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Supervisor's message

As 2011 comes to an end, Melissa and I, along with our dedicated volunteers, are gearing up for the Museum's annual holiday programming. Programs are being offered to Collingwood students and will run from December 5th to December 16th. This year students will learn about the winter activities that Collingwood's early residents participated in, while interacting with artifacts from the Museum's collection and compare these items to their modern-day manifestations. Students will also create a craft to take back to their school. This year's crafts include: apple snowmen, snowman decorations, and pretzel ornaments.

A travelling panel exhibit from the Archives of Ontario will be available for viewing at the Collingwood Museum, beginning in January and ending in March. The exhibit is entitled Enslaved Africans in Upper Canada and will be promoted to local schools as a programming opportunity for February, Black History Month. Make sure to visit us before the end of March, so you can learn about this period in Canada's history.

Stay tuned for important updates about programming and exhibits for 2012.

On behalf of the Museum staff and volunteers, I wish you a safe, and joyous holiday season.

Susan Warner, Museum Supervisor

Local trivia challenge: Arenas

- Collingwood's first skating rink was built in 1883 and was located on _____ Street.
- Collingwood's first arena was named _____.
- Before the construction of the new arena on Hurontario Street, hockey and other ice sports were played at today's _____.
- The grand opening of the Collingwood Community Arena on Hurontario Street occurred on December 16, _____.
- Eddie Bush played professional hockey for the _____.
- The Collingwood Community Arena had many managers, but its first was _____.
- In _____, Jack Portland's Junior C team, the "Intermediate Shipbuilders", played in the Ontario semi-finals.
- In 1975, Eddie Bush was called up to coach an NHL team, the _____.
- After Eddie Bush died in 1984 the Community Arena was renamed the _____.
- The Eddie Bush Arena can accommodate _____ cheering fans.



Pine Street Arena, 1923
973.593.1

- Pine
- Collingwood Skating Rink
- Curling Club
- 1948
- Detroit Red Wings
- William McDerment
- 1950
- Kansas City Scouts
- Eddie Bush Memorial Arena
- 1718

School days...

The history of education in Collingwood predates the town's incorporation in 1858. In the early 1850s the first public school was established in a frame house on the west side of Pine Street, between First and Second Streets. It wasn't until land was donated by Sheriff B.W. Smith in 1858, on the east side of Pine Street, between Second and Third Streets, that a proper schoolhouse was built. Pine Street School was located on the site of today's School House Lane. The frame building was originally two stories. Approximately 21 years after its construction, a brick addition was added to the rear.

As Collingwood grew, so did its need for schools. The first school in the east end was called the "East Ward School" and later burned in 1890. A new brick building was then constructed on Napier Street. In 1911 the name was changed to Connaught in honour of the first Royal Governor General, the Duke of Connaught. In 1961, a new Connaught was erected on Peel Street.



Connaught School
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Little is known about the North-West Ward School that was constructed in 1878-79.

There are no photographs of the school in the Museum's collection; however, records indicate it was located on the north-west corner of Elm and First Streets, near the site of the present day Wendy's restaurant. In later years the building became "Doc" Dougherty's Garage and in 1979 Frank Fisher moved the building to By-Gone Days Heritage Village.

A second school in the west end, the West Ward School, was located at the corner of Cedar and Fourth Streets. The two west end schools were deemed "unfit" by the Provincial Board of Health and condemned in 1906 (Reflections). A new school named King George, after King George V,

was recommended as a replacement and was constructed on Second Street.

The cornerstone for King George School was laid on Friday, June 11, 1911, by John F. Mackay. The school was located on Second Street between Hickory and Walnut Streets. Today the building is used as an apartment building. Mountain View Elementary School was built in 1971 as its replacement. The modern one storey brick building housed students from Kindergarten to grade 6 and was built with an "open concept" arrangement – three classrooms were open to one another with a shared common space and cloakroom. There were Primary and Junior Pods, as well as a library, gymnasium and office areas.

Collingwood's first Roman Catholic Separate School was opened in 1907 at the north-west corner of St. Paul and Ontario Streets adjacent to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. A new school was constructed in 1970 on Findlay Drive in the Town's south end to replace the original building. A beautiful brick school was built in 1884 at the south west corner of Maple and Fifth Streets. The school's original name was Central School but was changed to Victoria School in 1911 to honour Queen Victoria.

Another modern school was constructed on Cameron Street in 1967 to accommodate the growing population of Collingwood's south end. Cameron Street Public School became the home for students from the former Victoria School.



Pine Street School
X968.849.1



Central (Victoria) School
007.19.13

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Membership News



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A special thank you from the staff at The Collingwood Museum to our new and returning members! We are pleased to welcome:

Frances Todd, Margaret Agar, Patricia Miscampbell, Maureen Whitaker, Rod Paget, Joan Martin, Ruth Roberts, Jim Worts, Rob McMullen, Bruce Mackison, Nancy Pilkington, Julie Card, Marty Bruce, Bruce Anderson, James Campbell, Margrit von Kleist, George Foster, Harold Zukerman, Barbara Hillis, Cheryl Hauser, Joy & John Archibald

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