



WORKERS
HISTORY MUSEUM
MUSÉE DE L'HIST
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Annual Report
2017-2018

A year in review

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First let me say how proud I am of the achievements outlined in the Annual Report. I don't intend to repeat them but will just mention the wonderful historical display in the back of this room and the book on the history of PSAC, which along with the graphic novel on the Wong family are our most recent successes.

Kudos to all who worked on them! I will return to that at the end of this (thankfully brief) report.

I began this year with three objectives:

- shorter but effective meetings
- using the President, Vice President, Secretary and

Treasurer as an
Executive Committee to deal with work that
needed doing in

- preparation for fuller discussion at the Board
- lobbying elected officials at the City

The first two have been successful. The third was overtaken by contacts with the City over the Capital History Kiosks, which have been beneficial. I hope to consult with the new Board on future actions.

The three projects that are under way are videos on Same Sex Rights, the On to Ottawa trek, as well as Work and Disability. My objective is to finish two out of three this year.

I want to thank the volunteers without whom the Museum could not exist. On projects, committees, activities or the Board...and for some people, all of the above - we all appreciate your time, energy and caring.

This year, I would also like to thank all of the people who work for us. Creating real and paid work in a virtual museum is an achievement, and adds greatly to the professional quality of our output.

Summer students: Alexandra Petrie and Lana Henderson who worked on the collection plus the Workers and Disabilities and Ottawa 2017 Capital History Kiosks projects.

Don Kwan was the graphic artist for the Wong Brothers graphic novel.

Ross Rheaume was the artist for the Ottawa 2017 Capital History Kiosks project.

Andre Mersereau and his team at Chapter One Studio did the work on the Ottawa 2017 Capital History Kiosks project by wrapping the boxes. Andre's team was also responsible for the design of the PSAC 50th anniversary book and the beautiful wall exhibit at 233 Gilmour.

Angelina Chapin and Richie Allen started work on a book about Bonnie

Robichaud's struggle and win at the Supreme Court on sexual harassment.

Wasim Baobaid provided some video training for our summer students so they could do interviews.

Now I'd like a round of applause for our volunteers and employees! Arthur

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:
Arthur Carkner

Vice-president:
Paul Harrison

Secretary:
Robert Allen

Treasurer:
Barb Stewart

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Penny Bertrand
Samantha Osborne
Christine Goneau

Institutional members:
Maddie Cleroux

David Yazbeck

Trustee:
Wilbray Thiffault

EVENTS ATTENDED

January

- PSAC National Capital Regional Council meeting

February

- Canada Employment and Immigration Union (CEIU) convention
- Heritage Day at City Hall

March

- WHM AGM March 6
- PSAC National Equity Conferences – Toronto

April

- Carleton University National Capital History Day
- PSAC Quebec Regional convention – Saint Sauveur QC
- Wrap-up dinner for PSAC 50th anniversary video group

May

- PSAC National Capital Regional convention
- Canadian Labour Congress convention – Toronto

- Launch of Capital History Kiosks at Lansdowne Park
- CEIU Local 4900 open house – Toronto
- PSAC Ontario Regional convention – Mississauga

June

- Council of Heritage Organizations in Ottawa AGM – Ottawa

July

- Union of Taxation Employees convention – Ottawa
- Inspiration Village – Byward Market

August

- Union of National Employees – Ottawa

September

- PSAC National Capital Regional Council meeting – Gatineau
- Government Services Union convention – Ottawa – 2 days
- Event at Ottawa Library – talked about Chaudière project
- Customs and Immigration Union convention – Ottawa

November

- Ontario History and Social Sciences Teachers Conference - Ottawa
- Ontario Federation of Labour convention – Toronto
- Ottawa History Kiosks 2017 wrap-up event – Ottawa
- CLiFF – Ottawa

December

- Council of Heritage Organizations in Ottawa Gathering of the Council – Ottawa
- PSAC National Capital Youth Committee conference – Ottawa

February

- Heritage Day at City Hall

We also held 2 retreats in 2017 – January and October



PROJECTS

Capital History Kiosks



First kiosk unveiled, 17 May.

The Workers' History Museum is pleased to announce the completed work of eighteen Capital History Kiosks featuring little known and untold stories about Ottawa's past. The kiosks consist of vinyl wraps around traffic control boxes featuring a striking image, lively text, and a QR code taking visitors to the Carleton Centre for Public History's web-based storytelling site, CapitalHistory.ca.

