

STAFF REPORT: RECREATION DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO: Infrastructure and Recreation Committee
MEETING DATE: October 23rd, 2012
REPORT NO.: DOR 12 49
SUBJECT: Report on Summer Depot Activities
PREPARED BY: Suzanne Purdy, Curator

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive staff report DOR 12 49 Report on Summer Depot Activities for information purposes.

B. Background

The Craigleith Heritage Depot was open for summer hours of operation from June 26th until September 5th 9:00am – 5:00pm. The Depot, for the past 5 years, has been able to offer summer hours thanks to the Young Canada Works summer student program assisting us in hiring summer student staff. The increased staff assistance and hours open to the public resulted in many positive outcomes for the summer:

- Increased visitorship. Number of visitors per month: June=307, July=389, August=423
- Number of school age children attending Depot programs during summer=193
- Number of researchers using our facilities=9
- Number of lecture series attendees=114
- 14 donations of artifacts relating to the history of The Blue Mountains
- Invitation to become a regular contributor to Escarpment magazine
- Creation of a digital Remembrance Day exhibit
- Creation of an inventory of newspaper and microfiche holdings
- 523 accession records created
- Basement collections have been organized and location of artifacts digitized
- Flint knapping program introduced
- Completion of exterior painting of building
- Improvements to the “kids room” with a mural being painted and the addition hand carved decorations
- Strategic plan objectives achieved
- Increased revenue through programs, admissions and gift shop sales
- New partnerships=South Bruce Peninsula Heritage Committee, Bygone Days and Sheffield Black History Park, Ontario Science Centre. (Both the Ontario Science Centre and the South Bruce Peninsula Heritage Committee have asked permission to duplicate some of our programs and displays which we have agreed to with proper citation to The Depot to occur at both sites)

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community.

Preserving and enhancing natural and environmental features, and cultural heritage of the community.

D. Environmental Impacts

None

E. Financial Impact

None

F. In Consultation With

Shawn Everitt, Director of Parks and Recreation
The Museum Advisory Committee

G. Attached

None

Respectfully submitted,

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