



Annual Report—2023-2024

The Annual General Meeting for 2023-2024 is scheduled for December 5, 7:30 pm, and will be conducted on the ZOOM electronic platform. Notice of the meeting has been circulated in the November and December newsletters, as well as on the

EHHS Facebook page. The link to the Zoom meeting will be posted on these pages on December 1. 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.

President's Report

When I agreed to take on the president's role again after having left the position two years ago, it was with the understanding that two more years would be it for me. Time to pass the baton to new hands with new ideas and new energies to put into the role of president. It's been a great adventure into our East Hants history for me; I have learned so much, and I have made so many new friends and acquaintances during the time I have served in this position.

I want to thank all the Board members and other Society members I have been privileged to know and work with over the last nine years for their cooperation in helping to make East Hants Historical Society an organization with a great mandate to preserve and share the important history of our municipality. I shall continue to work with the Board in the role of past president and to share all the processes I have learned over the years as required. It's been a great journey.

Respectfully, Patricia Whidden, Out-going President

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, if required

2022-2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2023

Opening Remarks

- President Patricia Whidden called the meeting to order.
- Andrew Hebda declared the agenda and minutes approved. Seconded by Nancy Doane

Museum Report

- The East Hants Historical Society Museum in Lower Selma was open this year from June 1st until September the 30th.
- This year the museum received three grants to hire interpreters. Two students were hired, Piper Sampson and Jaxon Gomez, in addition to Brendon Welsh-MacCarthy
- 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 Elizabeth Hill.

Archive Report

- The Society received the Community Services Recovery Fund grant amounting to \$23,280. 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, and audio visual equipment.
- 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. Our goal is to provide teachers with East Hants-related history to augment their classroom teaching.
- The organization of the East Hants school registers is complete, with the registers organized by school and year on new shelving.
- 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.
- The Society received a significant collection of ledgers from the East Hants County Home, The Poores' Farm, 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.

Program Report (Gregory Hussey)

- The Society commenced a schedule of in-person programs in March and continued on a monthly basis until November.
- 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

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.

Cemetery Report

- Holly Hanes-Morris continued with her fieldwork recording the cemetery in Enfield, 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.

Membership

- 58 members in good standing as of meeting date.

John Grant made the motion to pass the committee reports as presented. Seconded by Greg Hussey. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Christine Whidden)

- The Society has received various grants through The Municipality of East Hants, Province of Nova Scotia, and Government of Canada. Christine Whidden made generous thanks to these entities along with donations from the public and members.
- Various moneys were received from the museum collection box, fundraisers, and book sales.
- Christine Whidden made a motion to accept the financial reports. Seconded by Joyce Cusance. Motion passed.

New Business

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

Board of Directors

- Current board members consist of Patricia Whidden, Gregory Hussey, Andrew Hebda, Marcel Dionne, John Grant, Christine Whidden, John McLellan, and Elizabeth Hill.
- Nancy Doane has retired from the Society's Board of Directors. We thank Nancy for her dedicated service spanning over four decades.
- Gregory Hussey nominated Holly Hanes-Morris to be a member of the Board of Directors for the Society, as acclaimed. There were no additional nominations for the Board of Directors.

Gregory Hussey adjourned the meeting at 20:12

Signed: Gregory Hussey, Acting Secretary-East Hants Historical Society

2023-2024 Board of Directors

Executive Members:

President—Patricia Whidden (2 yrs. as Pres./9 yrs.) Archive Chair

Vice-President—Greg Hussey (2 yrs. as VP/5 yrs.) Programs

Treasurer—Christine Whidden (9 yrs.) Membership

Secretary—Janice Lockyer (1 yr.)

Other Board Members:

Elizabeth Hill—Museum Chair (2 yrs.)

John McLellan—NS/LS Cemetery Liaison (9 yrs.)

John Grant—Member-at-Large (2 yrs.)

Andrew Hebda—(2 yrs.)

Marcel Dionne—Member-at-Large (2 yrs.)

Holly Hanes-Morris—Member-at-Large (1 yr.)

2024 Membership Report

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. Memberships can also be renewed by mail—Unit 2-70 Park Road, Elmsdale, NS, B2S 2L2.

At present, the Society has fifty members in good standing. However, the subscription to our monthly newsletter is 416 as of the last newsletter.

Christine Whidden, Chair, Membership Committee.

