

The Kingston Historical Society

Annual General Meeting 2018, Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 7:30 p.m.
The Seniors Centre, Kingston, Ontario
Reports of the activities of the Society in 2017

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Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Lou Grimshaw.

2. Period of Remembrance:

A brief period of remembrance was held in honour of Jennifer Bunting, Margaret Burdsall, Robert Clark, David Jackson and of other members who had passed away in the previous year.

3. Approval of the agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda

Moved: Graeme Watson **Seconded:** Warren Everett

Carried

4. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016:

Motion to approve the minutes of the 2016 AGM

Moved: Bruce Cossar **Seconded:** Alan MacLachlan

Carried

5. Business arising from the Annual General Meeting 2016

No new business.

6. President's remarks: L. Grimshaw

Lou commended the active and energetic Council he had the pleasure to work with, and thanked them for their support and hard work. He also thanked members who attended events and showed their support for the Society's endeavours.

7. Reports from Officers, Council and Committees:

a) The President's Report	L. Grimshaw
b) The Secretary's Report	D. Richardson
c) The Awards Committee Report	J. Brites
d) The Editor's Report: <i>Historic Kingston</i> *	M. & V. Letourneau
e) The Editor's Report: <i>Limelight</i>	B. Andrews
f) The Membership Committee Report	P. Van Nest
g) The Murney Tower National Historic Site Committee Report**	G. Watson
h) The Program Committee Report	L. Grimshaw
i) The Publications Committee Report	J. Whiteley
j) The Sir John A. Macdonald June 6 Graveside Ceremony	A. MacLachlan
k) The Strategic Planning Committee Report	M. Letourneau

* The editor is aiming to have the 2016 and 2017 editions ready for distribution this Fall.

**Graeme presented the Connolly painting to members. He also showed the conceptual poster. Members congratulated Graeme for all his hard work in making the Murney Tower the very successful venture that it has been.

Motion to approve the committee reports

Moved: Randall Levi **Seconded:** Tabitha Renaud

Carried

8. Constitutional amendment---Financial

Proposed KHS By-laws amendment, Section XI

RATIONALE:

Pending legislation governing non-profit corporations will set requirements for independent review of the financial records of non-profit corporations. A full audit will only be required for non-profit corporations whose annual revenues exceed \$500,000. For non-profit corporations with lesser annual revenue, the legislation will permit the preparation of financial statements supported by a review engagement report.

For grant purposes, the city audit threshold is \$250,000. The Society's revenue (including the Murney Tower) in 2016 will be in the order of \$65,000.

A full audit is costly and the use of a review engagement report prepared by a licensed public accountant offers considerable savings.

To ensure compliance with the Society's constitution, by-laws, and policies, it is recommended that, in addition, a non-Council member be appointed to review the Society's financial records and report annually to the membership.

Moved that by-law section XI, Auditors be repealed and replaced by XI Financial

1. A review engagement report and financial statements of the Society for the preceding fiscal year shall be presented by the treasurer at the annual general meeting.
2. At each annual general meeting, the members shall appoint a licensed public accounting firm to prepare a review engagement report with financial statements for the members at the next annual general meeting. The accounting firm shall hold office until the next annual general meeting.
3. At each annual general meeting, the members shall appoint a non-Council member to review the financial records of the Society and report to the members at the next annual general meeting on their compliance with the Society's constitution, by-laws and policies.
4. The fiscal year of the Society shall extend from 1 January until December 31.

For reference, the current by-law reads

XI Auditors

1. Audited accounts of the Society for the preceding fiscal year shall be presented by the treasurer to the Annual General Meeting.
2. At each Annual General Meeting, the members shall appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the Society for report to the members at the next Annual General Meeting. The auditor shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting provided that the Council may fill any casual vacancy in the office of the auditor. The remuneration of the auditor shall be fixed by Council.
3. The Fiscal Year of the Society shall extend from 1 January until December 31.

Moved: Paul Van Nest **Seconded:** Alan MacLachlan
Carried

To bring other portions of the by-laws into line, it is further

Moved that by-law V, Meetings, 3 Annual General Meetings section (b) subsection (v) be amended to read

V 3 (b) (v) presentation and consideration of the financial statements for the previous fiscal year.

and

V 3 (b) (viii) appointment of a licensed public accounting firm to prepare a review engagement report with financial statements and a non-Council member to review the financial records of the Society.

