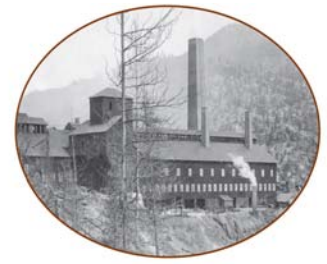


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Progress of the TRAIL RIVERFRONT CENTRE, home of the new Trail Museum & Archives on Bay Avenue

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Greetings!

We are thrilled to reconnect with the membership of the Trail Historical Society with this long-overdue newsletter. The last year has been one of extreme change and we are excited to bring you up to date on these changes and project milestones.

We've had a moment to catch our breaths, compose our thoughts and bring you a concise update on events of the past few months since our Annual General Meeting in February.

Since then, we have seen changes to operations, staff and our relationship with the City of Trail, our primary supporter.

And the timing for these changes could not be better: as the New Societies Act comes into effect, we are all forced to re-assess our purpose and the work we do in our community. Be sure to review the last page for your opportunity to get involved in this long-standing organization!

Trail Riverfront Centre Project Update

We've all been watching with fascination as the Trail Riverfront Centre has taken shape since the exciting groundbreaking last October. Construction has been relatively smooth since the Spring and finishing work is well underway on both floors of the building. Construction completion is expected in December.



THS secretary Sandy Hart delivers artifacts to Logan Frenz of Westwind Design Group in March

Work with the exhibit designers, Westwind Design Group, is a constant exchange of ideas and the Exhibits Committee has been busy combing through concepts and construction drawings. Fabrication of all custom exhibit cases is currently underway. In March, artifacts for both the sports gallery on the main floor and the history gallery on the second floor were shipped to Calgary. Westwind staff designed each exhibit case to meet the specifications of the content.

We will keep you apprised of grand-opening celebrations as we inch closer to completion. We look forward to greeting you in this fantastic new space!

How We Will Work With the City

A solid working relationship with City staff has been beneficial in developing key policies for the exhibition and interpretation of our collections.

These policies will ensure both parties are responsible to one another in order to meet our collective mandate. These policies, in addition to the MOU, include:

- Collections Management Policy
- Exhibitions Policy
- Programming Policy

These policies were developed in collaboration with City staff and the THS Policy Committee. Not only will they serve to ensure continuity for service delivery and best practices in the museum, but will also act as a basis for our ever-evolving Trail Historical Society, its purpose and its members.

Memorandum of Understanding

As you may be aware, there have been some major changes within the operation of the museum and archives this year. In July, a *Memorandum of Understanding* (MOU) was signed by the THS and the City of Trail, outlining our new relationship and shared vision for providing heritage services to the citizens of, and visitors to, Trail.

Under the terms of the agreement, the City will fund operations and administration, including staffing of the Trail Museum & Archives, as well as building maintenance. For its part, the THS will continue to own the artifact and archival collections and agrees to loan them to the City for a period of ten years at which time the MOU will be reviewed. Delivery of all heritage services by City staff will take place in the new Trail Museum & Archives, in the Trail Riverfront Centre, at 1505 Bay Avenue, as well as in the Sports Hall of Memories in the Trail Memorial Centre. THS offices in City Hall will effectively be closed once the move takes place.

While we will continue to act as stewards of the collections, we will also work with the City to develop and fund innovative methods for exhibiting and interpreting the collections. We are optimistic that the entire THS, both membership and Board, will become actively involved in this process. To support the aims of the MOU, we will meet the City in an advisory capacity for a minimum of four times a year. We hope that number increases significantly to reflect the energy and creativity of this new relationship.

If you have any questions about the MOU or its implications, please get in touch at history@trail.ca or 250-364-0829. Please see page four to get involved in this exciting transition!

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Staffing Changes

As of September 1, former Museum & Archives Director Sarah Benson assumed her new role with the City of Trail as the Museum & Archives Manager.

Sarah spent 13 years with the Trail Historical Society and continues to work side-by-side with the THS to oversee Collections Management, Exhibits and Program Development. The move into the new facility will see her role expand to include Visitor Services, as well.

Sarah is thrilled with the tremendous progress made over the last year and looks forward to fostering the formalized and professional working relationship the THS and the City have forged over the last few months.

Sarah is still our contact for all research enquiries and potential donations, so feel free to give her a call or drop by.



The amazing skylight pouring light over the stairwell of the Trail Riverfront Centre.

Fundraising Update

Fundraising efforts continue by both the Trail Historical Society and the Trail & District Public Library. The THS has raised a total of \$228,000 of the \$300,000 target. As we near completion of building construction, we look forward to finalizing our donor wall and recognizing all contributors to this project, both financially and through content donations.

If you have not yet had a chance to contribute, we strongly encourage you to consider a donation in the near future. We want to honour you with inclusion on our

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donor wall, so the sooner the better. We accept online donations, as well!

Please take the time to recognize the local business community, foundations, and grant organizations who have generously supported this campaign. We could not have done this without you!

To make a donation, please visit our website or drop in at City Hall, second floor.

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Have Your Say!

In light of the dramatic and exciting developments over the last year, the board invites all members to come out and take part in a **vital planning session**. What would you like your THS to look like in the years to come? What events would you like to see? How can we better engage with you, the membership?

This is your opportunity to help determine the direction and evolution of the Trail Historical Society!



When: Tuesday, November 21st, 2017, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Where: Colombo Lodge Games Room
RSVP: November 14, 2017 to Sandy Hart at 250-368-6522 or email us at history@trail.ca

We will supply a working supper and refreshments. All you need to bring is your creativity, energy and any wild ideas you have for your Trail Historical Society. Bring a family member or friend. Even if you're not a member, we encourage you to participate!

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