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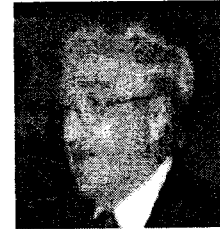
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Greetings from the President...



The Foundation's financial achievements over the past year or so have permitted its Board of Directors to plan ambitious initiatives in furtherance of the Foundation's mandate to "recognize, investigate and preserve the rich archaeological resources to be found throughout Ontario."

The Foundation's "Profile", a comprehensive descriptive document which serves as the basis and primary reference work for both presentations and initiative planning, has been published in Draft form on the Foundation's website and is scheduled for printing in its final form early next year. This project began in late 2003 and led to the initiation in 2004 of work to formulate a Business Plan document which will establish multi-year goals and objectives together with financial commitments and budgets for Foundation activities. We expect this Plan to be in place early next year.

In concert with the development of the Profile and Business Plan, the Foundation engaged a financial consultant for advice on reforming its financial management practices to ensure complete and accurate records, particularly in cost accounting. Subsequently, the Foundation introduced substantial accounting changes and engaged an accounting firm to assist in this continuing process and to prepare a comprehensive financial statement for the 2005 yearend.

The Board, in response to the Foundation's increased workload, also authorized the Executive Director to offer six-month employment contracts to persons (to a maximum of six) considered important to the continuity of the Foundation's activities during the winter months. This is an interim measure while longer-term personnel needs are being evaluated by the Human Resources and Business Plan committees.

Increased membership, heightened public awareness and education and information initiatives are implicit in the Foundation's mandate.

To these ends, the Board joined with the Kingston Association for Archaeology and Mediterranean Studies, sponsored by the Queen's University Department of Classics, to present a lecture September 25 in Watson Hall by Maria A. Liston of the University of Waterloo on forensic archaeology at historic battlefields. This is expected to become an annual lecture series sponsored jointly by the Foundation and KAAMS. On November 1, the Foundation presented the first in its projected series of November lectures; Dr. Jean-Luc Pilon, Curator of Ontario Archaeology at the Canadian Museum of Civilization, recounted his experience and discoveries in Canada's north under his topic: Discover . . . The Tale of Starvation.

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In addition, the Board is planning new activities, including a publishing program, to attract new members and to appeal to existing members. The Board's Public Relations Committee, in consultation with the Membership, Publications and other Board committees, is developing a

communications master plan to ensure effective media and member communications.

As stated earlier, the Foundation's financial success – largely due to its cultural resource management activities – has freed it to imagine and create innovative measures to enhance its role in our society. We welcome this opportunity.

Richard M Borden

Dates to Make Note of...

- ❑ Centre opens for 2006 year January 9, 2006 – *Happy New Year*
- ❑ Foundation *Annual General Meeting* March 28, 2006
- ❑ March Break programming week of March Break, call in February for information
- ❑ Kingston Historical Society and Foundation *joint* meeting April 19, 2006 – Guest speaker, Sue Bazely on the Market Square excavation

Two really hard working students this summer were Abbey Flower who was with us again under the Young Canada Works grant through the Canadian Museum Association. Katie Horn also worked on the 'Can You Dig It?' © Camp with Abbey and Camp Director Sue Bazely. KEYS – Summer Job Service, subsidized Katie's position.

We thank the girls for their hard and well-done work. A special thank you and recognition is given to the agencies that were generous to the Foundation and the 'Can You Dig It?' © Camp.

CHANGES...ARE GOOD!

You may have noticed some of the changes around the facility over the summer months. Some of these changes are most noticeable in the hall exhibit case as you enter the doors.

Anna Peterson, who was our Summer Career Placement, funded by HRSDC, redesigned and reorganized the case. It has a very visible

and well-described section dedicated to the 'Can You Dig It?' © Series. She also painted the borders around the bulletin boards and placed our name on the front entrance doors among other projects.

At the close of summer we wished Anna the best in her new teaching position in Japan. Good luck Anna!

Did you know that Archaeology helps the appetite? No study has ever been done on this but one of our campers during 'Hot Dog Day' ate 5 hot dogs. There were extra... and then there weren't.

Executive Director's Notes...