Moved: Marc Letourneau **Seconded:** Randall Levi
Carried

9. The Treasurer's report: L. Grimshaw

The recommendation from the floor was to break down "Special events" to show expenses and revenues for each of the Awards event, the Sir John A. dinner, and the Sir John A. graveside ceremony. In addition, it was recommended to have "Meeting expenses" as a line in the budget.

Motion to receive the 2016 Treasurer's Report and the financial statements prepared by Secker, Ross and Perry subject to issues raised at the AGM being addressed.

Moved: Paul Van Nest **Seconded:** Marc Letourneau

Carried

10. Ratification of the business conducted by Council during the operating year 2016

L. Grimshaw

Motion to ratify the business conducted by Council during the operating year 2016

Moved: Randall Levi **Seconded:** Peter Milliken

Carried

11. Appointment of Secker, Ross, Perry: L. Grimshaw

Motion to retain Secker, Ross and Perry to prepare the Society's 2017 financial statements.

Moved: Joe Brites **Seconded:** Pat Busch

Carried

Motion to appoint Warren Everett as a non-Council member to renew the financial records of the Society for 2017, and to report to the members at the 2018 AGM.

Moved: Paul Van Nest **Seconded:** Alan MacLachlan

Carried

12. Constitutional amendment---Council

Proposed KHS By-law amendment, Section II

The Society requires an individual to proactively manage the Society's website. In order to coordinate the Society's activities with the information posted on the website, this individual should be a member of Council.

Moved that the current section II Council 1 (c) of the Society by-laws be deleted and replaced with four appointed Councillors, namely the chair of the Murney Tower Committee, the editor of *Historic Kingston*, the editor of the newsletter and the Society's internet webmaster.

Proposed

II Council

1. The conduct of the affairs of the Society shall be entrusted to a Council constituted as follows:

- a. Five Executive Officers, namely the President,
Vice- President,

Secretary,
Treasurer
Immediate Past-president

b. Seven elected Councillors

c. Four appointed Councillors, namely the chair of the Murney Tower Committee, the editor of *Historic Kingston*, the editor of the newsletter and the Society's internet webmaster.

2. Members of the Council, with the exception of the Past-president and the appointed Councillors, are to be elected annually by the membership of the Society. (Amended 18, April 2007)

Current

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Vice- President,
Secretary,
Treasurer
Immediate Past-president

b. Seven elected Councillors

c. Three appointed Councillors, namely The Chairman of the Murney Tower Committee, the Editor of *Historic Kingston* and the Editor of the newsletter.

2. Members of the Council, with the exception of the Past-president and the appointed Councillors, are to be elected annually by the membership of the Society. (Amended 18, April 2007)

Moved: Anne Richardson **Seconded:** Eva Barnes
Carried

13. Nomination and election of Officers and Council: L. Grimshaw

Peter Gower introduced the slate of candidates for 2017, including those to be appointed by Council at the March meeting.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS---2017

President	Marcus Letourneau
Vice-President	Graeme Watson
Secretary	Don Richardson

Treasurer Peter Ginn
Past President Louis Grimshaw

Elected Councillors Joe Brites
Alan MacLachlan
Tabitha Renaud
Anne Richardson
Marc Shaw
Paul Van Nest
John Whitely

At its March meeting, the Executive will appoint the Chair of the Murney Tower Committee, the Editor of *Historic Kingston*, the Editor of *Limelight*, and the Webmaster.

The names appearing above are people who have agreed to serve on the Kingston Historical Society Council for the 2017-2018 year.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Gower, Chair

Motion to approve the slate of officers for 2017-2018 as submitted by Peter Gower

Moved: Peter Gower **Seconded:** Patricia Busch

Carried

14. New business:

Graveside ceremony: A. MacLachlan: Alan formally announced that after 12 years as MC for the graveside ceremony, Peter Radley was stepping down. Don Richardson will be assuming this role.

15. Closing remarks: L. Grimshaw

Lou thanked members for attending and showing interest in the Society's business.

16. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:40

Moved: Randall Levi

Carried

Special General Meeting, Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 7:30 p.m., The Seniors Centre, Kingston, Ontario

MINUTES

1. Welcome

President Marcus Letourneau welcomed everyone and explained the purpose of the meeting i.e. a follow-up to the February AGM when questions were raised about some elements of the Treasurer's Report. These could not be answered at the time because the treasurer was not present.

