

## Charleswood Historical Society Newsletter February 2024



**To our Members and Supporters  
Happy Winter!**

### First Lecture in our 2024 Series: "Archeological Finds in Manitoba"

On Monday, February 5, Ed Fread, Senior Archeologist and Charleswood resident presented "History Under our Feet - Archaeological Projects in Manitoba".

Ed's first project covered work done at the University of Manitoba campus, lands formerly comprising Southwood golf course. The property is directly across the Red River from Riel House. Many artifacts dating back to the 1850's were found, including a shotgun barrel, smoking pipes, blacksmithing tools and Aboriginal artifacts. Several of these were on display at the presentation.

Another project undertaken was initiated with the renovation of the St. Andrew's Lock and Bridge. In all more than 3,000 artifacts, spanning 3,000 years of occupation were found.

Other finds in northern Manitoba included newly-discovered evidence of a "pre-Selkirk Settler" party sent in 1811 from England to prepare the land for the settlers.

Many thanks to Ed for a splendid presentation.

### Upcoming Lectures in our 2024 Series

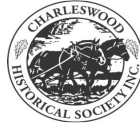
Monday, March 4: Margaret Mills, past Board Member of the Costume Museum of Canada, Charleswood resident, presents "The Way We Wore"

Monday, April 8: Gordon Crossley, curator of the Fort Garry horse Museum, topic TBA

Monday, May 6: John Burchill, Chief of Staff, Winnipeg Police Service, topic TBA

**Don't forget to mark it on your calendar!**

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### Caron House

With Caron House renovations now complete, we are actively looking for new tenants. Major projects and improvements are subcontracted as required.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in this interesting and rewarding opportunity, please feel free to contact Lois Caron at 204 837 3155.

### Charleswood Membership News

Thanks to our members who have bought annual memberships to support our activities and programs continuing into 2024. Many people have renewed so thank you for your continuing support. Memberships can be bought throughout the year. They can be purchased at the Museum on Saturdays, the June picnic, before the Pioneer Dinner, or at the society's programs and meetings.

Single memberships are \$15 and family are \$20. As of December 4, 2023 we have 32 single members and 32 family memberships for a total of 96 paid members. A big welcome to all new CHS families, including Steve Britton, our December presenter on Headingley.

### Grey Cup tickets – a footnote

Our thanks to Patrick Verbaarschott, winner of the 50/50 Grey Cup draw. Patrick generously donated his winnings back to the CHS. Thank you, Patrick!

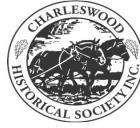
### Charleswood Sign Replacement Update

Councillor Evan Duncan has confirmed a Winnipeg sign company will be refurbishing the sign on Roblin Blvd and hopefully that will start sometime in spring 2024. If the new graphics become available, we will publish them in a future newsletter. Unfortunately, the Historical Society and other local service organizations logos will not be part of the new sign.

### Museum Information Kiosk Update

#### **Thanks to a grant from the Province of Manitoba, we have a new computer kiosk in our museum!**

Visitors to our museum kiosk can now access photos and information not previously available. We have many Collections such as Families, Pioneers, Builders, Churches, Businesses, Schools, Farms, Infrastructure, Events, Religious, and new ones will be added. We expect to acquire more photos from our members to scan and add to the kiosk for others to view.



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### CHS Books

Don't forget to pick up your copy of "Photos & Fragments of Charleswood's History", available at the Charleswood Museum for \$22.00. Perfect for summer-time reading in the back yard or lake! (Printing supported by Evan Duncan – thank you!)

### CHS Mugs

And ... don't forget to drop by the CHS Museum and pick up a unique and colourful CHS mug. Impress your friends and neighbours with the Charleswood images familiar to all. Each mug sells for \$14.99



For museum location and hours: <https://charleswoodhistoricalsociety.ca/chs-upcoming-events/>

### Summary of our December 2023 Lecture: "The History of Headingly in Ten Dates"

Presented by Stephen Britton, Past President of the Headingly Historical Society:

Some of the highlights presented by Stephen included the story of Oliver Gowler and his wife, of Cambridgeshire, England. They left a comfortable life behind them and endured incredible hardships on their journey to Canada, becoming the first European family in what is now Headingly.

Griffith Corbett, a Church of England clergyman, physician and author, is credited with naming Headingly after a town of the same name in the Old Country. His is a fascinating story of early Rupertsland religion and politics, and full of insight into the makings of the Red River colony.

John Taylor, a teacher, arrived in Headingly in 1855 and became a leading citizen. John Norquay, Manitoba's fifth Premier, established the R.M. of Assiniboia. He was the first Indigenous Premier of a Canadian province.

We heard of many good community builders and of the scandalous behavior of others. It was a very enlightening presentation, enjoyed by all. Thank you, Stephen!

### CHS Youtube Videos

A reminder to view a couple of fun and informative Youtube videos featuring Charleswood history:  
The Harte Trail – great outdoors in the city <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWH-TJ6wdBk>  
Charleswood Little Known Facts" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0YKojEE4us>