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Hello everyone,

Our year here at the Murney Tower Museum is off to a booming start. We were selected to receive an Operating Grant from the City of Kingston Heritage Fund (CKHF) to build capacity and continue our operations in 2024. Offered by the City of Kingston and administered by the Kingston and Area Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites (KAM), this important grant provides support for museums, heritage projects, cultural groups, and historical societies in Kingston to promote cultural vitality in our city. We are truly grateful for this opportunity and looking forward to implementing new projects in 2024! Another highlight of the month was the Queen's University Job Fair, which took place on January 23rd on Queen's campus. Our Manager, Simge, and Chair, Liana, were on campus all day as they met with over fifty students and discussed our summer employment opportunities. We are currently looking for **two students** to join our team this summer. Working closely with our manager from the 6th of May through the 2nd of September, our assistants will be in charge of the day-to-day operations of the museum while also gaining invaluable experience and developing skills in all aspects of museum operations. We can't wait to welcome new members into our team this summer and introduce them to you in the future issues.



We have two summer student positions available. Application deadline Go to www.murneytower.com for details.

JOB



GOODBYE, TABITHA

This month Dr. Tabitha Renaud has left her role as Museum Director and Chair to forge a new path in the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum. In her five years with us, Tabitha modernized the museum, shaped our strategic priorities and developed more than fifteen programs for adults, youth and kids. She played a pivotal role during COVID-19, ensuring the continued operations and success of the museum during the pandemic. Under her leadership, we developed a new website, an audio tour, and bilingual exhibitions, and welcomed more than 25,000 people to the tower. We would like to thank Tabitha for everything she has done for the Murney Tower Museum and wish her well in this new chapter. Tabitha, you will dearly be missed!

WELCOME TO TEAM, EVA

Eva Sheahan is a second-year BAH student at Queen’s University studying English Literature and History. Eva works at the Queen’s University Daycare, which allows her to connect with the Kingston families. Eva is passionate about popularizing the museum sector within her community and encouraging the love of history among youth. Working at the Murney Tower Museum as an intern through Queen’s HIST 212 Course will introduce Eva to Canadian history. She is excited to learn more about Kingston’s military and cultural history by working at Kingston’s oldest operating museum. Eva is interested in learning about the role Canadian migration played during the years that the Murney Tower was operating.



WELCOME TO TEAM, ALEXA

Alexa Williams is a third-year BAH student at Queen’s University studying sociology, history, and gender studies. She joined the Murney Tower Museum as a programming assistant through the HIST 212 Experiential Learning Course. Alexa grew up in Barrie, Ontario playing lots of competitive sports. She developed a passion for cooking after becoming a vegetarian three years ago. She has a deep interest in history and is looking forward to developing her knowledge of Kingston and its unique history further during her internship at the Murney Tower Museum. Alexa is also excited about strengthening her writing and research skills at Murney as well as developing interesting, creative, and engaging programs at the museum.