2. Adoption of agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda:

Moved: Peter Ginn **Seconded:** Paul Van Nest

Carried

3. Minutes of the 2017 AGM

Marcus explained that these would be presented at the February 2018 AGM.

4. Presentation by Peter Ginn, KHS Treasurer, on the 2016 Treasurer's Report

Peter reviewed the documents which had been presented by Lou Grimshaw at the 2017 AGM in Peter's absence. Peter then spoke to the "Special Events" line in the budget, detailing both expenses and revenues. Regarding "Meeting Expenses", he explained that the chief cost was for the rental of the Seniors Centre for monthly meetings.

5. Questions

Alan MacLachlan asked about the meeting room costs. Peter indicated that the cost per meeting for the Seniors Centre is \$90.00 whereas the cost for the library had been between \$300.00 and \$400.00 per meeting.

Maurice Smith asked if there was any danger of not being able to continue producing *Heritage Kingston*. He was assured that this was not the case. It was also made clear that the Society is committed to producing both *Heritage Kingston* and *Limelight*. Other publications, however, would be carefully scrutinized before their undertaking.

Peter finished by documenting a breakdown in the actual per member costs for the Society. These costs, which surpassed membership fees, demonstrated how much members receive compared to what they actually pay.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:45:

Moved: Peter Gower

Carried

The President's Report---2017

I must begin my report by sincerely thanking all members of the 2017-2018 Council. Without all of the support I have received in my first year as president, I can definitely say the Society would be in a far worse state. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes, and I can definitely say the Council members are an active and energetic group that are critical to making our Society work! I must also thank two departing members, Virginia Létourneau and John Whiteley.

2017 has been a remarkable year. The Society has seen tremendous success at the Murney Tower Museum NHSC (including the hiring of a part-time curator), *Limelight*, and two excellent Sir John A Macdonald events. We have seen an increase in the profile including our recent Motion of Congratulations at Kingston City Council for our 125th Anniversary on January 23, 2018, and a CKWS interview about the Society shortly thereafter. We have also launched a new website and I would encourage everyone to visit it. We are continuing to have issues with *Historic Kingston*, but we are working to address these as quickly as possible.

2018 has all the markings of another excellent year. We have already planning several special events to commemorate our 125th year. We are also hoping to publish all 3 of the outstanding editions of *Historic Kingston* over the next few months. Again, we thank you for your patience. We have already booked an exciting speaker for the upcoming June 6th event, and now have speakers determined for the entire year. In addition, we will also be releasing an anthology of Sir John A. Macdonald speeches and a new 5-year strategic plan in the near future.

I would also like to thank all of the Society's members. Several of you have been frank and direct in your comments to me about things that can and should be changed or improved with the

Society. I can honestly say I have appreciated all of the feedback I have received, and can assure all of you that your comments are considered carefully and seriously. Again, please do not hesitate to let me know of any questions and concerns.

It has sincerely been a pleasure to have been your president over the last year.

Respectfully submitted by

Dr. Marcus R. (Marc) Létourneau, President

The Secretary's Report---2017

During the past year, I prepared the agendas for all the meetings listed below. In addition, I recorded the minutes for regular meetings of Council and then distributed approved minutes to members of Council. I prepared the agendas for both the annual general meeting and the special general meeting, and recorded those minutes. In preparation for the annual general meeting, I assembled reports from members of Council, the minutes of the annual general meeting of 2017 and the minutes of the special general meeting of 2017, and updated lists of donors, sponsors, awards recipients and past presidents for the AGM document. When requested, I provided documentation for grant applications. On occasion, I corresponded through email or standard post with members of the public on behalf of the Society.

Feb. 6, 2017

AGM, Feb. 15, 2017

March 6, 2017

April 6, 2017

May 9, 2017

Special General Meeting, May 17, 2017

Sept. 21, 2017

Oct. 12, 2017

Nov. 9, 2017

Dec. 7, 2017

Respectfully submitted by

Don Richardson, Secretary

The Awards committee Report---2017

On December 6th at the Renaissance Event Venue, The Kingston Historical Society (KHS) presented its annual awards in recognition of those who have contributed to the preservation and interpretation of local history. This year's recipients are Major (Retired) Warren Everett and John Grenville (formally with Parks Canada). Their contributions have enhanced our understanding of the city's rich history.