Stories for Capital History Kiosks were developed by graduate students taking Carleton Professor David Dean's seminar Museums, Public Memory, and National Identity in winter 2017. The first kiosk, located at Bank and Exhibition Way at Lansdowne Park, tells the early history of lacrosse at Lansdowne and was researched by Lisa Bullock.

Capital History Kiosks is a project of the Workers' History Museum partnering with the Carleton Centre for Public History, the design firm Chapter One Studio, and artist Ross Rheaume. It was made possible by Ottawa 2017, CIBC and the three Arts, Culture and Heritage Program Stewarding Partners AOE Arts Council, Ottawa Arts Council and Council of Heritage Organizations of Ottawa and was funded by a City of Ottawa 2017 Arts, Culture and Heritage Investment Programme Grant.

The museum was one of fourteen groups to get the funding by the City of Ottawa 2017 Arts, Culture and Heritage Investment Program Grant.

There were over 100 applicants. We have received tremendous support from the mayor for this project and the kiosks will stay up for about five years. There is also the possibility of a continuation of this project as many BIA's and neighborhoods have shown interest in the kiosks. We had originally committed to twelve but ended up with eighteen. There were two articles about these in the local newspapers, the New Edinburgh News and The Glebe Report.

Graphic novel

We've created a graphic novel thanks to the grant we received from the City of Ottawa Heritage Grant. The graphic novel is about the Wong brothers, the history of one of the first Chinese-Canadian family in Ottawa that owned a grocery store on Bank street and formed the first Chinese-Canadian hockey team in Ottawa, and has already been printed. We've already received great reviews for it and hope to do a series of graphic novels based on the Capital History stories. The graphic novel will be on sale for 5\$ on our website.



PSAC

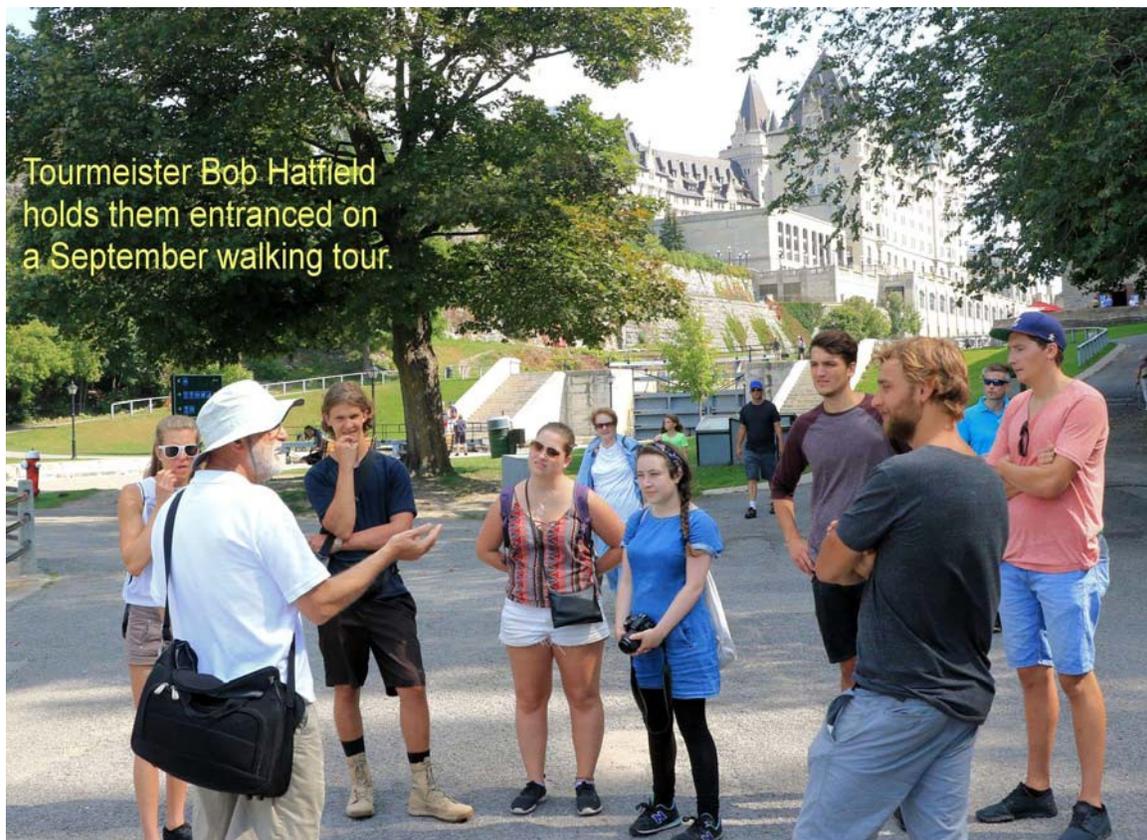
In 2015, PSAC commissioned a documentary, eleven travelling exhibits, a wall exhibit in their building and a book to celebrate their 50 years anniversary. After a lot of work, we've now completed the wall exhibit and the book. The documentary and eleven travelling exhibits having been completed earlier. The wall exhibit can now be seen at 233 Gilmour street.

