weather co-operated, and the event was held outdoors. Members of staff and the Warden, Bruce Morrison were dressed in Victorian costumes. Food was catered by the Bean There Café and the anniversary cakes were made by Tanis Delaney. A tree was planted on the front lawn to mark the important milestone. It was a very successful afternoon with nearly one hundred and sixty visitors in attendance. Part of that number were the students from Baddeck Academy. Grades 4, 5, & 6 and the Grade 7 class came to the event. It was very heartening to have these enthusiastic young people here to be part of this important celebration.

That is the news from here for June. Wishing everyone a very happy Canada Day and hoping people are able to participate in the events taking place in their area.