



# Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre

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## Special Dates of Interest

- **Taking Back Our Natural World** runs until June 21!
- **Night at the Museum -** June 22.
- **Echoes in the Ice: Finding Franklin's Ship** runs July - Sept. Soft opening June 29.
- **Grand Opening for Franklin exhibit—** Wed July 3rd.
- **Thurs July 4:** Tea & Scones begins.
- **Tuesday afternoons starting July 9 & continuing through August** at the Rainy Lake Square—programming for kids!



Summer!



## Taking Back Our Natural World

Increasingly, climate change is becoming a daily topic — hundreds of thousands of youth protesting in Europe and elsewhere, renowned scientists publishing weekly updates to reports on CO<sub>2</sub> and the acidity of the oceans, a million species now at risk — it's enough to wake you up at night. If you've not been in to see it, the exhibit will run until Fri June 21. Museum open 10 - 5. Normal admission fees apply: Adults \$4, Family Rate \$12, Children & Seniors \$3. Includes the Hallett and Lookout Tower, now open daily.

## Echoes in the Ice: Finding Franklin's Ship

Although admission fees remain at last year's rates until the climate change exhibit closes, for **Echoes in the Ice: Finding Franklin's Ship**, fees will increase to reflect costs. To bring in a traveling exhibit from a world-class museum, loan fees begin at roughly \$10,000. On top of that we pay for transportation, often more than half the loan fee as exhibits are only handled by certain companies.

Thanks to the federal government, a \$14,900 grant from **Canadian Heritage** through the **Museums Assistance Program** has made these costs very manageable.

There are wonderful exhibits out there in many fields... science, history, nature, technology... and on hundreds of fascinating topics. The Fort Frances Museum is one of the few museums in our region that has the necessary space to display some of these larger traveling exhibits. If we have a successful summer, we will look at bringing in other exhibits of this calibre. We hope you will support the museum by bringing your family and summer visitors in to see the exhibit... June 29 - Sept 22, 2019.

**FORT FRANCES  
MUSEUM  
THIS SUMMER!**

**June 29 - September 22, 2019  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily  
Fort Frances Museum**



# Echoes in the Ice

FINDING FRANKLIN'S SHIP

**Grand Opening:  
Wed July 3rd**

**Admission Fees Apply**  
Adults \$8, Family \$24  
Seniors/Children 6-12 \$6

Using artifacts, images, audiovisual presentations, and art, **Echoes in the Ice: Finding Franklin's Ship** decodes the mysteries of the Franklin Expedition of 1845, in which an entire crew vanished in the Arctic during an ill-fated search.

The exhibition is a co-production of Gone West Productions and the Canada Science and Technology Museum in Ottawa, with the generous support of Natural Resources Canada and Parks Canada.

*The Fort Frances Museum thanks **Heritage Canada** for the funding to bring the exhibit to Fort Frances!!*



**Canada** 

**Gone West Productions Ltd.**



## Staffing



I am very pleased to announce that we have filled our Assistant Curator position. **Bev Cochrane** has a Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Learning from Lakehead University as well as an Advanced Diploma in Business Administration from Confederation College. She has held a number of managerial positions, most recently serving as Director of Services at Ganawendaasowin and as a council member at Mitaanijigamiing First Nation. Welcome, Bev!

Returning from university are friendly faces, **Naomi McManaman** and **Alyssa Armstrong**. They will oversee our reception desk, lead our children's programming, and be on hand to answer questions from tourists and residents alike. So challenge them. They arrived this summer not entirely sure that they had heard of Sir John Franklin before. That, of course, is changing quickly! See if you can stump them on Franklin expedition lore.

**Katelyn Bruyere** will spend one last summer with us as our high school student, but we're hoping she'll return as a university student. We will be hiring for another high school student very soon who will cover Saturdays through the year, and work as needed July and August.

As always, we have a great team who continues to make my job that much easier.



Alyssa, Katelyn, Naomi (Katelyn's prom)

## Children's Programming

at the Rainy Lake Square  
for ages 6 - 10

*Beginning Tuesday, July 9th,  
1:30-3:30 p.m.*

At the Museum should weather  
not cooperate.



Every Tuesday (starts July 9)  
throughout July & August.

\$5 per child or \$12 per family.

*Don't forget your sunscreen, hat & water!*

*Preregister to hold your child's spot —  
spaces for 25 children.*

## Annual General Meeting

Friends of the Museum held their Annual General Meeting and election of officers on May 23. Returning from last year are Robert Schulz as president, Caren Fagerdahl as Vice President, and Deb Ballard as financial secretary.

New to the recording secretary position is Samantha Manty. Committee chairs are Lauren Hyatt for the gala, Samantha Manty for SnOasis, and Sarah Marusyk for merchandise.

I want to thank everyone in this group for their strong commitment to the events that raise money for our workshops and other extras, and their continued enthusiasm for all things museum. I cannot say enough good things about you.



Thank you, friends: Deb Ballard, Kim Daley, Caren & Eric Fagerdahl, Andrew Hallikas, Lauren Hyatt, Mandy Luck, Sam Manty, Sarah Marusyk and Robert Schulz.

Please support our hardworking Friends!

BBQing auger dogs on the coldest day of the year...  
SnOasis 7: Ray Luck, Andrew Hallikas & Robert Schulz

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## Smashing Tea & Home-Made Scones are Back!

Starts Mall Day: Thurs July 4, 10-4  
Upstairs at the Museum  
\$5 per person, does not include exhibit.

Even when the weather is hot,  
the museum remains cool!



Remember we have a ramp out front and  
an elevator entrance at the back —  
open on Thursdays & special events.

For a normal day, ring the bell;  
we are happy to open it up.

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## Exhibits in planning stages...

Oct - Dec — **Prohibition & Profit: the Business of Smuggling Booze.** If you've a local story to share, Maxine Hayes is still collecting.

Jan - Mar — **Canada: Day 1.** This is a free traveling exhibit from the Government of Canada that tells the story of immigration.

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## Other services the Museum offers...

Weekly newspapers have been digitized. If you have some research to do for a paper, family history, or just curious... our public computer is easy to use. Staff are on hand to help out should you run into difficulty.

Almost all obituaries have been copied and are alphabetized.

Local military histories have been compiled. Not all are available but if you have a photo and some background history on a loved one, we'd be happy to add it to the database.

Our small library also has many books and files on area history. If you can't find what you're looking for, our volunteer staff are the best. If Max can't find it, it may not be on record locally.

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