



STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Stayner Heritage Society Covid Update

A Message From Our President

These past 16 months dealing with the Covid virus are unprecedented for all of us and Heritage has not escaped its voracity either. So many events that we have put on in the past have been shelved, everything from our AGM's, April music concerts, Black history month events (February), Santa Claus parade participation, Remembrance Day tribute event (Presbyterian Church), Remembrance day banner dedication, past musical concerts, etc. Our most involved and arguably our signature event, Canada Day, has now been cancelled twice because of the virus. That event garners needed revenues to run Heritage and it also gave us needed exposure within the community. Covid has been ruthless this past year and a half in cancelling all sorts of activities be it events like ours, sports, restaurant dining, attendance at funerals and weddings etc. I really don't have to go on about the impact of it. Our goal, of course, is to resurrect most of our events again with ample audiences and participation.

As an executive we haven't met in the last 16 months either due to tech issues within our own group, but we're hoping we can meet, maybe outdoors, over the next few months and get the ball rolling again on the things we used to do. On that note, we are still asking for people to donate and

keep their memberships up to date and provide us with cash flow for future endeavours. With reference to our Main Street Remembrance banners, they should be put up again this fall in Stage III. As mentioned; we're not sure about the dedication of those banners and Remembrance Day activities going ahead, only time will tell. We're sure other events will come physically on line when things are opened by the Ontario Government. Our Museum at Station Park will hopefully soon open its doors, but that is up to Doug Ford but we will be getting something together for the Market Place on Thursday evenings.

Our Mission Statement, if indeed we had an official one, would be the maintenance, preservation, and honouring of history in whatever form, buildings, documents or even just the written/oral remembrances of past times. We remember things even if they are raw snippets from our past such as the Residential school catastrophe. We try and dedicate ourselves to that mission and we know we can do more once this Covid scourge has been tamed.

Happy post Canada Day and remember, this country is still the Best in the world which has been proven just a few months.



Jeff Parton, President
Stayner Heritage Society

Veterans Flag Project

The Stayner Heritage Society has held our annual “Remembrance Day Event” for many years to honour our local veterans. We have also produced a “Stayner Heroes” book and DVD. In 2019, with the support of family members, we successfully created memorial flags/banners of local veterans, which were mounted on downtown lamp posts during the months from September until after Remembrance Day.

The banners are double-sided full colour prints on 21 oz. vinyl. The first phase of this project included



26 banners and last year we honoured an additional 12 veterans. The project continues, as we already have sponsorship for another 10 banners. We are also hoping to host a dedication ceremony in September, so please check our website for updates.

We are very appreciative

of the overwhelming support by the families of our veterans, as well as our Chamber of Commerce, Clearview Community Culture and Tourism and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 457.

If you would like to sponsor a flag, or made a financial donation, please contact Tom Scholte (705) 517-5171, Barb Stransky (705) 445-4468 or Myrna Johnson (705)428-2540.

Remembrance Day Breakfast

For the past 10 years, we have held this inspirational event, honouring the men and women of our community who served and continue to serve our country. However, because of the pandemic, our plans for this November are on hold. Please check our website for updates on this special event.



Stayner Heritage Society Museum

We are pleased to announce that we will be open at the Museum this summer during Market hours. Covid rules apply – “a few people at a time with masks”. The Stayner Market will open July 1st from 5:00-8:00pm each Thursday until August 26th.

