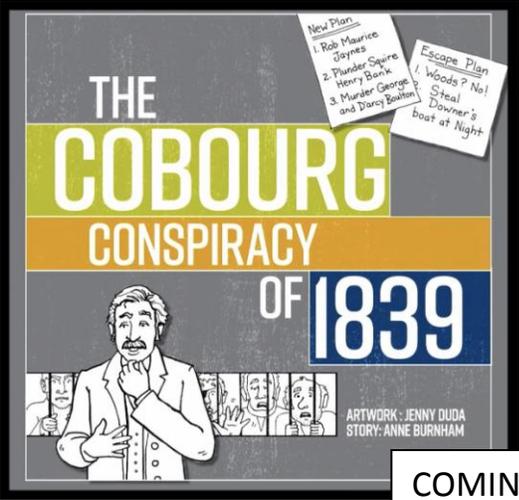
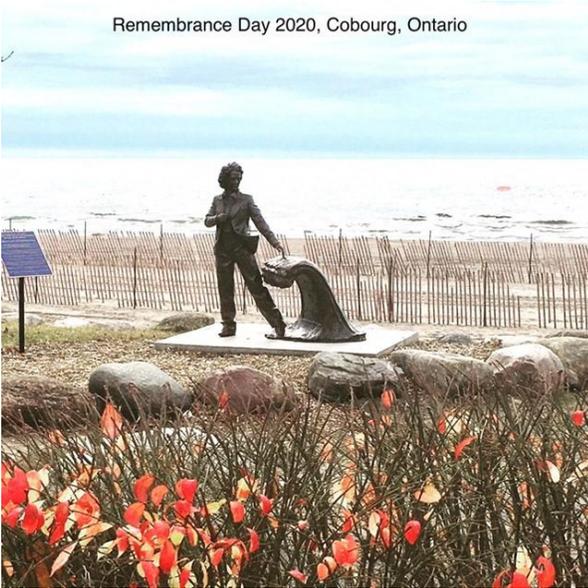


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President's Report 2020

On this my first Annual Report I would like to begin by expressing the heartfelt thanks of all of us to Joan Chalovich for her many years of faithful service. She was there when the Cobourg Museum Foundation was created back in 1999, serving as its President since and continuing today as a Board member and Past President. Where we are today is so very much a reflection of Joan's leadership.

2020 was for all of us a very strange year, and no less for the Museum Foundation. Our days of the Sifton-Cook Heritage Centre being open to the public were severely limited by COVID-19 and this is reflected in the number of visitors (around 350), the reduction of income from visitors and the complete absence of income from fundraising. However, a very much appreciated Federal Heritage Emergency Grant of \$5,000 significantly mitigated that loss of income.

As reported elsewhere, we adapted our exhibits for the shortened season and increased our efforts with videos. The exhibit planned for 2020 has been moved to 2021, subject to ongoing restrictions.

On the personnel side, we welcomed two students, one during the summer and one during the winter, both largely funded through Federal grants with assistance from the Town, which continued to cover our significant municipal tax expense. Your Board of Directors grew with the addition at the last AGM of Janice Mononen and Leona Woods and, more recently, Linda Nash who is serving as Board Secretary. Their contributions are very much appreciated.

In a year when programming was almost non-existent, a major highlight was the rain-diversion project reported on in the Maintenance Report. Our members responded wonderfully so that, together with grants from Canada Cultural Spaces and the Town, this major project was fully funded.

My appreciation also goes to all those, Board members, other volunteers and members in general, who are helping bring our stories to life. We look forward to seeing you soon. And to all those who for one reason or another have been unable to continue just now, take care, keep well, and we hope to see you soon too!

Opening Day remains uncertain. Stay tuned!