Work and disability

The museum is currently working on a documentary on workers and disability. We are hoping to finish the project in this following year.

Workers' History Museum and Bytown Museum walking tour partnership

In partnership with the Bytown Museum, the Workers' History Museum conducted four labour history walking tours per month (two English, two French) for the months of July, August, September and October, 2017. All tours started and ended at the Bytown Museum and talked about the history of the workers in the area, such as the workers that built the Rideau canal, the timber industry and more.



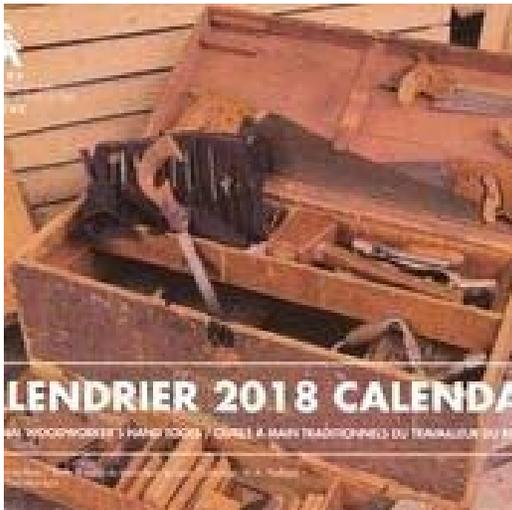
On to Ottawa Trek

On to Ottawa Trek will be the museums first documentary offered in three languages. We will add Spanish for this documentary as well as our usual English and French. We are currently working on a rough cut of the documentary and hope to have it finished in the near future.

E.B. Eddy

- The exhibition at 251 Bank street has been extended once again, until January 31, 2019.
- The photograph exhibition at Carleton university is back up until at least mid- August.

2019 calendar



Following the success of the previous calendars we are currently working on the 2019 calendar with the theme of Women and firsts.

YOUNG CANADA WORKS

The Workers' History Museum is again fortunate to receive funding from Young Canada Works (YCW) for the hiring of two summer students. Together, they worked on the collections management (creating a database), and in the development of some of our ongoing

projects.

Alexandra Petrie and Lana Henderson worked for the museum this summer on organizing the collection and creating forms and a database for our artifacts. With the creation of a database and forms the museum can now move to bring the collection out of storage more and start a creating a loan program. The summer students also worked with project working groups on the First World War web exhibition and Work and Disability.

PAT MACGRATH SCHOLARSHIP

Candice Gagne is attending Canadore College in North Bay to become a Biotechnology Technologist. She plans on going on to get a Bachelor of Science in 2017.

She is an activist for equality for all people and is part of Pride on Campus at Canadore as well as GEM (gender equality movement). She is first officer of her ship in KAG (a Klingon, [aliens from star trek] based SiFi Club), as first officer of her club she had it approved at her college as an official group as well as organize a fundraiser for our local crisis center. The reason she chose the crisis center to fundraise for is because as stated earlier she is all about equality and at the crisis center men, women and children can all use the facilities, if they are fleeing abuse, been evicted or simply need a place to stay the night.

Coming up...

- Trivia night on April 9th 2018 at Colonade
- Story telling in the fall
- Non-diner event

Here's to another great year for the Workers'
History Museum!