



Annual Report—2021-2022

The 2021-2022 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for November 29, 6:30 pm. This will be a virtual meeting conducted on the Zoom platform. Members received notification of this meeting on October 20, and how to join the meeting. Please review the following documents to prepare yourself for the meeting. Please note that the various reports will not be read during the meeting; however, main points in each report will be reviewed. You will receive a reminder about the meeting several days before.

Agenda for AGM

- 1) Opening remarks/acceptance of agenda
- 2) Review of minutes of 2020-2021 AGM
- 3) Business arising from the minutes
- 4) Committee reports--motions to accept
- 5) Financial report--motion to accept report
- 6) New business
- 7) Election of new board members

Minutes of EHHS Annual General Meeting 2020-2021, 2 December 2021

Opening Remarks

President Jamie McLellan called the meeting to order.

Eighteen EHHS members are present during the meeting

Jamie McLellan made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Elva MacDonald. Society members in favour.

One error in 2020-21 minutes. Patricia Whidden should be listed as Past President. Jamie McLellan declared the minutes as amended.

Museum Report and Archives Report (Patricia Whidden)

The Society received multiple grants for the construction of the accessible washroom project.

Thanks was made to Alyssa Northup and Jenna MacPHee for working as the museum guides this past summer along with various volunteers.

The Hennigar Grist Mill location was re-maintained with a new sign showing its placement, and vegetation maintenance was performed in the area.

Program Report (Barbara Brown)

Six presentations were held this past season—Skirted Doctors of East Hants, Early Settlers and Religions, Les Acadiens—First Settlers of East Hants, Gordon Hines RCR, The Peddlers by Blain Henshaw, War and Families-East—Hants World War Experiences.

Cemetery Report (Jamie McLellan)

COVID-19 delayed the progress of the cemetery transcriptions and digitization. Cemetery project will enable genealogical research in a searchable database for cemetery inscriptions.

Elva MacDonald made a motion to approve the directors' reports. Seconded by Donald Forbes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Christine Whidden)

2020-2021 season net income commenced at \$5653.96

The Society has received various grants through The Municipality of East Hants, Province of Nova Scotia, and Government of Canada.

Various donations from the museum collection box, fundraisers, and book sales.

Total revenue= \$79,106.23 Total Expenses \$56,424.81

Audit of the 2020-2021 financial year was conducted by Ronald Densmore.

Christine Whidden made a motion to accept the financial reports. Seconded by Barbara Brown. Motion passed.

New Business

Patricia Whidden discussed the progression of the GeoGen project, which is a collaborative historical research project by many historical society's throughout the province for A.F. Church Maps. Current phase is the matching of the mapping data with the 1881 Canadian Census.

Board of Directors

Sarah Hill has re-offered to serve an additional term of service for the board members for the Society.

Elva MacDonald made a motion that nominations for Board members cease, with that in place. Sarah Hill was accepted to serve an additional term of service upon the Board membership.

Jamie McLellan adjourned the meeting at 19:48.

Signed: Gregory Hussey, Secretary, East Hants Historical Society

2021-2022 Board of Directors

Executive Positions:

President—Jamie McLellan/Barb Brown/Now vacant

Vice-President—Barb Brown/Elva MacDonald/Now vacant

Secretary—Greg Hussey (3 yrs.)

Christine Whidden—Treasurer (7 yrs.)

Past President—Pat Whidden (2 yrs.+5 yrs.)—Archive Chair

Other Board Members:

John McLellan—NS/LS Cemetery Liaison (7 yrs.)

Nancy Doane—Member-at-large (7 yrs.)

Andrew Hebda—Museum Co-Chair (board membership to be confirmed)

Elizabeth Hill—Museum Co-Chair (board membership to be confirmed)

Sarah Hill—Cemetery Chair (board position now vacant)

Membership Report

At this time, the East Hants Historical Society has registered 70 members in good standing. Thirty-seven members are either new members, or renewed during the 2021-2022 season.

Christine Whidden, Membership Chair

Museum Report

This is a review of what has happened since the museum committee was retooled in mid-year. Some of the things that have happened are:

- the telephone and internet lines got installed,
- the computers got moved to the museum and connected wirelessly to the network. The printer is connected to the network also, and both computers will talk to the printer,
- the washroom project has been completed with the contractors finishing their work and multiple people contributing their time and expertise to doing what needed to be finished up—refinishing doors, painting doors and walls, cleaning floors and walls and exhibit materials that wintered in place.
- just before our grand opening the screen doors got installed and much more work got completed. Since then the blinds have gone up on the windows to help keep some of the sun's heat at bay,
- picnic tables have received coats of paint.