Museum Report—2023-2024

Grants were applied for and received for two students to work at the museum during the summer (July and August). The two students were Hope Beaudoin and Jaxon Gomez.

The museum was open for the months of June, July, August and September.

During the month of June, the museum was open shorter hours, from Wednesdays to Sundays being manned by volunteers on the weekdays and the two students on the weekends.

Rachel French was the Heritage Interpreter for September with volunteers covering her days off during the month.

Total visitation to the museum during the open season was 661. Please see attached document for visitor breakdown.

Total visitor donation for the season was \$1070.81.

We had many volunteers working to get the museum ready to open in the spring and again in the fall to get the museum ready for the winter. Thank you very much for your help!

This year there were shelves built in the little room up in the loft. Ongoing projects are to straighten up the loft, sort through the collection up there to sort out the artifacts, bring artifacts over from 70 Park Road in Elmsdale to store at the museum that are not temperature or humidity sensitive.

Our Open House Day, Sunday, August the 25th, was a great success with 52 people signing the

guest book. The donation box within the museum had \$67.00 in it and the donation jar out on the BBQ table had \$96.30 in it for a total of \$163.30 donated to the museum that day. A huge thank you going out to the volunteer demonstrators that day: Susanne MacLachlan, spinning; June Duckenfield, hooker; Gwyneth Jones, needle felting, Holly Hanes-Morris, crocheting; Greg Hussey, blacksmithing; Liz Hill, weaving. Another thank-you goes out to all those people who came out to enjoy the day.

There is ongoing maintenance concerning the museum doors, the ocular window in the front of the building (to keep them weather tight), and a support in the back left hand quarter of the floor. All in all, a good year at the museum.

Respectfully Submitted, Elizabeth Hill, Museum Chair

Archive Report

Several artifacts and documents have been added to our collection:

Municipality of East Hants Annual Reports

Collection of correspondence, minute books, etc., from the school in Maple Grove

Group of images pertaining to Noel history, plus a scanned History of Noel written by Greta F.

O'Brien, date unknown

China pieces commemorating Selma

The Hants Journal Births, Marriages, and Deaths, Vol. 5

A.F. Church framed map of Maitland, letters, and Maitland photos

Royal China memorabilia

Stanley Flying School Christmas card

The recording of the records for the East Hants Municipal Home in South Maitland has been completed, and interested people can inquire about specific individuals who resided there.

The collection of genealogy notes from Annie Wallace's archive has been sorted and filed, with a finding aid, and now can be accessed at our 70 Park Road location. A corresponding list of family files, our total collection to date, will be posted on our website.

The Google Hub containing scanned items of East Hants history from our archive is now available on request. Email us at info@ehhs.ca for access.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Whidden, Archive Chair

2024 Program Report

This past season, the East Hants Historical Society hosted an exciting series of programs for 2024. The series covered a broad range of topics in local and national history, presented by knowledgeable speakers. These programs, held at various venues, provided a wonderful opportunity to explore our shared past and strengthen our community connections.

March: Exploring the 1931 Canada Census and Beyond—Participants gained insights into the 1931 Canadian Census and its value for genealogical and historical research. Janice Fralic-Brown showcased tools and techniques to uncover hidden stories in historical records.

April: Interpreting Canadian First World War Records—Greg Hussey guided attendees through navigating and interpreting First World War military records, offering valuable perspectives on Canada's contributions during the Great War.

May: Stories and History of the Maitland Ferry—Elinor Maher shared the captivating history of the Maitland Ferry, a vital connection for East Hants residents in the past. Her presentation celebrated this essential piece of local heritage.

June: History of the Nova Scotia Poor Farms—Dr. Allan Marble illuminated the history of Nova Scotia's Poor Farms, focusing on the East Hants Poor Farm in South Maitland. This program offered a poignant exploration of a lesser-known aspect of our history.

July: East Hants Historical Society's Cemetery Project—Holly Hanes-Morris discussed the Society's Cemetery Project, emphasizing the importance of preserving and documenting burial sites. Her presentation underscored how cemeteries provide a window into local history.

September: East Hants Historical Society's Curriculum Project—Dr. John Grant, Patricia Whidden, and Ed MacDonell introduced the Society's efforts to integrate East Hants history into school curricula, aiming to engage younger generations in preserving and celebrating local heritage.

October: Sea Serpents and Sea Monsters of Nova Scotia—Andrew Hebda explored the lore of sea serpents and sea monsters along Nova Scotia's coast, highlighting tales from the East Hants region.

