



Annual Report—2022-2023

The Annual General Meeting for 2022-2023 is scheduled for November 23, 7:30 pm, and will be conducted on the ZOOM electronic platform. Notice of the meeting has been circulated in the October and November newsletters, as well as on the EHHS Facebook page. The link to the Zoom meeting will be posted on these pages on November 13. All interested parties are welcome to join the meeting, but only members may vote on motions. 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.

Agenda for AGM

- 1) Opening remarks/acceptance of agenda
- 2) Review of minutes of 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 —November 2022

Opening Remarks

Secretary and Acting Chair Gregory Hussey called the meeting to order.
Greg Hussey declared the agenda and minutes approved.

Museum Report (Andrew Hebda)

Improved internet and phone service were made.
Accessible washroom project was completed.
Thanks were made to the museum guides this past summer, along with various volunteers.
Museum chairs are looking at acquiring a model of the Kennetcook covered bridge.
Hurricane Fiona did not cause damage to the museum site.

Archive Report (Patricia Whidden)

Various items from the Municipality of East Hants were acquired, which included various photographs of Shubenacadie, East Hants Poores' Farm ledgers, and municipal council notes.
There has been the implementation of an organization method regarding the Society's records for

family surname files as well as a lateral filing system.

Program Report (Gregory Hussey)

Much of the last year was preparing for future programs.

Some programs were filmed in the field for future use.

Programs were difficult to conduct due to the tail-end of COVID-19 restrictions.

Summer guides assisted with video editing programs that were filmed.

Cemetery Report (Gregory Hussey)

COVID-19 delayed the progress of the cemetery transcriptions and digitization.

Gregory Hussey made a motion to approve the directors' reports. Seconded by Patricia Whidden. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Christine Whidden)

2021-2022 season net income commenced at \$32,142.

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

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

Christine Whidden made a motion to accept the financial reports. Seconded by Patricia Whidden.

Motion passed.

New Business

No general Society members announced new business to add to the agenda.

Board of Directors

Jamie McLellan, Sarah Hill, Barbara Brown, and Elva MacDonald have resigned their posts from the Board.

Patricia Whidden has offered for the position as President with Gregory Hussey as Vice-President.

Patricia Whidden nominated Andrew Hebda, Elizabeth Hill, Marcel Dionne, and John Grant to be members of the Board of Directors for the Society. There were no additional nominations for the Board of Directors.

Gregory Hussey acclaimed Andrew Hebda, Elizabeth Hill, Marcel Dionne, and John Grant to be members of the Board of Directors for the Society.

Gregory Hussey adjourned the meeting at 19:30

Signed: Gregory Hussey, Secretary-East Hants Historical Society

2022-2023 Board of Directors

Executive Members:

President—Patricia Whidden (1 yr. as Pres./8 yrs.) Archive Chair

Vice-President—Greg Hussey (1 yr. as VP/4 yrs.) Programs

Treasurer—Christine Whidden (8 yrs.) Membership/Cemetery

Secretary—Greg Hussey (2 yrs. as sec'y/4 yrs.)

Other Board Members:

Nancy Doane—Member-at-Large (retiring)

John McLellan—NS/LS Cemetery Liaison (8 yrs.)

John Grant—Member-at-Large (1 yr.)

Andrew Hebda—Museum Co-Chair (1 yr.)

Elizabeth Hill—Museum Co-Chair (1 yr.)

Marcel Dionne—Member-at-Large (1 yr.)

Membership Report—2022-2023

The members of the East Hants Historical Society are a dependable, committed group.

Renewals of memberships are consistent throughout the year, and new members join through our PayPal site, as well as in person at our Program meetings.

At present, the Society has fifty-eight members in good standing.

Museum Report-2022-2023

This year's museum report is as follows:

- The East Hants Historical Society Museum in Lower Selma was opened this year from June 1st until September the 30th.
- In the month of May, the museum was cleaned, and exhibits were set up getting ready for the June opening. We would like to thank all those who came out to help clean and set up the exhibits. Many hands make light work.
- This year the museum received three grants to hire students and/or young people to become Heritage Interpreters for the summer. The grants were from the Federal Government: two for Canada Summer Jobs and one for Young Canada Works. Two students were hired, Piper Sampson and Jaxon Gomez; also Brendon Welsh-MacCarthy was hired, a young person but not a student. Each Interpreter was given a task to complete throughout the summer to keep them busy and increase their knowledge of all things historical when there were no visitors in the museum.
- This year, the exhibits within the museum were changed around to make them more chronologically correct starting on the right-hand side and moving around the museum.
- There have been some improvements to the gallery this year; this is still an ongoing project.
- In August we had our Open House day. This event was well attended. Along with many others

who attended this event was our Warden for East Hants, Eleanor Roulston, as well as our MLA, John A. MacDonald.