The grand opening was a huge success with many dignitaries and members of the general public in attendance. A downside was the report that our new well cannot be used as source of potable water. We heartily thank the Elmwood Child Care Centre for the water cooler. It is a welcome addition.

The co-chairs met and are on our way to getting a handle on our new positions and the work required of us.

We said good-bye and thank you to Jenna and Kira as guides; Brendon; our September guide, did a very good job and was been kept busy with visitors. We hoped to have a thank-you time for him, as we did for Jenna and Kira; however, unfortunately, Fiona caused us to close early and also to have to cancel the lunch with Brendon.

Several items were looked at to be acquired for the museum, including an operator switching station, which is now in the museum, and a model of the Kennetcook covered bridge.

A gardening day at the museum was held, a maintenance day at 70 Park Road happened after the packing and moving of artifacts and documents from the museum for winter storage.

The museum committee co-chairs have been meeting regularly getting comfortable with the job at hand. Soon it will be time for the entire committee to begin meeting in order to plan what exhibits will be presented in next year's display and spend time researching and developing them.

It has been a pleasure to serve on as co-chairs, and we look forward to the future.

Respectfully submitted, Co-chairs, Elva MacDonald, Andrew Hebda, Elizabeth Hill



Archive Report

We have received a number of interesting archival items this year, including

- a collection of photographs, text, and a CD pertaining to the RCAF installation at Mount Uniacke/Lakelands
- a painting of a Shubenacadie River site showing fishing boats moored, painted by Lorna Etter
- a collection of four booklets on Loyalist history by Brian McConnell
- a large album of photos and documents and a box of similar material from the caboose at the South Maitland Interpretive Centre
- postcards and additional photographs

These items have been accessioned and will be available for use in the museum and at the 70 Park Road research facility. The accessioning of the East Hants school registers has been completed, and they now need to be shelved. Following that, they will be available for research purposes. We also were gifted a microfilm reader, which will be a valuable asset in our research facility.

Among documents and photos given us by the Municipality of East Hants, we have accessioned a ledger from the South Maitland Poor Farm/Municipal Home detailing years 1896-1933. We now have a searchable index of names from the ledger noting the pages on which those names appear and the nature of their transactions. The records in the ledger include residents, individuals and businesses supplying the Home, as well as community members purchasing produce from the farm. This index will not be made public for privacy reasons, but individuals are welcome to inquire about specific names of family they think may have been resident of, or have done business with the Home. Use our email address info@ehhs.ca for inquiry or to arrange an appointment at 70 Park Road. Records include not just East Hants residents, but others from West Hants, the Valley, South Shore, Guysborough, and Cape Breton.

Another feature of our 70 Park Road site is multiple filing systems consisting of family files and community files containing random, mostly newspaper, items about community events, births, deaths, weddings, etc. As well, our lateral file system contains 70-plus files of assorted items—news items, pamphlets, magazine articles, documents—that have been indexed for research purposes. Adding to these files will continue to be a work in progress.

Thank you to all who entrust your memories to our archive.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Whidden, Archive Chair

Program Report

Preparing programs for East Hants Historical Society these past five years has been such an opportunity to meet so many wonderful people and to learn about this very special place, East Hants.

Each and every member of the Board deserves my sincere thanks for the unique roles they played in helping to plan programs, contacting presenters, preparing food, providing technical expertise, and so much more!

East Hants Historical Society members supported our Programs in person and more recently, participating in Zoom presentations. We thank you for your understanding and patience as we learned to navigate this new means of communicating.

This past year, much work has been going on behind the scenes to plan for future programs, planting ideas, contacting presenters, preparing videos, participating in conversations, and much more. These people have been very involved in aspects of that work:

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| Dale Bogle – CAO Town of Stewiacke Susanne MacLachlan John Heukshorst Peter Ashley Pat Whidden John Grant | Liz Hill Gary Hanrahan Greg Hussey Jenna McPhee Holly Hanes Elva MacDonald |
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Thank- you!

And to our members, your patience will be rewarded when the seeds that were planted this year bear fruit in the future.

I would also like to thank the Native Council of Nova Scotia for the generous donations of educational publications that visitors can access at the Lower Selma Museum. I would like to acknowledge these programs were developed in Mi'kma'ki, the Unceded Territory of the Mi'kmaq People. The Mi'kmaq are our friends and neighbours whose stories are a rich legacy for future generations. We look forward to hearing those stories.