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Dunphy

FINANCIAL REPORTS

COBOURG MUSEUM FOUNDATION Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2020

	<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>
Bank and Investments			
Bank			Sunde Education Fund <u>\$10,000.00</u>
General Account	\$28,076.61		
Railway Maintenance Fund	1,400.00		
Sunde Education Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>	\$39,476.61	<u>Equity</u>
Investments			Invested in Capital Assets \$42,501.00
General Account	4,227.04		
Reserve Fund	<u>\$5,820.41</u>	<u>10,047.45</u>	Retained Earnings
Total Bank and Investments		\$49,524.06	Retained from Prior Years \$28,763.22
			Accumulated in 2019 <u>10,760.84</u>
Long-term Assets (at cost)			Total Retained Earnings <u>39,524.06</u>
Buildings	\$32,500.00		Total Equity <u>\$82,025.06</u>
Land	<u>10,001.00</u>		
Total Long-term Assets		<u>42,501.00</u>	
Total Assets		<u><u>\$92,025.06</u></u>	Total Equity and Liabilities <u><u>\$92,025.06</u></u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Stanley Isherwood, Treasurer

Cobourg Museum Foundation

SUNDE STATUE PROJECT

Statement of Income and Expenditures

January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020

Income			
	Public Donations - Receiptable	\$43,025.59	
	Donations - Veterans Affairs Canada	22,500.00	
	Donations - Foundations	45,500.00	
	Donations - Other	4,016.39	
Total Income			\$115,041.98
Expenditures			
	Statue Contract	\$84,750.00	
	Signage - Premanent	4,740.44	
	Unveiling Expenses	6,793.66	
	Promotion	791.00	
	Fundraising Expense	45.44	
	Bank Service Charges	71.24	
	Discount on Sale of Donated Shares	850.20	
	High School Bursaries	5,000.00	
	Ongoing Education Fund	10,000.00	
	Administration	2,000.00	
Total Expenditures			115,041.98
Balance in Project Fund, December 31, 2020			\$0.00
Respectfully submitted			
Stanley Isherwood, Treasurer			

Exhibits and Programming Report 2020

COVID 19 was the most dominant factor in our decisions for 2020. With the evolution of our knowledge of the Corona virus and lessening numbers of those affected, the Board decided to open on July 18. We anticipated much fewer visitors than in 2019, thus we delayed presenting the 2020 theme and went with a retrospective of the previous years. What we did exhibit, were a number of interesting story panels from past years. As we expected, out of town visitors were much less.

From the planned 2020 theme “The Heinous, The Heroic and The High Fliers”, we videotaped some of the stories: Sir John Murray, Letitia Creighton Youmans, The Great Farini, Edward Dodds and the Cobourg Conspiracy – a great production of story-telling, artwork, narration and production quality. (Show at the previous AGM).

All planned special events (speakers, fund raisers, children’s mini circus), where people could gather in numbers, were cancelled.

The 2021 theme, “The Heinous, Heroic and High Fliers”, is a collection of fascinating stories of Northumberland County people. The Heinous: convicted murderer Dr. William King, The Cobourg Conspiracy; The Heroic: Letitia Creighton Youmans, Sir John Murray, Edward Dodds; The High Fliers: The Great Farini, Vincent Massey, Bea Lillie and Katherine Cornell.

Some special events have been tentatively booked for the fall.

As I write this report, we are again in a “stay at home” directive and an opening date for the museum is up in the air. We hope that with vaccination numbers and declining cases we can still open this year with appropriate safety protocols and be able to share these unique stories with you.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Seymour

Membership Report 2020

Members are a very important part of our organization as you help to ensure the continued operation of the Sifton-Cook Heritage Centre and hold all of us, including directors and volunteers, accountable for fulfilling the mandate and goals of the Cobourg Museum Foundation.

At the end of September 2020, the total number of members reached 129 including individuals, families and life Members. Life memberships doubled to 26, largely due to an appeal for funds to finance the installation of the Exhibit Hall's new drainage system..

Members were contacted in early December and also received a hard copy Newsletter with their renewal notice. We continue to keep in touch with members throughout the year via eNewsletter.