- There were approximately 460 visitors to the museum this summer.
- Those that volunteered their time to man the museum during days off for the interpreters this season were: Joanie MacDonald, Nancy Doane, Pat Whidden and myself, Elizabeth Hill. Thank you very much everyone!
- This past summer, we were getting a Loan Agreement together with the Municipality of East Hants to lend some of our artifacts to be displayed in the lighthouse at the Burntcoat Head Park. This is still an ongoing project.
- The museum is now closed for the season but there will still be maintenance work going on throughout the off season.

Respectively submitted, Elizabeth Hill, Museum Chair

EHHS Archive Report—2022-2023

The organization of the East Hants school registers is complete, with the registers organized by school and year on new shelving. We regret that we do not have all registers, and we encourage anyone who has them in their possession to consider donating them to the Society so that their information can be available to researchers and family genealogists.

We continue to add items to the lateral, family, and community files, and to build our collection of obituary books, at present, nine in number. These files are added to by donations of obituaries from the community.

During the spring, we received a binder of Hennigar genealogy from Carl Hennigar, Ontario. Rachel Pride Sherman, Connecticut, donated a significant collection of books, letters, and photographs commemorating her cousin, the poet Alden Nowlan, born in Walton. These were on exhibit in the museum this season.

In August, the archive added a collection of books—*John Sanford Genealogy, Rawdon and Douglas Townships: Two Loyalist Townships in Nova Scotia, and Marion Gilroy's Loyalists and Land Settlement in Nova Scotia*, plus maps and photographs, all donated by Jim MacDougall, Australia. A collection of documents owned by Helen Haley, at one time a curator of the South Rawdon Museum, were received as well.

In September, Hattie Dyck, Truro, donated a framed memorial to her father Pte. William Harris Duff. A significant collection of memorabilia relating to the Hines family of Noel was donated by Dorothy Selig. These items will be properly accessioned to the archive shortly.

A significant collection of ledgers from the East Hants County Home, The Poores' Farm, was brought in by Wendy Matheson-Withrow. The ledgers contain minutes of meetings of the board that operated the home, and most significantly, lists of the persons who resided in the Home at one time or another. We are in the process of transcribing these lists, which run from 1894 to the mid-1950s, into a searchable document that will enable anyone who is researching family members to confirm

whether a family member resided in the home and where they were buried if they died in the Home. We will notify the public when the transcription is complete, and access to the information will be by email or in-person request only. Wendy's donation to the Society archives also included an extensive Dalrymple genealogy and a number of land grant and topical maps.

Another significant event for our archive is focused on the Community Services Recovery Fund grant (\$23,280) we received this year. We have added a printer capable of scanning and printing tabloid-size documents, and office chairs to make research at 70 Park Road more comfortable. However, the most important element from the grant is the eight-week contract we made with Ed MacDonell, first, to develop an online portal on Google Drive, second, to scan and enter relevant items from our files and other archives into that portal, and third, to organize them according to their relevance to East Hants history and their application to the Nova Scotia Public School learning outcomes. This portal will be made available to classroom teachers and researchers soon. Our goal is to provide teachers with East Hants-related history to augment their classroom teaching, particularly in social studies, and to generate an understanding within East Hants students of the importance of our history within the province.

The grant also provided funding to purchase a good quality video camera to aid in building our Virtual Library. Thank you to the Government of Canada for awarding us this grant.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Whidden, Archive Chair

EHS Programs 2022-2023

The Society commenced a schedule of in-person programs in March and continued on a monthly basis until November. Programs will take a brief pause for the winter months of December through March and recommence in 2024.

The 2023 seasonal programs were as follows:

March- Board member Show-And-Tell

April- Public members Show-And-Tell

May- Susanne MacLachlan- Wool spinning and looming video presentation

June- Elva MacDonald- Threshing

July- John Grant and Pat Whidden- Loyalist Settlement in Rawdon

August- No program (Museum Open House)

September- John Heukshorst on subsistence gardening

October- Merrill Miller- Secret in Lower Selmah

November- Holly Hanes-Morris- Following in the Footsteps of Hollis MacKeil

We had the implementation of a hybrid program in which preceding the program host speaking and taking questions, a video was shown to an audience. Videos were filmed in the field, so to speak, with the person of interest displaying their craft. This was implemented with the programs for John Heukshorst and Susanne MacLachlan.

Susanne and John expressed how much they enjoyed the video, as this was their first time

viewing the film and enjoyed having a live microphone for a question-and-answer period following the video.

As part of a federal Community Services Recovery Fund, administered by Halifax United Way, the Society has acquired a high-quality video camera and tripod to film future presentations. This supplements the supplies already in our hands.