Over a period of 15 years, Major Everett made significant contributions to the Kingston Historical Society through his various leadership roles. He served on the Kingston Historical Society Council between 1999 and 2014. He served as President from 2000 to 2002, as Past President for an additional 3 years, and also as Chair of the Finance Committee. Along with Professor Brian Osborne, he founded the annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner and presided over the event for the first two years. He was also curator and then director of the Murney Tower Museum between 2002 and 2014.

In addition to his contributions to the Historical Society, Major Everett was co-chair of the first Doors Open Kingston and event chair for the subsequent two years. He was also co-author of the book *The Canadian Militia in Photographs (1860-1910)*. Published in 2013, the book is national in its scope but features a great deal of history related to Kingston & South Eastern Ontario. This includes the 14th Battalion, (The Princess of Wales Own Rifles), the Storrington Rifle Company and A Battery of the Canadian Artillery which was based in Kingston. For the past 5 years, Major Everett has served on the Board of Directors for the Hill 70 Memorial Project. Kingston's 21st Battalion, which was one of the battalions to attack Hill 70, has been recognized both in the project's extensive educational materials and at the memorial in Loos-en-Gohelle, near Lens, France.

John Grenville's contributions to local history have taken many forms including work as an historian, writer and editor in a wide variety of publications. He was chair of the Kingston Historical Society Plaque Committee for *An Illustrated Guide to Monuments, Memorials & Markers in the Kingston Area* with overall responsibility for the publication of the book. He has written several articles on a range of topics related to the history of Kingston in , contributed a chapter on the history of militia and reserve forces for the Frontenac County history and was chair of the editorial board for *County History* with overall responsibility for the publication of the book.

John Grenville was one of the founding organizers for the Kingston Association of Museums, and served as Director of the Kingston Association of Museums, Director and Secretary/Treasurer of the Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada, Director of the Fort Henry Guard Foundation, President of the Lower Burial Ground Restoration Society and served on the Kingston Historical Society Council as Treasurer and Vice-President. He has also been critical to the success of the Jane's Walks in Kingston having acted a Kingston organizer for the event and as a tour leader.

Over the course of his professional career with Parks Canada, John Grenville made significant contributions to the implementation of Parks Canada's Cultural Resource Management policy (CRM). During this time, he worked closely with owners and managers of National Historic Sites in Eastern Ontario and was a founding director of the National Historic Sites Alliance for Ontario. Parks Canada recognized his work twice with its CRM Award of Excellence and also the CEO's Award of Excellence. In 2002, he received the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal.

The Awards Committee has also nominated 4 members of KHS Council for the Ontario Volunteer Service Award. The provincial award recognizes continuous years of service, commitment and dedication to a community based group. The nominees are Betty Andrews, Alan MacLachlan, Don Richardson and Paul Van Nest.

Respectfully submitted by
Joe Brites, Chair, Awards Committee

The Editor's Report, *Historic Kingston*---2017

The 2016, 2017 and 2018 editions of *Historic Kingston* are nearly ready for publication. We continued to face delays with the 2016 and 2017 editions, in part because of the following reasons: 1) Delays in submission of written copies of presentations; 2) a presentation for which a written copy was not submitted, resulting in KHS volunteers completing a write-up, and 3) some papers requiring significant editing to ensure conformity with publication guidelines (despite efforts to provide these guidelines to speakers prior to their presentations). It is expected that the 2016 and 2017 editions will be ready in early 2018, with the 2018 edition available later in the year.

Respectfully submitted by
Virginia Letourneau, Editor, *Historic Kingston*

The Editor's Report, *Limelight*---2017

Limelight is the newsletter of the Kingston Historical Society, published each month except June, July and August. Staples is the printer used; the rates are reasonable and the quality is excellent.

As of September 2017, 80 copies of *Limelight* were printed each month, 69 of which were mailed to the members, sponsors, and institutions choosing to receive a hard copy. 102 members and 15 of the institutional members and sponsors have agreed to receive their copies of *Limelight* by email, saving the Society over \$200 monthly.

Each issue contains information about the Kingston Historical Society, the message from the President, announcements of events of historical interest, the report by the Program Chair on the monthly talk, a Murney Tower article, and the ads of the sponsors. Other columns featured periodically are Dr. Jennifer McKendry’s “Still Standing”, “Museums of Kingston” written by staff of the museum covered, and articles by various contributors on a wide range of topics.

