

## REPORT

**To:** Mayor Avis & Council

**From:** Museum

**Date:** Dec 1, 2016

**Re:** Approval for accepting donation of a Russel Bros logging tugboat

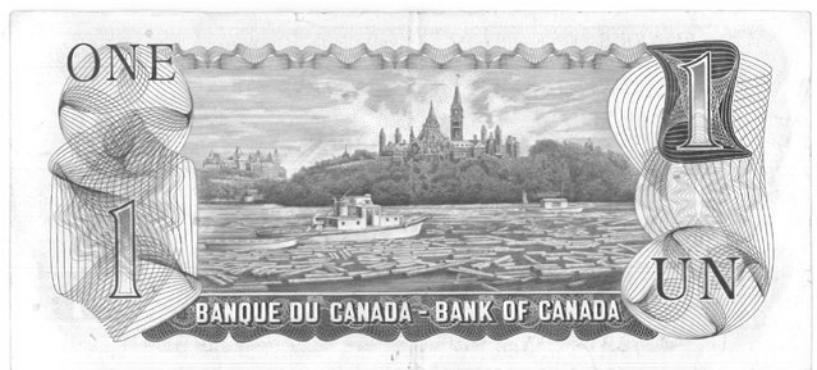
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The museum has been offered a Russel Bros logging tugboat. It is currently dry-docked in International Falls and would have to be loaded by crane and transported to our side. Customs is not an issue as the piece has been gifted to the Museum and museums are exempt from duties. On our side, the boat would have to be unloaded by crane and stored until money is found for sandblasting, painting (Hallett colours) and drydocked. There is room near the Hallett.

We estimated costs for loading/transporting here - \$5000 - and sandblasting/painting/drydocking - \$30,000-\$35,000. We understand there is no money for the latter at this time, but are suggesting we transport and store with Public Works until money can be found for refurbishing.

Caren & Eric Fagerdahl have reduced the cost of getting it here to \$500 US. "We have arranged pick-up of boat with Roche's Towing of I'Falls MN. Crane cost \$300 and delivery to Fort Frances on a low bed \$200. This would be a grand total of US \$500. Shane Armstrong has graciously donated his equipment and time to the project."

The steel-hulled boat is in good shape and still runs. Of note is that the tug is featured on the Canadian \$1 bill.



## RECOMMENDATION

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor & Council to accept the donation of the tugboat to be refurbished at a later date, approve the \$500 USD expenditure from

Museum donation funds for transport from International Falls to Fort Frances, and approve storage at the Public Works yard.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JK', is written over the printed name 'Jason Kabel'.

Jason Kabel

**Council approval of this report will:**

- 1) Approve the museum's acceptance of the donation of the tugboat to be refurbished at a later date.
- 2) Approve expenditure of US \$500 from museum donation funds for transport here as soon as can be arranged. (Boat is part of an estate settlement and needs to be moved.)
- 3) Approve storage of the boat on public works property.