2024 programs are in the works with various already scheduled. As always, we are seeking volunteers to assist with presentations and are willing to host members of the public to present programs relating directly or indirectly to East Hants' rich history.

Respectfully submitted, Gregory Hussey

Chair of Programs

2022-2023 Cemetery Report

Holly Hanes-Morris continued with her field work recording the cemetery in Enfiel, the largest in East Hants.

There has been a vault added to the cemetery in Lantz, which she has added to those records.

Holly has been in contact with a descendant connected to the Scott Family Cemetery. She reports that that site is being cared for and improved and warrants another visit by her.

When she has completed her indexing and printing of data, this hard copy is delivered to the Research Centre in Elmsdale.

The summer of 2023 presented some extreme weather challenges for Holly's field work with extreme rain events and extreme temperature and humidity.

Regrettably, I have not yet met with Holly and obtained her methodology of recording headstone and cemetery records; this will be a priority in the new year for me.



**Looking waaaay
back!**

EHHS 2023 Income and Expense Statement

REVENUE

HST Refund	6,185.01
Grants	58,129.25
Interest Earned	43.33
Membership fees paid	<u>580.00</u>

NET REVENUE 64,937.59

Other Revenue

Collection at Meetings	661.40
Collection at Museum	948.28
Charitable Donations	5,183.17
Lr. Selma Cemetery Donations	200.00
Fundraising Proceeds (ticket sal...)	<u>590.00</u>
TOTAL DONATIONS	<u>7,582.85</u>

REVENUE PLUS DONATIONS 7,582.85

SALES

Sale of DVDs	70.00
Sale of Maitland Tour Booklets	32.00
Proceeds of Annual Yard Sale	854.30
Sale of Scrubbies and Dishcloths	911.00
Sale of Books	<u>187.75</u>
TOTAL SALES	<u>2,055.05</u>

Total Other Revenue 2,055.05

TOTAL REVENUE 74,575.49

EXPENSE

Cost of Goods Sold

Freight Expense	<u>40.31</u>
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Total Cost of Goods Sold 40.31

Payroll Expenses

Wages & Salaries	20,593.28
EI Expense	469.94
CPP Expense	<u>522.10</u>

Total Payroll Expense 21,585.32

General & Administrative Expe...

Advertising & Promotions	140.42
Business Fees & Assoc Member...	221.51
Cleaning Supplies	121.91
Fundraising Expenses & Service ...	218.45
Credit Card Charges	13.66
Donations	100.00
Equipment	11,084.68
Fundraising Purchases	325.75
Hardware and Repair Materials	434.17
Insurance	2,907.00
Interest & Bank Charges	137.60
Office Supplies & Expenses	2,101.97
Preservation & Presentation Exp...	561.84
Program Expenses	443.87
Professional Services Rendered	7,189.04
Rent	14,969.40
Repairs to Museum	344.95
Telephone & Internet	1,038.87
Travel Expense	613.35
Utilities Heat, Power, Water	<u>968.13</u>

Total General & Admin. Expen... 43,936.57

TOTAL EXPENSE 65,562.20

NET INCOME 9,013.29

East Hants Historical Society Balance Sheet as at 10-31-2023

ASSET

Current Assets

Items to be deposited	729.94	
Petty Cash	105.56	
Savings Account	77.54	
Chequing Account	43,550.37	
Credit Union Shares Account	<u>50.00</u>	
Total Cash		44,513.41
Accounts Receivable	1,536.25	
HST Federal	4,631.10	
HST Provincial	<u>4,058.91</u>	
Total Receivable		<u>10,226.26</u>

Total Current Assets

54,739.67

Capital Assets

Office Furniture & Equipment	<u>2,792.71</u>	
Net - Furniture & Equipment		2,792.71
Building	<u>40,070.9</u>	
	<u>2</u>	
Net - Building		40,070.92
Land Kennetcook		<u>7,400.00</u>

Total Capital Assets

50,263.63

TOTAL ASSET

105,003.30

LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable		478.54
Accounts Payable		-447.52
EI Payable	1,325.24	
CPP Payable	1,945.34	
Federal Income Tax Payable	<u>2,924.30</u>	
Total Receiver General		6,194.88
GST/HST Paid on Purchases	4,454.94	
GST/HST Payroll Deductions	-	
	<u>3,400.95</u>	

GST/HST Owing (Refund) 1,053.99

Prepaid Sales/Deposits 1,536.25

Total Current Liabilities

8,816.14

TOTAL LIABILITY

8,816.14

EQUITY

Owners Equity

Retained Earnings - Previous Year		87,173.87
Current Earnings		<u>9,013.29</u>

Total Owners Equity

96,187.16

TOTAL EQUITY

96,187.16

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

105,003.30