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Neighbours, Friends, Marine and Rail Enthusiasts,

As autumn settles in along the waterfront, we're reflecting on a season full of stories, visitors, and community spirit. To every visitor, volunteer, summer student, and of course to our Curator, Zack, thank you for another wonderful summer season!

The Community Waterfront Heritage Centre has been buzzing with activity, and we invite you to explore what we've been up to - and what's to come - in this month's newsletter. Read on for events happening over the coming weeks and months including spooky walking tours, the return of the Chi-Cheemaun, silent movies and PA day fun.

Starting October 24th, our fall/winter hours will be Fridays from 12pm-4pm and Saturdays from 10am-4pm. Whether you're a longtime supporter or a curious newcomer, we look forward to welcoming you warmly, whether in rain, snow, or shine!

Warm regards,

Nicole Egan, Chairperson

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Waterfront Construction

After over 20 years as an empty lot, it looks like the former site of Black-Clawson Kennedy will not be empty much longer. Construction equipment appeared at the site in September and began clearing the trees that had grown over the last two decades to prepare the land for construction work.

According to plans published by the City of Owen Sound, Hansa Financial & Property Management plan to build 6 four-storey apartment buildings plus an amenities building for residents.

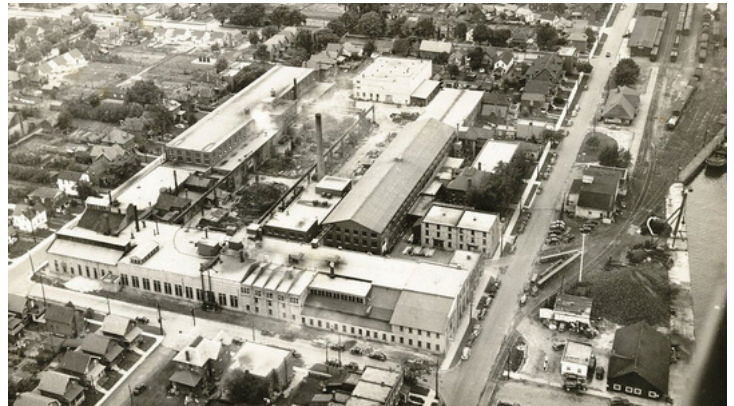
Many long-time residents of Owen Sound remember the days of Black-Clawson Kennedy, or even the foundry's earlier life as Wm. Kennedy & Sons. While the new construction will stray from the lot's previous use, we're excited to see the new development move forward!

Photos

Top: Wm. Kennedy and Sons in the mid 1900s

Middle: Aerial view of the Kennedy's plot, 2023

Bottom: Panorama of the Kennedy's plot after the start of construction



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UPCOMING

EVENTS

Sailors Grave Stories & Great Lakes Ghost Ships

🚢 Spooky stories from the Great Lakes await! Join us at Greenwood Cemetery on October 29 and November 6 for Sailor Grave Stories & Great Lakes Ghost Ships.

🕒 45-minute walking tour starting at the mausoleum

🎫 \$10 | Tickets at the museum or online

👟 Wear comfy shoes and get ready for tales of shipwrecks, captains, and sailors lost to the waves.

Chi-Cheemaun Return

The Chi-Cheemaun is coming back to Owen Sound on October 27th!

🕒 We'll be open from 12pm–5pm to welcome the ferry back into the harbour!

🚢 The 'Big Canoe' is expected to arrive at 4pm

🎫 Entry will be by donation for the day

👏 Join us in greeting this iconic sight back into Owen Sound

PA Days

Join us at the CWHC for the October 24th and November 21st PA Days for magnets and models!

📅 Oct 24: Magnet Painting | Nov 21: Model Building

🕒 10am–4pm

✉ Email info@waterfrontheritage.ca to learn more.

Silent Movie Night

Come to the museum for a classic film!

🕒 November 7 | 6:00pm

🎬 Buster Keaton's "The General"

🎫 Entry by Donation

🍿 Bring your favourite movie snacks or get them at the museum!

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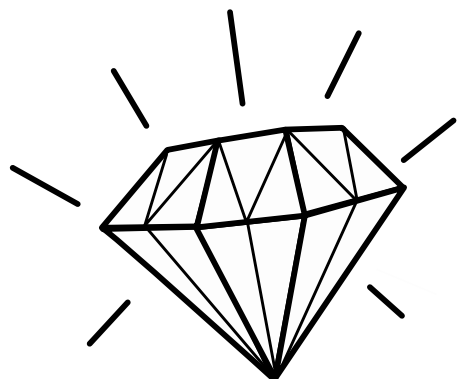
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Hidden Gems

Summer may be over, but there is plenty left to do! Our Curator, Zack, is now hard at work on our "Hidden Gems" project, with the goal of increasing the amount of information we have on some of the under-researched objects in the collection.

Time constraints often result in records for artifacts being relatively sparse. The goal of the Hidden Gems project is to identify items with stories that have yet to be told and feature a range of artifacts that have never been displayed before. We can't wait to show it off once it's ready!

This project is supported by funds from the Community Foundation Grey-Bruce.



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What Do You Want to See this Winter?

As we approach winter, we want to know what you'd like to see at the museum. Are there programs or events you want to see return? Do you have an idea for something new that you think would be a good fit for us? Let us know!

To let us know what you want to have happen over the winter, email info@waterfrontheritage.ca or call 519-371-3333.



Ship Watch

What ship activity have we seen lately?

September 16-19: R/V Sturgeon in the harbour

September 20: Departure of the Oakglen

October 3-5: HMCS Margaret Brooke

Upcoming:

October 27th: Chi-Cheemaun return to Owen Sound



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Thank you!

With the season coming to an end, we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped us accomplish everything we did this year.

Whether you were a volunteer who helped at the front desk, one of our program helpers, a donor, a VIP Member, or you just visited the museum and signed up for the newsletter, Thank You!

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