



Presidents' Report-April 25, 2017

*It is a pleasure to provide you with a report on where we have been and where **we are headed**.*

This past year we have had a great deal of success in all areas of endeavour. It was accomplished through the hard work and dedication of each and every one involved, whether you were on the Board, Executive, a Committee, volunteered at an event or just showed up in support.

- *Our Museum has seen an increase in visitors and donations, and celebrates ten years this summer! We now have a more secure basement storage area. This month a new Museum brochure was introduced, as well as an illustrated map of Charleswoods' Historic Square Mile.*
- *The Schools Program is evolving, collaborating with schools and welcoming 26 teachers on a walking tour/museum visit last week.*
- *Our increasingly popularity Heritage Lecture Series is drawing wider audiences and new members.*
- *Our website continues to develop and effectively showcase our many activities.*
- *We have a new lease for Caron House, renovations are almost complete and this year can visitors can fully tour the house at Doors Open Winnipeg.*
- *Our Social Committee has featured most welcome celebrations and successful fund raisers.*
- *We are successful in our recommendations in naming a high percentage of streets and parks.*
- *To effectively welcome and engage new members we have established a Welcoming Committee and hope to connect new members with others who share similar interests.*
- *This year we re-introduced mini-presentations at our regular meetings.*
- *Financially, we have lived within our means and are well-positioned for a new year.*
- *In the wider Community, we have continued to expand our collaborations and partnerships.*

We also have a plan to look back, take stock, and consider our direction for the future. While the next two months are quite busy, we invite all members to meet on a June, Saturday morning, to renew our ideas and planning on how we can best continue contributing to the Community. In the meantime, what new ideas or enhancement of existing initiatives might you suggest???

This year we celebrate Canada's 150 years and Manitoba's in 2020.

Thank you to all who helped us in this past year!

Snapshot of CHS Committees & Activities

You are cordially invited to check out or attend any committee or activity, to see which are of most interest to you. A good way to start is to visit the Museum on a Saturday. The snapshot below is an overview. You are invited to join committees, volunteer at events, or just show up & attend as you wish.

Social Committee-plans special events, such as, our Annual Pioneer Dinner (Oct.), Pot Luck Dinner (Feb.), Annual Picnic (June), Fund raisers (Applebee's, Rumours, Grey Cup Tickets, Bud Spud & Steak, etc). We also include phoning Members, cards & notices.

Historical (Museum) Committee-Charleswood Museum (Sat. 2-4 pm, special tours & Doors Open Winnipeg), quarterly Library Displays, naming parks & streets after Charleswood residents, monuments, plaques & special events, plus the Schools Program with presentations for local students.

Caron House Committee-assesses needs, plans and applies for grants for restoration & maintenance projects for Caron House, oversees the work, and liaises with our Caretaker Tenant and the City.

Communication Committee-Event publicity, CHS website, contacting members on meetings & activities, booking programs & events, compiling an annual newsletter for the Pioneer Dinner in October.

Membership Committee-builds memberships and welcomes new members.

Grants Committee-applies for project grants, such as, restoration of Caron House, historic monuments and interpretive signs, Schools Program (e.g. historic maps) and other CHS projects.

CHS Website-updated regularly to communicate our mandate, plus showcase events and activities.

Heritage Lecture Series-a special monthly presentation (except Dec., July, Aug.) on historic topics, which is a popular continuation from our 2014 Centennial Year.

Doors Open Winnipeg-CHS opens its' doors at the Museum & Caron House for this annual May event.

As of April 25, 2017-Upcoming Events* include

- May 6-Manitoba Day at the Manitoba Museum-(Saturday)-we have a display booth.
- May 8-7 pm-Heritage Lecture-Sod Hut Pioneers-Presenters: Judy and Bob Stewart
- May-Doors Open Winnipeg-Charleswood Museum, Sat., May 27, Caron House, Sun., May 28
- June 3-International Trails Day (we'll have a display table to support Friends of the Harte Trail)
- June 5-7 pm-Heritage Lecture-Changing Boundaries of Canada-Presenter: Hon. Steven Fletcher
- June 25-CHS Members' Picnic, Caron Park-All Members Welcome!
- June 17-Saturday morning 10-Noon) coffee meeting on future CHS initiatives

**Volunteers are welcome for all events.*

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