

E. New and Unfinished Business

1. Staffing and hours of Operation

The museum will keep its summer hours until Thanksgiving weekend. Unless additional staffing hours are approved and funded the museum will operate Tuesday – Friday.

A recommendation will be submitted to the Town Council requesting that funding be provided for 6 hours on Saturdays from November to May. This will provide 16 additional days at a cost of \$1148.

2. Educational Activities

The Education Kits remain a work in progress. Two are completed and have been in circulation. Two additional ones will be completed.

The partnership with the Schools in the Plunge program will begin in the school year. The cost is \$15 per student. They will spend ½ the day at the Depot and ½ at The Village pool.

Advertising about this program needs to be enhanced. It would be beneficial to make presentations to the schools this fall.

3. Town of Blue Mountain Town Hall Exhibit

Suzanne will follow up on requesting space in the New Town Hall for exhibits from the Heritage Museum.

4. Culture Days

The Federal Government has planned an initiative for all museums and galleries. The Depot will host an event September 30-October 2. The first event on Saturday will be a guided trip to Delphi Point which contains a large number of well preserved fossils.

5. Ravenna display

The Ravenna Community Centre has a number of early pictures capturing the impact of the war on the community. Some are in a fragile state.

Since there is no funding available at this time to complete and preserve the inventory, it was suggested that a Remembrance Day service be planned for November 11, 2012 when these pictures could be viewed by the public.

5. Artifact Acquisition fund

The remaining funds in the Artifact fund will not be used this year.

Moved by: Bob Gamble

Seconded by: Bud McCannell

That the unused portion of the Artifact funding for 2011 be placed in reserve and applied to a Building and Maintenance fund for use in 2012

6. Overview of Summer Activities

This summer brought increased numbers of visitors and community interest from individuals and Free Spirit tours. The monthly educational presentations continue to be well attended. This summer nearly 400 visitors came to the museum each month.

7. Collingwood Museum partnership

Discussion continues concerning the possibility of partnership between the Collingwood Museum and the Heritage Depot. Such a partnership would encourage sharing of certain costs in the areas of maintenance, advertising, marketing and programming.

F. Next Meeting Date

October 18, 2011, 10:00am

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Bud McCannell
THAT this meeting adjourn, Carried