Paul Van Nest offers proof-reading services and prepares the labels for mailing as well as sending the email link to those who receive it by email.

The assistance of all is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted by
Betty Andrews, Editor, *Limelight*

The Membership Report---2017

Recalling that each family membership brings in two members (at least), you must double the number of family memberships to arrive at the total number of members.

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	206	214	227	232	245	223
Members – Individual	71	76	80	83	89	83
Members – Family	47	48	50	52	56	48
Life Members	18	22	23	23	24	24
Student Members	3	2	6	3	2	1
Institutional Members	12	9	9	11	8	9
Sponsors	8	9	9	8	10	10

We had 13 new members this year and lost 19; that is a loss, by this reckoning, of 6. The above totals indicate a loss of 8. I apologize for the discrepancy. Please encourage any friends who share your interest in Kingston’s story to join and help us keep up our membership.

Respectfully submitted by
Paul Van Nest, Chair, Membership

The Murney Tower National Historic Site Report---2017

This year, Murney Tower saw an increase in visitors from last year with visitors coming from all over the country and abroad. The staff and museum committee continued to network and strengthen the tower’s relationships with the Kingston heritage community and other area businesses. For a second year Improbable Escapes rented out the museum to run one of their escape rooms. This partnership helps to draw in new visitors to the tower with some of the escape room participants coming back to visit during operating hours. The museum once again participated in

the K-Pass and Resident's Pass promotion. These partnerships are integral in the plan to make the museum a planned destination, rather than purely a museum of opportunity.

To help celebrate Canada 150, the tower had local artist Don Connolly paint a portrait of the tower that shows it in both 1867 and 2017. The painting was unveiled at the opening day of the museum. Mayor Bryan Paterson and Town Crier, Chris Whyman, also attended the opening day.

As always, First Capital Day was a special day at the tower. Staff was dressed in costume that day and welcomed classes from 3 schools. The museum also welcomed members of the Holy Cross Photography Club. The club was working on a project that documented dance in relation to Kingston's history and heritage. The photographs were published online.

This year the Ontario Museum Association's Annual Conference was held in Kingston. The conference had 2 pre-conference tours and the tower was excited to be the first stop on the "Off the Record" tour. The topic of the tour was renewal and challenges faced by small museums. The participants were given a tour of the tower and the Chair had a chance to talk to them about the renewal of the museum. Representatives from Improbable Escapes were also present to discuss their partnership with the tower. The pre-conference tours were very well received and many people highlighted their time at the tower. As the director, I was able to attend one day of the conference.

This season the staff had great success using social media to attract more visitors to the tower and engage with the public. The summer staff increased the tower's presence by following and interacting with other similar themed museums. These museums include other museums in Martello towers in Canada and abroad and other local museums such as RMC and Fort Henry.

By engaging with these museums digitally it opens the museum up to their followers and spreads awareness of the Tower. The staff once again planned and implemented a social media campaign that runs through-out the year.

On top of using social media for marketing, the museum partnered with KKP Kingston and had rack cards produced using the portrait by Don Connelly. The rack cards were provided to the Tourism Office downtown as well as to other sites both locally and internationally. The Tower also became more active on the sites: Trip Advisor and Google My Business. The staff responded to inquiries and were able to see visitor feedback and respond accordingly.

To celebrate Canada 150, the Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries & Historic Sites held pop-up museums at different sites across Kingston. The museum was able to attend 4 of these events. It was a great opportunity to meet and engage with the public and strengthen the Tower's relationships with other museums in Kingston.

At the end of this season, members of the Fort Henry Guard came to the Tower for a photo shoot. These photographs will be used in promotions and displays for the tower. Local photographer Bernard Clark took the pictures and the pictures.

Thanks to the city's heritage grant, the museum was able to hire contract Curator, Danielle Marshall. Danielle has over 9 years of museum and art gallery experience, and she has been working on a survey of the tower's collection and the exhibition overhaul. This year the tower also welcomed volunteer Charmaine Martel. Charmaine has been assisting Danielle with photographing the collection.

I would like to thank the committee for their support; as a reminder, all Society members have free admission.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chair of the Murney Tower Museum Committee.

