



INGERSOLL CHEESE & AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

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Members of Ingersoll Town Council

The Committee held a very productive meeting on February 3rd with the following results.

One of the major displays this year will be the construction of a railway exhibit commemorating the importance of the rail lines to the development of our town. Construction of this display had already begun. This year also marks the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain which could be featured in the Military Display. The Ingersoll Pipe Band has been contacted with the possibility of setting up display commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the band, the oldest military pipe band in North America.

A Black History exhibit from Parks Canada will be featured in the Community Museum from May to June.

The creation and production of large display panels depicting the various operations of farming from soil preparation, seeding through to the harvest in the fall and possible depiction of winter ice harvesting. These will be featured in both the North and Sherbrooke Barns with the appropriate equipment and will be a welcome addition to our displays. Some of the other displays to be featured this year will be tile making, maple syrup production, some of the tools used in the Ingersoll Pork Processing Plant (which was at one time the largest in North America), and our collection of Noxon Machinery and the history of the Noxon Plant.

The Committee suggested that an area in the front gallery (wood carving area) be left open to accommodate workshops and the possibility of having speakers speaking on the history of the area, this has met with success in other museums. We will be hosting a EON workshop in April using that area.

It was suggested that we do more promotion of the museum, by advertising the special events on Rogers Cable, Newspaper Community Calendar and working with the Town for radio advertising, producing a Museum Newsletter and entering a Museum Float for the Thamesford and Embro parades to name a few.

Future Projects:

1. the Museum will be participating with the other museums in the EON group by providing and manning a display at the International Plowing Match in September of this year.
2. the need to find alternate lighting as incandescent bulbs will not be manufactured after 2011
3. heating and air conditioning needs to be upgraded as the east part of the museum is not up to museum standards of temperature and humidity control. (see attached logs) - immediate
4. major repair to Community Museum roof as it leaks under snow load (funded) - immediate
5. repairs to the North Barn roof, roof leaking around the fiberglass panels, and the need to have a basic power supply for the barn. - 2010
6. balance of roofs need repainting (funded?) - 2010
7. heating system in Sports Hall of Fame needs to be upgraded, Ernie Wilson during his visit in January expressed some concern about bottom of boat drying out and cracking - 2010/2011
8. large vats in the Cheese Factory need to be scraped and repainted and machinery revamped to look operational 2010/2011

The Past Giveth Light to the Future

9. the Kirwin family has offered us the barn situated on their property, the only cost to us would be relocating the structure to the Museum site and upgrading for much needed storage and display. - 2011/2012. The barn needs to be stabilized with minor roof repair. - immediate
10. the years 2012 -2015 is the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812, this area was touched by that war and a documentary in conjunction with PBS, is planned on the little known facts of the war and it is a project the Museum could be involved in. - 2011
11. some historical sites and museums are planning Peace Gardens to commemorate 200 years of peace between Canada and the U.S.A., something we could implement possibly with the Community in Blooms Committee.
12. the gradual restoration of the agricultural equipment we have in our possession - on going

To assist in funding, the Committee has proposed setting up of a "Friend of the Museum" membership with the following categories - Student/Senior, Individual, Family, Group, Corporate. They would receive a charitable tax receipt and a quarterly Newsletter.

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

EAST COMMUNITY MUSEUM - STORAGE AREA

Humidity & Temperature Control Readings

	DATE	HUMIDITY	TEMPERATURE	STAFF INITIALS
	NOV 28/2004	41%	66°F	J.B.
	DEC 12/2004	41%	66°F	J.B.
	DEC 27/2004	38%	60°F	J.B.
OUTSIDE COLD →	JAN 3/10	38%	55°F	J.B.
COLD →	JAN 10/10	38%	54°F	J.B.
	JAN 17/10	45%	61°F	J.B.
OUTSIDE WARM →	JAN 24/10	44%	61°F	J.B.
OUTSIDE COLD →	JAN 31/10	38%	59°F	J.B.
	FEB 7/10	36%	59°F	J.B.
	FEB 15/10	38%	61°F	J.B.
	FEB 21/10	40%	59°F	J.B.
	FEB 26/10	45%	59°F	J.B.

compare this with the log from the storage room