

MURNEY NEWS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The third episode of "Cooking with Murney Tower" is now available on [YouTube](#).

[Watch](#) the C&C: Curator and Collections Series, "A Tale of Two Banks."

Read about the archaeology of the Tower and discover the mysteries of our dry ditch [here](#).



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OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

Happy fall from the Murney team! This month was particularly special to us, as it marked the one-year anniversary of Murney News. Our first issue was published in September 2020, and now, twelve issues and 300 subscribers later, we're grateful to have been able to share monthly updates with our community for the past year. Here's to many more!

Now that fall has arrived and the days of summer are behind us, Murney has shut its doors for the 2021 season. And what a season that was! Thanks to our unexpected mid-summer start, we were able to open two days a week for a total of sixteen operating days, and we provided 660 visitors with a safe and educational visit to our tower. The team is now looking ahead to the fall and winter, and we're excited to share everything the staff will get up to in the upcoming months. The museum may be closed for the season, but don't worry - we're not going anywhere!

VISITOR INFORMATION

Murney Tower is now CLOSED for the season.

Stay tuned for announcements regarding our opening next spring.

WEBSITE

You can now find us at www.murneytower.com





MURNEY TOWER'S COLLECTIONS RESEARCH: AN INTERESTING FIND

Murney Tower Museum's one thousand artifacts have many stories to tell – and this summer, Historical Interpreter Alison Dringenberg has been busy digging deeper into the history of our collections. One artifact in particular caught our attention – a small, brown, plastic disc, only 2.6 centimetres in diameter. It was discovered hidden between the pages of our documents – and it turned out to have a long story to tell. This disc was a transportation token from the Kingston Street Railway, Kingston's first-ever, horse-drawn public transit system, inaugurated in 1877. For the complete story, check out "A Token for Your Thoughts: Uncovering the Lost Tracks of Kingston's Transit System," available on our website [here](#). Or you can check out our [virtual exhibit](#), which takes you on a journey through the history of Kingston's transit systems. This story is only the beginning of much research done over the summer, which you can discover under the [Collection Stories](#) section of our website. Happy reading!

CURATOR & COLLECTIONS

This past 2021 season, Murney Tower Museum hosted our very first virtual event! C&C: Curator and Collections was designed by our manager and curator, Simge Erdogan-O'Connor, as a free event for those interested in the museum's collections. Our third session, which took place on September 16, discussed an 1820s banknote from the Upper Bank of Canada, from our General Collection. Through this segment, we were able to tell a story of the social and economic history of Kingston! Each C&C session had between 35-40 participants who engaged with Simge in fruitful discussions on Kingston's history. We are so grateful to all of those who were able to join us, and we look forward to hosting more events like these in the future!



DOORS OPEN 2021

Our little tower was able to open its doors one last time this season thanks to the Doors Open event that ran in Kingston. Several KAM sites collectively opened their doors for free, pre-registered tour groups on September 25 and 26. Doors Open was a great success for Murney Tower, and we had a total of 144 visitors over the course of the week, all of whom were so enthusiastic to learn about Murney! The event was an amazing opportunity to reconnect with the public before officially closing down for the season - and a positive reminder of the impact our site has on the Kingston community. We are looking forward to next season and all of the opportunities it will provide Murney - in the meantime, don't forget to check out our website to stay connected to the museum!



Murney Tower acknowledges with thanks the continued support of the City of Kingston, the Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites, and the Kingston Historical Society.