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A Message From The President

Hello. Bonjour. Boozhoo.

Accompanying this newsletter are the annual calendar, and this year's issue of Papers & Records. As I am sure you will agree, our staff have done an excellent job with the calendar and the contributions to Papers & Records shed new light on some intriguing aspects of our community's past. In the case of Peter Raffo's article, perhaps even put to rest one of the city's long-standing controversies.

Since the last newsletter, there have been some changes to the Board of Directors. To fill the positions vacated in the summer and early fall, the Board appointed as per our bylaws, long-time members and volunteers Dr. David Ratz and Dale Willis. We wish Karen Waite and Gregary Sanders all the best. In the past few weeks, our Secretary Nicholas Duplessis took a new job in Marathon and resigned. Greg Johnson, recently elected to the City of Thunder Bay's Council, has also resigned. They too will both be missed. The Board has decided to not fill their spots until the Annual General Meeting in March.

All our committees have been regularly meeting and the development of the Society's next five-year strategic plan is well underway. The information gathered during the series of consultations facilitated by Compass Leadership will help guide the Board. The new plan will be presented at this year's Annual General Meeting. The Board has also been undertaking a revision of the Society's Constitution and Bylaws to ensure they are in keeping with changes to Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act and Canada Revenue Agency requirements. These changes will also be brought forward at the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. And remember that a membership or one of our publications always makes a fantastic gift! I look forward to seeing you at the President's Reception on 8 January!

All my best.

Michel S. Beaulieu, PhD President

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Meet The Museum's Newest Staff Members

Welcome Education & Outreach Coordinator, Dannielle Pesheau, and Receptionist, Sunny Baik!



Dannielle is filling this position for the next 15 months and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. She received her Honours Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Studies with a minor in History at York University and then extended her education to receive a Specialized Honours Bachelor of Arts in Art History. She's worked in a variety of historical sites for the City of Toronto, the Toronto Conservation Authority and the Town of York Historical Society. Dannielle then returned to school at Lakehead University and received her Bachelors of Education in the Primary/Junior division. Following this she moved to Alberta where she taught grade one for two years. On returning to Thunder Bay Dannielle began working in various Day Cares in the city. Taking on the role of Education and Outreach Coordinator brings Dannielle back full circle to her original passion of history.

Originally from South Korea, Sunny moved to Thunder Bay in 2017 for school with her two daughters. In 2001 she travelled

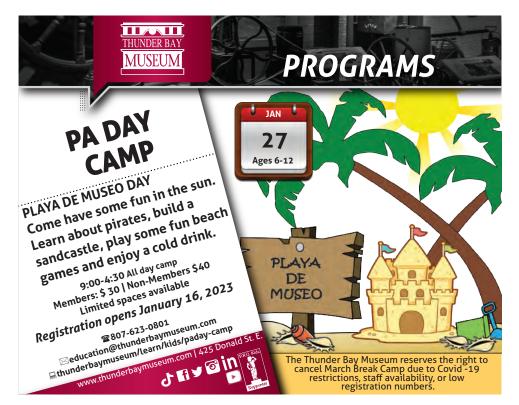
Canada from coast to coast and decided to settle in Thunder Bay because of its welcoming and friendly presence. Prior to working here, Sunny worked as a Guest Experience Expert in the hospitality field and in administration at a hospital in South Korea. She holds a diploma in Travel and Eco-Adventure, and a bachelor's degree in French Literature. In addition, she is a recipient of the Board of Governors' Achievement Award for the School of Business, Hospitality and Media Arts, the Academic Award of Excellence for the Tourism-Travel and Eco-Adventure program in 2020 and was recognized as Employee of the Year at Seoul National University Bundang Hospital in 2004.



Seeking Article Writers

The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society has been proudly publishing *Looking Back* articles in the Chronicle Journal on topics of local historical interest for many decades. This has been made possible through the hard work and dedication of many passionate volunteers. We are currently seeking new volunteers to assist the Society in writing these articles. If you have a passion for history and enjoy writing, please get in touch with the Curator/Archivist Michael deJong for more details. Assistance with research and writing, as well as access to our archives and library are provided.

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Our Newest Board Members Dale Willis *(above)* Dr. David Ratz *(below)*



2023 Winter Exhibits

The Thunder Bay Museum has a slate of exciting exhibits planned for 2023. On now until May 14th is *Art to Pass the Time*, a partnership with the Thunder Bay Military Museum featuring the artwork of POW George Hoegel and other POW artwork from Northwestern Ontario.

Starting in January are two exhibits travelling from North Bay, Ontario: 'Our Guides Were Really Going Places: Nbisiing Guides and the Legacy of Paul Commanda' and 'The Lake Nipissing Beading Project' both described below.



Our exhibit Under the 'scope: Medical History at the Lakehead is slightly delayed from our original target but aims to open in early winter. This exhibit has been co-curated by Lakehead University students Emily Hunt and Haileigh Riddell in partnership with Thunder Bay Museum curatorial staff, and partially funded through the Information and Communications Technology Council: Work Integrated Learning Digital grant.

Our Guides Were Really Going Places: Nbisiing Guides and the Legacy of Paul Commanda

Exhibit available January 13 - April 23

Between 1901 and 1958, guides from the Nbisiing (Nipissing), Omuskego, and Eeyou (James Bay Cree in present-day Ontario and Quebec) Nations led naturalists from the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on 25 expeditions through northern Ontario, Quebec, and Labrador.

The exhibit features stories and photographs of the Indigenous guides (including Paul Commanda) who led the Carnegie Museum

expeditions, honouring their work, and their contributions to science.

This exhibit was developed by the North Bay Museum in partnership with Nipissing First Nation, Dokis First Nation, and Nipissing University.

The Lake Nipissing Beading Project



Exhibit available January 13 - April 23

The Lake Nipissing Beading Project is an arts-based collaboration led by artist Carrie Allison in partnership with Nipissing First Nation, Dokis First Nation, Nipissing University, and the North Bay Museum. The project emerged in response to the challenges of the global pandemic, bringing together folks from Nipissing and Dokis First Nations (along with participants from across Turtle Island) during a time of instability and disconnection.

The result is a 5-metre beaded reimagining of Lake Nipissing and its waterways using 444 individually beaded pieces to show respect and acknowledge the importance of this waterway to those across this continent. The beadwork installation will travel to museums across Northern Ontario from 2022-2023.



The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society

Request for Nominations - 2023

Nominations for positions on the Board of Directors of the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society will be accepted until 12:00 noon, March 28, 2023. Further nominations will be accepted from the floor of the annual general meeting of the Society to be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm, provided the consent of the person nominated is given personally or in writing at the time such additional nominations are made. Candidates and nominators must be valid, current members* of the Society.

Four directors are to be elected for three-year terms.

The following persons continue in office as directors until their term of office expires in March of the years indicated below

2023	2024	2025
Douglas A. Yahn	Christina Wakefield	Michel Beaulieu
Dale Willis	Donna Gilhooly	Frank Gerry
VACANCY	Temitope Moses Ojo	Jenna Kirker
VACANCY	Dr. David Ratz	Dr. George Patterson

Nomination Form

I, ______, nominate ______ for the office of Director of the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society.

Signature of Nominator:

Consent of Nominee: I hereby consent to my nomination for the position of a Director of the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 202___.

First name: _____ Second name: _____ Last name: _____

Address: _____

Signature of nominee: _____

* Note: to have voting privileges at any meeting of members, one's membership must have been acquired at least two weeks prior to the meeting. [bylaw #7, March 28, 1985]