November: Harvie Family Second World War Legacy—Jeff Thurber delved into one Harvie family's eight sons who served during the Second World War, sharing personal stories of service and sacrifice that resonated deeply with East Hants' wartime history.

These programs enriched our understanding of history, culture, and the unique identity of East Hants. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported these events. We look forward to continuing our journey through history together in the future.

Sincerely, Greg Hussey, UE- Program Chair

Cemetery Report

Work continues with the cataloguing of East Hants cemeteries with the eventual goal of having the records available for family researchers and genealogists. If anyone knows of cemeteries buried in forested areas, perhaps stumbled on during hunting season, the Society would like to have that information so that they can be added to our archive.

Submitted by Holly Hanes-Morris, Cemetery Chair

Financial Report

East Hants Historical Society

Income Statement 11-01-2023 to 10-31-2024

REVENUE

Revenue

Unknown	39.99
Grants	25,527.07
Interest Earned	79.40
Membership fees paid	<u>380.00</u>

NET REVENUE 26,026.46

Other Revenue

Collection at Meetings	699.00
Collection at Museum	1,132.16

Charitable Donations	5,179.20	
Lr. Selma Cemetery Donations	100.00	
Fundraising Proceeds (ticket sal...)	<u>1,900.00</u>	
TOTAL DONATIONS		<u>9,010.36</u>
REVENUE PLUS DONATIONS		<u>9,010.36</u>
SALES		
Sale of DVDs	10.00	
Sale of Maitland Tour Booklets	42.00	
Sale of Scrubbies and Dishcloths	705.00	
Sale of Books	<u>79.00</u>	
TOTAL SALES		<u>836.00</u>
Total Other Revenue		<u>836.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE		<u>35,872.82</u>
EXPENSE		
Payroll Expenses		
Wages & Salaries		13,791.36
EI Expense		332.99
CPP Expense		207.39
Payroll Taxes Paid		<u>2,724.90</u>
Total Payroll Expense		<u>17,056.64</u>
General & Administrative Expe...		
Accounting & Legal		1,137.95
Advertising & Promotions		318.16
Building Repairs Capital Expense		4,057.92
Business Fees & Assoc Member...		270.39
Cleaning Supplies		117.55
Courier & Postage		29.46
Fundraising Expenses & Service ...		1,035.13
Donations		100.00
Equipment		277.03
Insurance		3,019.00
Interest & Bank Charges		106.25
Office Supplies & Expenses		2,601.95
Preservation & Presentation Exp...		308.59
Program Expenses		404.56
Professional Services Rendered		38.54
Rent		15,203.78
Repairs to Museum		410.51
Telephone & Internet		1,915.35
Travel Expense		245.18
Utilities Heat, Power, Water		<u>995.01</u>
Total General & Admin. Expen...		<u>32,692.31</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE		<u>49,748.95</u>

NET INCOME -13,876.13

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Balance Sheet as at 10-31-2024

ASSET

Current Assets

Items to be deposited	328.63	
Petty Cash	105.56	
Savings Account	-0.03	
Chequing Account	32,009.05	
Rafflebox Deposit Account	-0.03	
Credit Union Shares Account	<u>50.00</u>	
Total Cash		32,493.18
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		<u>42,719.44</u>

Capital Assets

Office Furniture & Equipment	<u>2,792.71</u>	
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 92,983.07

LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable		606.25
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Vacation payable		-537.24
EI Payable	1,896.08	
CPP Payable	2,360.12	
Federal Income Tax Payable	<u>1,026.41</u>	
Total Receiver General		5,282.61
GST/HST Paid on Purchases	10,631.65	
GST/HST Payroll Deductions	<u>-4,651.79</u>	
GST/HST Owing (Refund)		5,979.86
Prepaid Sales/Deposits		<u>1,536.25</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>11,259.04</u>

TOTAL LIABILITY 11,259.04

EQUITY

Owners Equity

Retained Earnings - Previous Year	95,600.16
Current Earnings	<u>-13,876.13</u>
Total Owners Equity	<u>81,724.03</u>

TOTAL EQUITY 81,724.03

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 92,983.07

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Respectfully submitted by Christine Whidden, Treasurer

Thank you to all members and adherents for your interest and assistance in helping EHHS to preserve our history and its stories.

We wish you a happy holiday season and look forward to working with you in the New Year.