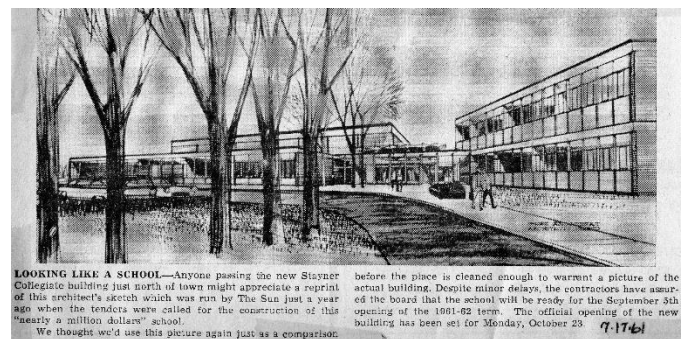
Our area has been given a face lift and we now have access to the back hall as well. We have the Byng School trophy cabinets in our space. These cabinets were built with funds raised from our Byng School 70th Reunion in 1992 and have been housed at Byng until its closure in 2020.

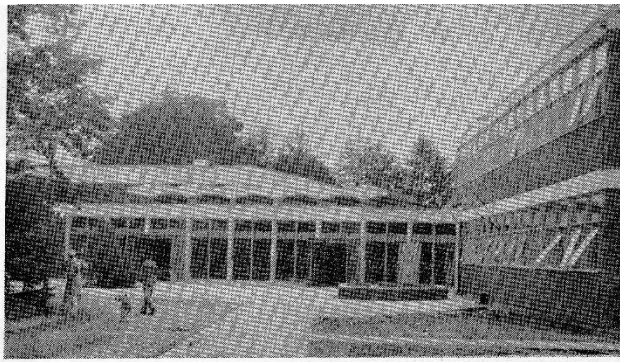
In the back hall area we can now display binders of Stayner Sun information. These binders were put together by Jim & Donna Paul – after going through our collection of the weekly newspapers, dating back to the 1950’s and some earlier.

Come in for a chat, or browse through our binders and take a look at some of our treasures. Check our website for updates.

Do You Remember? Sixty Years Ago!!

The following articles were obtained from our Stayner Sun Binder Collection held at the Museum. Thanks Jim and Donna.





Ready to Welcome
Collegiate Pupils

Workmen at the new Stayner Collegiate Institute are rushing to complete the building for school opening on Tuesday, September 5th. Much of the campus and sports field will not be made use of this year, however, as the land has been seeded in grass. Shown here is the main entrance with the south wing on the right. 8-31-61 —Photo by Walter Clemence

Stayner collegiate open

A. N. Murch, Principal of the new Stayner Collegiate, says that 313 students between the ages of 13 and 19 reported to the school on Wednesday last week and even though there were 5 rooms and the gymnasium which were unfinished, and which could not be used, the whole school day went off just like clock work.

"We simply explained to the students, when they reported to Collingwood Collegiate on opening day that they were going to have to put up with a certain amount of inconvenience due to the unfinished state of the new building and we asked them to keep away from the unfinished areas in order that the men who were working on the job could complete their work that much sooner. They responded better than a group of adults!"

The registration at the new school is slightly higher than we originally expected, with a fair proportion of students returning to school because it has become obvious that they need more formal education in order to secure desirable positions. The largest class in the school is the Grade XIII class in which there are 40 students. It would appear from this that there will be a great demand for Grade XIII at Stayner Collegiate next year.

On Thursday morning, during the Activity period, there was a brief Assembly held out of doors because the gymnasium was still not completed. The students were addressed by the President of the Student Association, Alex Besse, who called for a vote on the acceptance of the

proposed Constitution printed in the Student Handbook which had been issued to all students on Opening Day.

Copies of the first edition of the Student Newspaper were distributed to all students at the close of the Assembly and it is obvious from reading about their plans and ideas in their newspaper that the Executive of Student Administration Council are really a "live wire" group.

Football practices have been held each afternoon this week and the interest is running high among the 50 boys who are competing for places on the team. Other Student Activities are scheduled to begin next week and we shall be hearing about their progress at a later date.

Stayner Heritage Society Membership

Your ongoing membership support is very important to making our projects possible as we strive to maintain the heritage of our community. Please renew your membership by returning the enclosed form as soon as possible. Thank you.



Newsletter Committee

Tom Scholte, Myrna Johnson, Barb Stransky