



## INGERSOLL CHEESE & AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

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Mayor Paul Holbrough  
Members of Ingersoll Town Council

Happy New Year!

2008 ended on a very positive note for the museum!!

Santa's Village opened with a fireworks display which was made more spectacular with the snowfall, a good start for another successful winter wonderland event. The Community Museum was open from November 21st through December 20th, with the exception of December 19th and December 21st (snow days), Friday evenings, Saturday afternoon and evenings and Sunday afternoons. Our regular volunteers and members of the Advisory Committee contributed a total of 60 volunteer hours. Attendance during this time period was 519 plus or minus a few, not including the bus tours.

Visitors to the museum were impressed with the Wilson Johnson carving, and the Military display. A new addition this year was the section with the old fashioned children's toys, several of our younger (and some older) visitors had great fun playing with toys that would have been popular 100 years ago. Most of the visitors stated that they would return during the summer months to see the Cheese Factory and the agricultural barns with their various displays.

The visitors were very impressed with Santa's Workshop; the comment was made "It is just like walking into a movie set". New this year was the Christmas tree sales by the Ingersoll Minor Hockey, they sold out and could have sold more as we had several inquiries at the museum, a welcome addition to the site. Congratulations to Lenore Capern and her staff for another job well done.

The Alexandra Hospital has requested a display area in the museum this season to celebrate 100 years of service to the community. The Committee has already given our approval we will be working closely with them to help make their exhibit a success. We will also be working with the Black Museum Committee to assist them in setting up a display to promote the Black History in Ingersoll and Oxford County.

This is the year we ask for applications for induction of local sport celebrities into our Sports Hall of Fame. The deadline for entries is February 27, with information and application forms available from the Town Centre, Public Library and VPCC.

Starting this month and throughout the winter months the Museum Advisory Committee will be meeting on a regular basis to continue formulating our Strategic Plan for the operation and expansion of the museum facilities in 2009 and beyond and will keep council informed of our progress.

The only negative part of this report is that the museum road sign fell victim to one of the wind storms in December. Arrangements have been made for the necessary repairs and they should be completed the week of January 12th depending on the weather.

Respectfully,  
Jon Bowman  
Chairman,  
Ingersoll Cheese and Agricultural Museum Advisory Committee

*The Past Giveth Light to the Future*



Popular again this year



The eavestrough came down with the snow