Submitted by Barbara Brown, Program Chair

Cemetery Report

It is hard to believe that another season has passed, and we are about to start a new year. Throughout the past six seasons with East Hants Historical Society, I have volunteered as the board chair for the cemetery committee which has evolved over the years. When I first began as chair, we started digitizing the old records and updating the current cemetery holdings in a higher volume than in previous years. I have worked with several students over the years, and I am currently working with Holly Hanes on the complete update and digitization of the Cemeteries of East Hants.

The cemeteries of East Hants are sectioned off into four color codes—red, green, blue, and yellow. While recording data in the cemetery, the headstones are measured, photographed, and rough mapped for location within the cemetery. Once the data is completed at the cemetery, the GPS point is recorded, and the fieldwork data is moved through to the next stage in which a map is created in Excel format, and photos of each headstone are combined with the measurements, stone type, and inscription data.

Completed cemeteries include:

Saint John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Cemetery, Nine Mile River

Wright Family Cemetery, Upper Nine Mile River

Hardwoodlands Cemetery, Hardwoodlands

Wallace Cemetery, Mill Village

St. Bridget's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Shubenacadie

South Rawdon United Baptist Cemetery, South Rawdon

Dimock Family Cemetery, South Rawdon

South Rawdon United Cemetery, South Rawdon

Centre Rawdon Baptist Cemetery, Centre Rawdon

Centre Rawdon United Cemetery, Centre Rawdon

Rawdon Gold Mines Cemetery, Rawdon Gold Mines

Blois Family Cemetery, Gore

Gore Anglican Cemetery, Gore

MacDonald Family Cemetery, Riverside Corner
Smith Family Cemetery, Stanley
Campbell Family Cemetery, Stanley
Whittier Family Cemetery, Upper Rawdon
Wallace Family Cemetery, Rawdon
Gordon Grave, Rawdon Gold Mines
Densmore Stone, East Noel
Densmore McLellan Grave, Noel Shore
Noel Shore Cemetery (aka Anthony Main Cemetery), Noel Shore
East Hant Municipal Home, South Maitland
McBain Family Cemetery, Urbania
Clarke Family Cemetery, Urbania
Rose Grave, Urbania
St Francis Xavier Roman Catholic, Rock Road
Five Mile River Cemetery, Five Mile River
Mennonite Cemetery, Northfield
Barr Family Cemetery, Barr Settlement
St. Thomas Anglican Cemetery, MacPhee's Corner
Singer Family Cemetery, Upper Kennetcook
Thomas Grave, Walton
Roman Catholic Cemetery, Walton
Walton Cemetery, Walton
St. Matthew's Anglican Cemetery, Walton
Parker Cemetery, East Walton
Terhune Family Cemetery, Moose Brook
Hill's Cove Cemetery Walton
Ferguson Cemetery, Moose Brook
Cameron Burial Ground, Minasville
Faulkner Family Cemetery, Burntcoat
Faulkner Grave, Noel
Densmore Cemetery, Point Road East Noel
Neil Stone, East Noel
Putnam Anthony Cemetery, Noel Road
St James Presbyterian Cemetery, Noel Road
White Cemetery, White Settlement

Cemeteries not listed above are in the fieldwork stages between the rough data and mapping stage where the photos map and data sheets are being combined to create the final digital and hard copy products. There are four cemeteries still in the rough fieldwork stage.

Another great development during this season was the location of the Hennigar Cemetery/ Stone in Upper Kennetcook. This find brought an article and news clip from CBC with Holly explaining our project and the importance of the stone data.

At this time, I would like to thank Holly and her mother Heather for their work on this ongoing project and all volunteers who have assisted us in locating new cemeteries to record or facilitating the meeting with people who can direct us to the locations.