Museum Committee

Graeme Watson	Chair
Peter Ginn	Treasurer
Tabitha Renaud	Member
Marcus Letourneau	Member

Staff

Danielle Marshall	Contract curator
Johanna Strong	Chief interpreter
Milong Wang	Interpreter
Joseph Kenny	Interpreter
Robyn Currie	Junior volunteer interpreter

Respectfully submitted by
Graeme Watson, Chair, Murney Tower Committee

The Program Report---2017

The Society's regular monthly meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month (January, February, March, April, May, September, October and November) at the Kingston Seniors' Centre, located at 56 Francis Street, and feature a dynamic guest speaker illuminating some area of local interest. The 2017 program was organized by Lou Grimshaw. Members and guests are encouraged to attend but for those who cannot, the talks will be available in the upcoming volume of *Historic Kingston*. If you are interested in presenting to the Society in the future, or have an idea for a talk, please let me know!

These were the talks that were delivered in 2017:

January 18, Jean Rae Baxter, "The Governor and his Lady"

February 15 (AGM), Graeme Watson, filling in for Don Connolly, who was unable to attend, presenting Don's painting of Murney Tower

March 15, Sue Bazeley, "We all Die Sometime: An Archaeological Perspective on the Lost Cemeteries of Kingston"

April 19, John Grenville, "Blockhouse #5: Rooney Castle and the War of 1812"

May 17, William (Liam) McKone, "The Fenian Movement"

September 20, Lucinda Bray, A Thoroughly Equipped Modern Airport: The Story of the Kingston Municipal Airfield"

October 18, Gesina Laird-Buchanan, "Life-sized Wool Sculptures of Historical Figures"

November 15, Duncan McDowall, "Is There More to Elrond College Than an Ugly Building on Princess Street?"

A fascinating program is likewise planned for 2018 and beyond. We look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully submitted by
Marc Shaw, Chair, Program

The Publications Report---2017

The Kingston Historical Society is collaborating with the Kingston Frontenac Public Library to digitize the indexes to *Historic Kingston* and create a searchable database covering all volumes of *Historic Kingston*. Members will be informed via *Limelight* when the digital index is available on the KFPL website. We are also planning to add journal articles from *Historic Kingston* to the Digital Kingston website after copyright permissions have been obtained.

Sixteen books and one copy of *Historic Kingston* were sold in 2017. The inventory of KHS books, as of

December 2017, is as follows:

3 copies *Sideshow or Main Event: Putting the War of 1812 into Regional Context*
139 copies *Favourite Son? John A. Macdonald and the Voters of Kingston*
87 copies *A Troublesome Birth: The Journal of First Lieutenant Charles Allan Parker*
30 copies *An Illustrated Guide to Monuments and Markers in the Kingston Area*
2 copies *Grenville Park: The First Fifty Years*
57 copies *The City of Kingston Portrait Collection*

Respectfully submitted by
John Whiteley, Chair, Publications

The Sir John A. Macdonald June Graveside Ceremony Report---2017

This past 6 June, 2017, reminded me of Jane Morgan's song "The Day That The rains Came Down"; however the spirits of those who were present for the commemorative service of the death of Sir John A. Macdonald were not dampened as it was moved indoors to Christ Church Cataraqui. Father Blair Peever and his staff rose to the occasion and were most amenable on such short notice. Though seating was cramped, the 49 young voices of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School Choir, under the direction of Ms. Alison Bogle, were marvellous not only singing our national anthem and God Save The Queen but also entertaining the gathering with sundry other Canadian folk songs.

Peter Radley, though he had retired last year, reprised his role as master of Ceremonies with his usual adroitness, alacrity and flexibility. The service began with a bible reading and prayer by Rev. Blair Peever. This year our guest speaker was the Honourable Hugh Segal, O.C. O. Ont. whose address in this sesquicentennial year of confederation was titled "Beyond 150-The Real Sir John". The full text of his address will be found in the 2017 *Historic Kingston*.

Following the traditional laying of wreaths, 14 in all, which included our three levels of government and organizations affiliated with Sir John, the lament was played by the Fort Henry Guard piper concluding with the last Post and Reveille by the bugler from Fort Henry. The benediction was given by Father Blair Peever of Christ Church Cataraqui. We then rose and joined the St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School Choir in the singing of "God Save the Queen".