Again, thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Dunphy

Volunteers Report 2020

"Without its many volunteers there would be no Cobourg Museum Foundation or Sifton-Cook Heritage Centre. They are its Lifeblood!" (2017 Volunteers Report)

All our staff are volunteers, except for two part time students who were employed during July and August and from November to February 2021. Our volunteers create the Indoor Exhibits each year, lead tours of the Sifton-Cook Heritage Centre, man the outdoor railway, provide administrative support, engage with stakeholders and much more. In 2020 there were 22 active volunteers keeping the Cobourg Museum foundation in operation throughout the year.

But there is much more to be done to keep the organization vibrant. Therefore, we are continually looking for new volunteers. We are particularly interested in someone to act as Treasurer.

If you, or someone you know of, might be interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Dunphy at info@cobourgmuseum.ca

Respectfully submitted
Mary Dunphy

MAINTENANCE REPORT 2020

Roof repair

The Exhibit Hall roof was completed in June with new soffits and fascia boards plus new galvanized gutters and downspouts. With the building quiet due to COVID, and weather favourable, the job was completed quickly and neatly by Neal Pope and Restoration Depot Inc. The wood sections are hemlock, sourced from a Madoc area mill and planed to create the look envisioned in the pre-renovation architectural drawings. The wide galvanized gutter style is heritage looking and has functioned nicely during downpours. We decided to create two dry sinks to direct the runoff into the ground, where it is soaked up. The chimneys were also capped at the roof line.

Thanks also to all the donors, Town of Cobourg and Heritage Canada for their financial support to make this happen. This keeps the “barracks” watertight, preserving it for the future.

Odds and Sods

Minor repairs are ongoing as needed: exhibit hall chinking, painting, repairing chairs, covering drafty windows.

With the tightening up of the barracks exterior with the building repairs and closer communications with our security company, false alarms have decreased.

Thanks to all the helpers for your contributions, gardening, spring cleaning, cutting grass, raking, keeping the train running and more, our property was neat and inviting over its short season.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan Seymour

Fern Blodgett Sunde and the Battle of the Atlantic Statue Report 2020

A small citizen's committee (Stanley Isherwood, Peter Delanty, Catriona Wood, Lynn Hardy, Christopher Barker, Art Seymour, Petra Becker, Laura McCracken Ebbrell, and Leona Woods), in partnership with the Cobourg Museum Foundation, worked for two years to raise funds, and commission and install a statue honouring the courageous trailblazing Cobourg woman who was the first Canadian female wireless radio operator and the first female wireless radio operator to serve deep sea during WWII. She made 78 crossings of the Atlantic aboard a Norwegian merchant ship and paved the way for other young women to serve on such vessels. She lived out her years in Norway raising her daughters in a community much like Cobourg. Stanley Isherwood served as treasurer of the committee, and established connections with Cats Media which helped connect the project to the museum web site, and also produced the souvenir program for the unveiling.

The statue would not have become a reality without the support of the Cobourg Museum Foundation and your contribution is acknowledged on the plaque by the monument as well as in the souvenir program and mention at the unveiling ceremony held October 17, 2020.

The committee received donations above the required \$86,500 needed to cover the cost of the statue and other incidentals and approximately \$10,000 is being held by the Cobourg Museum Foundation to cover additional costs associated with accessibility, and educational materials promoting the story of Fern Blodgett Sunde and her achievements. Leona Woods will be preparing an educational plan, and continue to liaise with the town of Cobourg regarding the maintenance of the statue and the site.

The statue is located in the rock garden at the far east end of Victoria Park on the corner of Paul Currelly Way and Bay Street and is well worth a visit at any time of day and in any season. It is a stunning work of art meant to inform people about Fern's story, to inspire people to pursue their dreams, and to acknowledge the service of the brave men and women who served their country in WWII.

Respectfully submitted,
Leona Woods (Chair, Fern Blodgett Sunde Statue Committee)

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