Submitted by Cemetery Chair, *Sarah L. Hill*

East Hants Historical Society

Income Statement 11-01-2021 to 10-31-2022

REVENUE

Revenue

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Grants | 51,337.25 |
| Interest Earned | 12.93 |
| Membership fees paid | <u>370.00</u> |
| NET REVENUE | <u>51,720.18</u> |

Other Revenue

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| Collection at Meetings | 60.00 |
| Collection at Museum | 960.31 |
| Charitable Donations | 5,876.34 |
| Lr. Selma Cemetery Donations | 400.00 |
| Fundraising Proceeds (ticket sales) | <u>302.00</u> |
| TOTAL DONATIONS | <u>7,598.65</u> |
| REVENUE PLUS DONATIONS | <u>7,598.65</u> |

SALES

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| Sale of DVDs | 90.00 |
| Sale of Maitland Tour Booklets | 4.00 |
| Sale of Items Donated | 425.00 |
| Proceeds of Annual Yard Sale | 1,298.70 |
| Sale of Scrubbies and Dishcloths | 796.30 |
| Sale of Books | <u>18.00</u> |
| TOTAL SALES | <u>2,632.00</u> |
| Total Other Revenue | <u>2,632.00</u> |
| TOTAL REVENUE | <u>61,950.83</u> |

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EXPENSE

Payroll Expenses

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| Wages & Salaries | 14,547.67 |
| El Expense | 303.12 |
| CPP Expense | <u>450.57</u> |
| Total Payroll Expense | <u>15,301.36</u> |

General & Administrative Expenses

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| Accounting & Legal | 1,355.06 |
| Building Repairs Capital Expense | 28,375.91 |
| Business Fees & Assoc Memberships | 111.68 |
| Cleaning Supplies | 35.98 |
| Fundraising Expenses & Service Fees | 70.98 |
| Donations | 500.00 |
| Equipment | 53.67 |
| Fundraising Purchases | 119.70 |
| Hardware and Repair Materials | 76.99 |
| Insurance | 2,806.00 |
| Interest & Bank Charges | 117.00 |
| Office Supplies & Expenses | 525.28 |
| Preservation & Presentation Expense | 427.86 |
| Program Expenses | 128.98 |
| Professional Development | 151.60 |
| Professional Services Rendered | 24.19 |
| Rent | 15,856.29 |
| Repair & Maintenance | 1,063.96 |
| Repairs to Museum | 51.78 |
| Telephone & Internet | 980.96 |
| Utilities Heat, Power, Water | <u>851.58</u> |
| Total General & Admin. Expenses | <u>53,685.45</u> |

TOTAL EXPENSE **68,986.81**

NET INCOME **-7,035.98**

East Hants Historical Society Balance Sheet As at 10-31-2022

ASSET

Current Assets

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| Petty Cash | 116.81 | |
| Chequing Account | 31,976.10 | |
| Credit Union Shares Account | <u>50.00</u> | |
| Total Cash | | 32,142.91 |
| Accounts Receivable | 1,536.25 | |
| HST Federal | 4,631.10 | |
| HST Provincial | 4,058.91 | |
| Total Receivable | | <u>10,226.26</u> |
| Total Current Assets | | <u>42,369.17</u> |

Capital Assets

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| Office Furniture & Equipment | 2,792.71 | |
| Net - Furniture & Equipment | | 2,792.71 |
| Building | <u>40,070.92</u> | |
| Net - Building | | 40,070.92 |
| Land Kennetcook | | <u>7,400.00</u> |
| Total Capital Assets | | <u>50,263.63</u> |

TOTAL ASSET **92,632.80**

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LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

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| Accounts Payable | | -292.66 |
| EI Payable | 519.64 | |
| CPP Payable | 901.14 | |
| Federal Income Tax Payable | <u>959.67</u> | |
| Total Receiver General | | 2,380.45 |
| GST/HST Paid on Purchases | 5,144.82 | |
| GST/HST Payroll Deductions | <u>-2,056.75</u> | |
| GST/HST Owing (Refund) | | 3,088.07 |
| Prepaid Sales/Deposits | | <u>1,536.25</u> |
| Total Current Liabilities | | <u>6,712.11</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITY | | <u>6,712.11</u> |

EQUITY

Owners Equity

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| Retained Earnings - Previous Year | | 92,956.67 |
| Current Earnings | | <u>-7,035.98</u> |
| Total Owners Equity | | <u>85,920.69</u> |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | <u>85,920.69</u> |

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY **92,632.80**

NOTES ON FINANCIAL REPORTS

At the close of the Society's year last year, I submitted the financial records to Mr. Ronald Densmore, CPB, to perform an informal audit of the Society's bookkeeping records and methods. It pleases me to learn from him that my recording of the financial comings and goings of the Society appear complete and acceptable.

He noted a number of ways I could improve the records, and with his assistance I feel I have produced better reports.

Members may read a copy of his report by contacting info@ehhs.ca, and it will be emailed to you.

Submitted by Christine Whidden, Treasurer