

Victoria County Historical Society

2008 NEWS LETTER

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER VOL 1

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The Victoria County Historical Society Board of Directors intends to use this publication as a communications outlet to keep our members informed and up to date with our progress. We welcome your input and topics you would like us to include.

Annual General Meeting 2007

The 2007 AGM was held in two parts – the first part on October 15th was lead by the President Lorraine Petzold who outlined the status of the Society and the challenges to overcome. Ms. Petzold explained the charges that had been laid against a former employee and this issue is now in the hands of Police, a court date pending.

Ms. Petzold went on to discuss the financial position of the Society after the actions of this employee. It was also learned that our Charitable Status had been revoked in 2006 due to non-filing.

So as you can see we are faced with some very important and crucial challenges with respect to our ability to survive and operate. A motion was put forward at this meeting to disband the Society and distribute the assets. This motion was deferred to a meeting of the membership to be scheduled December 14th.

Notices of the December 14th meeting were sent to all active and paid up members, with an agenda and suggested changes to the By-laws and Constitution.

Between October and December 14th the former Board appointed new Directors and the former Directors resigned. This new Board then undertook the task of ascertaining our status, locating relevant records, auditing financial books, organizing the office and evaluating the collection.

At the AGM (part 2) on December 14th, the members in attendance heard and saw a presentation by President John Macklem, outlining the progress of the Board. The motion to dissolve the Society was defeated.

What the Board has achieved to date:

1. A full complement of new Board Directors was reached.
2. Financial books for 2005, 2006 reviewed and prepared for audit
3. 2008 Memberships stands at 78.
4. The web site and e-mail have been updated.
5. Office records are being reviewed.
6. Telephone service has been reconnected, heat turned on and the fire alarm activated.
7. A preliminary review of the collections database has been started.

4 committees have been struck:

- **Artifacts**
- **Building & Property Maintenance**
- **Fund raising**
- **Membership & Outreach.**

As is evident by the progress to date, the current Board of Directors has been volunteering on your behalf to re-establish the Victoria County Historical Society and move forward. The current lack of funding has certainly been challenging, as we attempt to protect our valuable collection, while trying to keep up with operational costs.

We believe, as do the members we have spoken to, that the protection of the museum collection is our most paramount priority and that decisions made by the Board should be in the best interests of the collection.

We are asking each and every one of you to talk to your friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, and associates and ask that each of you bring forward new members to join the Society.

Membership dollars and the support shown through such membership will go a long way to helping us to continue the Society and preserve our collection. We are looking for volunteers to sit on our Committees. There is much work to be done, and we need your help.

Please contact us at 705-324-3404

Board meeting's are open to all members who wish to come and observe. Should a member wish to address the Board, please contact the President at 705-454-3043.

Board Members



John Macklem
President and Director

John has been a contributor to our local heritage preservation initiatives for many years. He was previously the Vice-President of the Victoria County Historical Society.

John's business and financial career began with Imperial Oil in Toronto after graduation from York University with a B.A. (major in Economics) and he completed his Certified General Accountant's course in 1976. In the late 1970's John and family moved to Calgary when he joined Dome Petroleum Ltd. The mid 1980's brought the family back to Toronto as John joined a mining Company, the Muscocho Group as their Financial Officer and Director. John has held various Directorships in this group.

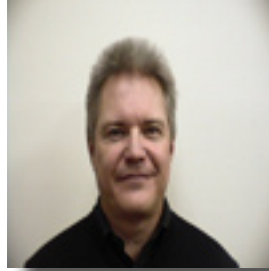
After returning, John and Darlene relocated to the renovated Macklem cottage/home at Head Lake. John's passion to contribute to his Community led him to Municipal Council in the United Townships of Laxton, Digby and Longford first as a Councillor (1992-1994), then as Reeve (1995-2000) over a nine year period. For the years 1998, 1999 and 2000 John served as the Warden of the County of Victoria.

From 2001 to 2003, John was appointed by the Province to the volunteer position 'Community Champion' for the Early Years Centre planning in both the riding of Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Brock and Northumberland which has led to new investments in preschool children's programs.

In 2004, John was appointed President of 'Golden Goose Resources Inc.' The successor Company to the Muscocho Group and he has recently retired from this position in order to spend more time with his family.

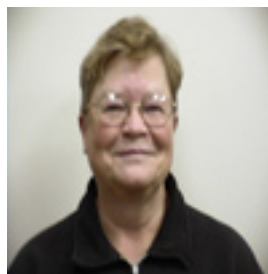
John's passion is to ensure the preservation

of the collection accumulated for Victoria County over the past 50 years and to ensure a sound business plan for the future is established and implemented. He brings extensive financial and leadership expertise to the Victoria County Historical Society and enjoys genealogy and historical research.



Dan Cornell
Vice President and Director

Dan has an established legal practice in Lindsay, operating since 1980. He graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1978, and studied history at the University of Toronto and throughout high school, and continues to read on this subject. Dan was instrumental in the preservation of the Old Mill, located in Lindsay. He was the Chairman of the Parks Board for three years and volunteered with this board for the past 9 years. Dan is a member of the Canadian Owners and Pilots' Association and is actively involved with the future of the airport issue. Being an avid skier, Dan participated in the giant slalom championship in Whistler and was invited to participate in the U.S. and Canadian Championships. Dan brings extensive legal expertise and group facilitation experience to the Victoria County Historical Society.



Darlene Macklem
Secretary and Director

Darlene was an executive secretary with IBM and enjoys genealogy and historical research and was previously a director of the Victoria County Historical Society. Darlene and John have become avid amateur genealogists in researching their family roots, as both families have over

200 years of history on North American soil. Darlene is President- secretary of her ancestral "Wesbrook" family reunions. She brings many years of problem solving abilities and secretarial skills to the Victoria County Historical Society.



