

2015 Activities Report includes partnerships & accomplishments

Standard	OBJECTIVES	Goals Reached
Governance/Policy/Planning	Continue facilitating Museum Advisory Committee; Following governance training, encourage more committee involvement in museum goal setting and outcomes, and willingness to provide leadership & accept responsibility.	With addition of two new positions and town councillor on committee, and a better understanding of their role, seeing more interest in what happens at the daily level, and a greater involvement in finding solutions (rather than saying ‘this should happen). Better representation for museum to council.
Finance	Find, prepare, and report on funding for staff employment and museum development, specifically an intern position. Actively working with Friends group on fundraising opportunities. Continue to build memberships & increase visitor numbers.	Approved for CMOG, 4 student grants, and an intern position through NOHFC (collections management). “Friends of the Museum” held 4th fundraising gala; attendance increasing. Memberships and donations up. Budgeted for additional moveable storage units and interactive programming.
Collections Management	Seek council approval for collections management intern to provide missing information in database (artifact history, condition, location in museum) and make recommendations as to storage solutions.	Hired a collections management intern (NOHFC). Proceeding with inventory of collection and inputting missing data (i.e. storage location & history). Ensuring standards are met for care and storage. Reviewing storage space & options for maximizing what we have.
Exhibitions	Continue with local exhibit themes, art and local stories. Looking at funding options to bring in a traveling exhibit, and another to buy tablets to enhance the museum experience. Seek partnerships with Royal Canadian Legion for veterans exhibit and local construction company for Causeway exhibit.	Successful veterans exhibit held over; public input continues. Researched and created Noden Causeway story for its 50th anniversary. Showcased rughooking curated by Adv Com chair (instructs rughooking); pieces collected from across Ontario. Updated permanent exhibit: improved room flow, switched out some pieces. Investigation into interactive programming continues, including grant opportunities. Partnerships successful.
Interp/Education	Continue to develop programming for all age groups. Partner with Friends of the Museum group to pay for artist costs and advertising for Saturday arts programming.	Started winter arts programming geared to adults (12 and up) and open studio for children & families. Local artists lead classes — well attended. Planning for First Nations fashion show, both traditional and modern (partnered with 3 First Nations business women). Partnered with high school history teacher to host lecture series—WWII. Partnering with fibre artists on upcoming juried festival.
Research	Continue to add to our research library with current works. Complete research on collection, exhibits, and community requests. Recruit volunteers to assist with research requests.	Volunteers continue work on local WWI and II veteran stories, adding an additional 300 veterans. At least half are bound and available to the public. Proofing on others continues. Extensive research completed on Noden Causeway. Research for Canada 150 exhibit ideas underway. Other research as requested.
Conservation	Continue to assess and make recommendations on collection care and storage needs. Ensure database entries are complete. Set aside funding for additional moveable storage.	Additional moveable storage & freezer purchased and installed. Collection reorganized to ensure best use of space. Large items in walkways moved to shelves. Assisted with community conservation efforts for local murals.
Physical Plant & Maintenance	Continue monitoring & assessing facility. Oversee housekeeping and maintenance as needed.	Miscellaneous ongoing repairs as needed. I.e. furnace.
Community, Marketing, Public Relations	Ensure museum open and providing service; raise community awareness through various events. Develop partnerships with community. Work with Friends on various activities meant to promote museum. Continue to work with Genealogy and writing groups.	With other community partners, continued with tea & scones in summer. With financial assistance from Friends, organized family carnival in winter, produced a souvenir line, ran Saturday arts programming all winter for adults and children. Partnering with local Native Crafts Store and designers on upcoming Native fashion show. Media coverage up. Great feedback from community.
Human Resources/ Training—Staff Development	Continue to access training as it comes available while keeping travel costs to minimum. Provide required OH&S and other on-site training. Continue to lobby for additional staffing.	Successful in obtaining an intern. Curator attended AMM annual conference in Winnipeg, a cultural heritage workshop in Kenora, and Culture Talks in Thunder Bay. Curator completed supervisor & ergonomics training. Summer staff received orientation / job-specific training.