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COMING SOON

**SEE YOU AUGUST 17th
FOR SUMMERFEST!**

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Hello, one and all! Here we are in July and it seems this year is moving much too quickly but in a positive, uplifting manner. On June 8th, a group of researchers of the paranormal attended the Museum. They found the building, area and air refreshing and pure and definitely worth the long drive. They tell us they intend to return sometime soon. Stay tuned to our social media to see their report!



On June 22nd we hosted the Loring Book Club. They were a delight and we enjoyed every minute of their presence there. The Club reviewed a book called "The Ride of Her Life" and Karen graciously donated her copy to the Museum where it proudly joined the very eclectic offering of used books available for a donation price. What can I say about our Annual Meeting? All retained their original positions, and solemnly vowed to carry out their duties in a respectful, collegial manner with the desired end result being a strong, healthy stewardship of our beloved Museum.

Well, were you lucky enough to attend our Canada Day - Strawberry Social and BBQ? The music, the barbecued food, Canada Day cake, strawberries and ice cream were stellar. The events were shared in our almost completed renovated indoor and outdoor spaces featuring our brand-new covered portico with new picnic tables! New visitors enjoyed Museum tours, their first sight of our Indigenous Exhibit, and, of course, our well-stocked gift shop. Bradley Dreamwalker MacDonald, the artist who created art work for our Indigenous Exhibit, was also in attendance and he will be back to install our teepee. A sincere thank you to Tom from Powassan Home Hardware for the donation of popcorn....you added such fun to the day. We acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada/Nous reconnaissons l'appui financier du gouvernement du Canada in helping us host this wonderful community event !



Do come and see our darling 1930s Vintage Doll House, on loan for the season, featuring 9 rooms of furnishings and hand crafted shingles, doors and curtains. This year, with generous grants received from Canada Summer Jobs and YES Employment Services, the Board gratefully welcomes Marissa back to the Museum and welcomes two new staff, Sean and Sienna.

On July 31st at 3:00 p.m., you are invited to join us at the Museum as we receive a visit from our MPP for Parry Sound - Muskoka, Graydon Smith. MPP Smith will be seeing the improvements to the Museum that were possible due to an NOHFC grant that he supported the Museum in obtaining.



The Museum is pleased to welcome the Probus-North Bay group for an Afternoon Tea (or two) in August. We are always excited when a whole new group of people get a chance to enjoy our Museum.

Last, but certainly not least, may I remind you to save the date - AUGUST 17 - for our very first Summerfest celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Old Nipissing Road - vintage life line to settlers, near and far with many of their ancestors still abiding here. We are having live bands, a beer tent, a wine tent, bingo, popcorn, Museum Tours, vendors, children's games, quality prizes, a quilt display (with a chance to win a magnificent , hand-crafted Quilt), pulled pork on a bun and more and more. Please consider becoming a Sponsor for this amazing happening!

The Board works hard to keep the Museum open and improving - you must protect your past to promote your future. As the President, I bring experience, guidance and positivity. Mike and Jennifer ensure the events are planned and presented in the best manner possible (check out Summerfest for a prime example). Herb and Deb quietly work in the background to ensure plans are made and grants are written and support all events to help ensure they are seamless and successful. Gord brings experience and a calm voice of reason during sometimes difficult discussions. Jonathan is our stellar bookkeeper, technical support and promotional material creator. I would be remiss to not thank Sabina of 705blackfly.com for her continuing support of the Museum including for her creation of our monthly newsletters. Without the expertise and commitment from each of these people, the Museum would not be the place it is today.

On behalf of the Board , as you eagerly anticipate summer.....stay safe, be kind and order a milkshake to go.

Yours in community service,
Darlene Erskine, President

SEE YOU IN
August!