It has indeed been a busy summer and fall for the Foundation as many of you may well have witnessed by visiting one of the field projects or catching the latest updates in the paper or on the TV news. We were encouraged to have so many visitors at the Centre for our re-opening in April, and especially our first President Carley Wallace and a fourth year "Can You Dig It?" camper Robert Kirby who cut the ribbon together! In the same month we began excavating at the Market Square where we and what we were uncovering were on full view to the public. That project has been a wonderful opportunity in Public Archaeology and we continue to work in co-operation with the City of Kingston to ensure that the story of the Market Square Site is well broadcast. During the major excavations between April and June weekly updates on our progress and findings were posted on the City and our own website. These can still be viewed at www.carf.info. In May and June over 350 students came for booked site tours. We are pursuing funding opportunities to incorporate the Market Square findings into the 19th century exhibit at the KAC and for the production of a virtual tour.



Excavations at Fort Frederick began in May as part of the EMC² (grade 9-12) enrichment program with Queen's University. Thirty-one students from across Ontario participated over a two-week period. Excavations continued through July and August as part of our tenth season of "Can You Dig It?". Our 65 camp participants joined with our summer archaeology students Abbey Flower and Katie Horn to continue uncovering the history and archaeology of Fort Frederick. Thanks to everyone who participated this year especially Abbey, who is now back at university in Newfoundland, Katie who has gone the other way back to the University of British Columbia, and Ross McKenzie, Curator of the RMC Museum

without whose help this partnership would not have flourished.

Our trowels have not sat idle for long through the season, and Nick Gromoff took a crew up to Marmora to work on the early to mid 19th century ironworks in mid-summer. We conducted a series of small projects around RMC including at the Guard House and Porter's Lodge, two of the oldest structures standing from just after the War of 1812! We dug holes for new trees in McBurney Park, to ensure that no burials were disturbed and have been further involved around Fort Frontenac, where the Foundation has its early roots. There will be no hibernating for us this winter with thousands of artifacts to wash and inventory, and reports to write.

I would like to thank all the field and lab crews who worked so hard this year to excavate, record and analyze material from some of Kingston's, make that Canada's, most important archaeological sites. The Market Square (City Hall), RMC and Fort Frontenac are all designated as National Historic Sites of Canada! As Senior Archaeologist I am grateful for the tremendous effort made this year by Associate Archaeologists Nick Gromoff, Rachel Brooks and Michael Berry in conducting Foundation field projects. Michael has recently moved to York, England to continue his education in archaeology at the PhD level. Nick has just received his Master's degree, and Rachel will be starting her MA dissertation in January 2006. Dustin Su our IT guru has also moved on to pursue his music career. Congratulations everyone!

Finally, a belated good bye to Paula Flanagan who was our office administrator for five years. Paula returned home to Nova Scotia this past summer. Welcome to Susan Corbett-Cyr who joined the Foundation in July to manage the Centre and its various activities.

Susan M. Bazely

Digging it for 10 years!!



**Celebrating 10 fabulous years of programming
for children in the Kingston area**

1996 - 2006

**Remember July & August, camp weeks,
Public Day and Parents' Night and more 10th year surprises**

Let's celebrate this milestone in the Foundation's history

A Note of Thanks...

Please take note of these organizations for making our Foundation's Centre better...The Davies Charitable Foundation has kindly given the Centre money to go ahead with the construction of cases that will augment the 19th Century Kingston - Market Square display. We hope to have these cases installed in late spring...before our summer visitors arrive. Thank you Davies Charitable Foundation for making these plans come to fruition.

Earlier in the year the Community Foundation of Greater Kingston was extremely gracious in granting monies to the Foundation to help in the digitization of the many photographs that have been amassed over the years from various projects. This work could not have taken place without the grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Kingston. Thank you to both groups for believing in our organization and the respectable work we perform in Kingston.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 28, 2006

"Heritage Foods"

**Come and sample a variety of legacy fare our forefathers and mothers ate.
The General Meeting for Members and Board of Directors will take place
in the Auditorium of the Kingston Archaeological Centre
All welcome...remember as a member you have the right to come and vote for
Board members or perhaps stand as a Board member yourself.
More information call the Centre at 542-3483**