

History Committee Report for the Annual Meeting August 7, 2021

The History Committee continues with its efforts on various fronts. Most notable was the grand opening of the Coal Shed Museum with the exhibit "MacMahan in the Age of Coal and Ice". The show was conceived of, items collected by and show curated and mounted by Nick Stone leading the Exhibits working group. Thanks to all who donated the many artifacts on display. And many thanks to Chris and his staff for power washing, constructing the stairs and electrifying the building for our use.

The museum opening was a grand success with many cottagers attending the festivities. Associated activities for our younger islanders have also been well received. It is our intent going forward to mount two new exhibits a year. We have also discussed giving a history lecture series starting next year.

Other committee activities include the on-going scanning of photos and other documents that Jay has collected over the years, and the development of a data base to store the digitized images for access and use by the community.

And not least of all I want to recognize the stellar work of committee member Peter Myers in creating the wonderful film "The MacMahan Life: Rocks, Roots and Reflections". If you haven't taken the time yet, please do watch it. Peter's film speaks beautifully to the history and spirit of our wonderful community.

In addition to these activities other committee members are proceeding with individual projects. Sally Jones would like to assist each cottage in developing cottage histories expanding on those in the Chapel Cookbook. If you are interested please contact Sally directly. A "MacMahan History Passport Book" expanding on the activity associated with the opening should be available by next year.

We welcome the participation of anyone interested in joining us in preserving and presenting the history of MacMahan. And please consider donating or lending us any materials documenting life on MacMahan for us to digitize and store.

Respectfully submitted,
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