Following the commemoration, the gathering retired to the foyer of Christ Church and the outside entrance for refreshments and conviviality. We gratefully acknowledge the roles played by Rev. Blair Peever and the staff at Christ Church Cataraqui, the staff of Bellevue House, the Cataraqui Cemetery staff, R.C.M.P. Sgt. Howard and the Fort Henry Guard, all of whom made this ceremony one of colour, pageantry and tradition. We are indebted to Eva and Jack Barnes for being the photographers of the event.

I extend my gratitude to the members of the 6 June Commemorative Service Committee for their dedication and attention to detail which made the event so successful. The members of the committee are: Eva Barnes, Barbara Bonner, Don Richardson, Peter Radley, Brian Osborne, Bob Lemmon, Mark Bennett, Marcus Letourneau, George Muggleton and Craig Boals.

Respectfully submitted by
Alan MacLachlan, Chair, June 6 Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee Report---2107

The work of the strategic planning committee continued throughout 2017. Following a review of the results from the 2016 survey, the committee has held several retreats, and has more recently included the whole of Council in developing the objectives for the KHS. As part of these retreats, a draft mission, vision, and goals have been developed. The next phase of the project will be to finish developing the objectives and presenting the findings to the membership.

Respectfully submitted by

Dr. Marcus R. (Marc) Létourneau

Chair, Strategic Planning Committee

The Web Site Committee Report---2017

In 2017, KHS Council decided to revert to the original web page address of kingstonhistoricalsociety.ca and this also included a complete revision of the page. Brian Chard was hired to complete the work, which went public during December. Thanks to Paul Van Nest for much troubleshooting. We are very pleased with the final result and welcome comments and suggestions for its further improvement.

We have also now a presence on Facebook, and by liking us at <https://www.facebook.com/KHSOntario/> you will receive reminders of meetings, and historically related news at infrequent intervals. We will not overload your inbox!

Respectfully submitted by

Peter Gower, Webmaster

The Treasurer's Report---2017

General Fund operating finances, which includes all but the Murney Tower accounts, ended 2017 with a surplus.

Revenues for the first time were augmented by a grant to cover the costs of the June 6th graveside ceremony,

The costs of professional fees and insurance were split with the Murney Tower reducing costs to the General Account. Expenditure constraints and under-spending on planned activities also occurred. Notable were the costs of printing and distributing two issues of *Historic Kingston* which have been deferred to 2018.

The result of these accounting changes and actions is that the General Account is in surplus for 2017. Council has invested surplus funds in GICs spread over a four-year period to ensure they generate better income and are available when needed.

The Murney Tower enjoyed a very good year financially. Admission revenue was up significantly. Major grants from Young Canada Works, the Canada Summer Jobs Program and the city's heritage grant contributed to the financial success of the tower in 2017, and permitted the hiring of a curator and exhibit renewal work. The tower will face challenges in 2018 with the increase to the minimum wage but is well positioned to absorb them.

The overall financial position is set out in more detail in the Financial Statements prepared by the staff of Secker, Ross & Perry.

Thank you to Warren Everett for reviewing the 2017 financial records for the Society. The following letter confirms that review:

“January 17th, 2018

To: The Members of Kingston Historical Society

I have reviewed the financial records of the Society for 2017 and in my opinion they are in compliance with the Society's constitution, by-laws and policies.

Respectfully submitted

Warren Everett”

The 2017 treasurer's report is, therefore, respectfully submitted by Peter Ginn, Treasurer

Nominations Committee Report

Proposed slate of Council for 2018-19

Executive Officers (all to be re-elected)

President	Warren Everett
Vice-President	Graeme Watson
Secretary	Don Richardson
Treasurer	Peter Ginn
Past President	Marcus Letourneau

Elected Councillors (7)

Joe Brites
Alan MacLachlan
Dr. Duncan McDowell
Tabitha Renaud
Anne Richardson
Marc Shaw
Paul Van Nest

The names appearing above are people who have agreed to serve on the Kingston Historical Society Council for the 2018-2019 year.

Appointed Councillors 4 are to be appointed by Council at its March meeting, comprising:

Chair, Murney Tower Museum Committee

Editor, *Historic Kingston*

Editor, *Limelight* newsletter

Webmaster

Nomination Committee for 2019 (Under By-Law VIII.2)

One (1) member at large elected by the AGM