Clark Jewell
Treasurer and Director

Clark comes from three generations of family in Lindsay, Kirkfield and surrounding area, with in-depth knowledge of local history. Clark retired from the City of Kawartha Lakes but continues to make a positive contribution to the community through volunteer work with Community Care. He enjoys reading about local historical events, researching family history, and sharing stories of days gone by. Clark brings attention to detail, accountability and pride in his local ancestry to the Victoria County Historical Society.

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Peter Newman-Director

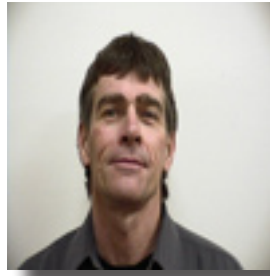
Peter has 40 years of experience in Not for Profit organizations much of it being in the management area. He lives in Lindsay with his wife. As a volunteer, employee or consultant, Peter has for many years worked with a variety of professional, special interest and industry Associations, Societies, Institute and Foundations. In November 1977, Peter was awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee medal. His most recent volunteer work has been with the Fleming College Foundation Board where he helped develop a range of policies. He remains a member of the Planned Giving Committee of that Board. Peter is particularly interested in the educa-

tional opportunities that he believes can be developed by the Society. He understands the importance of volunteering and community contribution. Peter has a strong interest in education, and brings management and Not for Profit expertise to the Victoria County Historical Society.



John Carr-Director

John comes from five generations of local family and has himself been a resident of Lindsay for over 37 years. John has over 10 years of WSIB experience, partnered with a Health, Safety and Environmental background. He has supervised employees and is proficient with computer applications and graphic packages. He is an experienced presenter and facilitator and has participated in various volunteer committee and management Boards, including County of Victoria, Kawartha Manufacturing Association, and Scouts Canada. John is an amateur genealogist and has an interest in local history. Since 2000, John has been commuting to downtown Toronto for work, choosing to keep his family home in Lindsay, due to The quality of life and the natural beauty of the area. In his free time, John enjoys fishing, reading about military history and cooking. John is currently in the process of gathering artifacts to create framed displays commemorating family members that served Canada in World War I. He is a recipient of an Ontario Volunteer Service Award and hopes that his skills and Experiences can be used to the benefit of the Victoria County Historical Society. John brings excellent communication, presentation and facilitation skills to the Victoria County Historical Society.



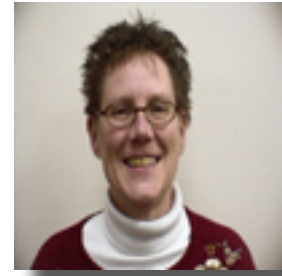
Jim Garbutt-Director

Jim is the owner of the historic downtown Lindsay “Tangney” building and lives on a 6th generation family farm in Dunsford with his wife and three children. Jim is very active in the community and is the Chair of Lindsay Homecoming and also sits on the Lindsay Downtown BIA Advocacy Committee. He volunteers with Lindsay Downtown Enchantment Committee and is a member of Heritage Victoria with the City of Kawartha Lakes. Jim understands and appreciates the significant value of our history and heritage and believes in its continuance. Jim brings over 20 years of management and committee involvement experience to the Victoria County Historical Society.



Phill Beaty-Director

Phill Beaty has over 10 years of Digital Media experience, with a degree in Digital Media Arts. He operates a small multi media studio in Lindsay focusing on interactive applications for both web and print. Phill has vast knowledge in multi media production and production management with a specialization in 3D graphics, Photography, Video, Graphics and Web development. He keeps up-to-date with current industry standards and is an avid contributor to PHP Toronto. Phill recently implemented digital display units throughout the Kawarthas and has produced several promotional videos for organizations. He is a member of the ALI, Interactive Ontario and New Media Development Agency. Phill brings his educational and creativity, development and design expertise to the Victoria County Historical Society.



Catherine Hennings-Director

Catherine is a trained Archivist and Records Manager. She holds an honours B.A. in Administration and Information Management with over 20 years of related experience. Catherine operates a personal consulting business, providing archives and artifacts preservation expertise throughout the community. In 1998, Catherine spearheaded Operation Ice Storm, a local relief effort, to aid the ice storm victims of Eastern Ontario/Quebec. In 2001, Catherine planned, designed, and established the City of Kawartha Lakes Records and Archives operations and facility, which is state-of-the-art and environmentally controlled to archival standards. This facility has been recognized by the Archives Association of Ontario as one of the leading archives facilities in all of Ontario. Catherine also enjoys spearheading and organizing the annual Heritage Day celebrations. Catherine has been involved with various community groups and is currently a member of the Heritage Victoria and is a former Director of the Victoria County Historical society.

**VICTORIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OUR MISSION: PRESERVING OUR COLLECTION!!**

MARCH 3, 2008

Dear Supporter,

On Behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your previous support. As the new President, I encourage each of you to continue your support as we are in financially difficult times.

We have already taken steps to bring the Corporation's financial records for 2005 and 2006 to audit. Once completed, we can seek the reinstatement of the corporation's charitable status. Only then can a firm business plan be established.

**WE ARE MOVING FORWARD AND WE WELCOME EACH OF YOU TO JOIN
AND PLAY A ROLE IN OUR FUTURE!!**

John R. Macklem, President

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2008 MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION FORM
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Please take a moment to complete the form below and become a new member or renew your commitment for 2008.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

MEMBERSHIP: \$20.00 Single Member \$30.00 Family \$100.00 Patron or Corporate

(circle one) DONATION \$ _____ MEMBERSHIP \$ _____

DONATION AND MEMBERSHIP: AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ Chq _____

Date: _____, 2008 Signature: _____

PLEASE INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN, ALSO