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The Director's Corner

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you, the friends and supporters of the Discovery North Bay Museum. After several months of transition I am very excited to bring this vibrant museum into 2011 and beyond.

My name is Lindsey Voisin and I am the new Director/Curator of Discovery North Bay. I studied Canadian History and English Literature in the honours program at Trent University followed by a Bachelor of Education from Queen's University. Currently, I am working toward completing my certificate in Museum Studies.

Upon graduating from my B.Ed I actively pursued

opportunities in out-of-classroom education and was very lucky to secure the position of Education and Volunteer Manager at the Diefenbunker, Canada's Cold War Museum outside of Ottawa.

I spent a great deal of my childhood in North Bay and am fortunate to still have family in town.

I love to travel, learn about new cultures, languages and cuisines. I have lived across Canada and travelled across 19 countries but still list North Bay as home. This is the history that has always intrigued me and I look forward to bringing it to life at Discovery North Bay.

My goal for 2011 is to bring a renewed sense

of vitality to Discovery North Bay through educational programming, exhibition renewal, improved volunteer roles and community outreach.

Feel free to stop by and say "hello!"

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Lindsey Voisin, Director/Curator

Special points of interest:

- *Mastodon Sighting in North Bay?*
- *New Faces at Discovery North Bay*
- *What We've Been Up To!*
- *Volunteer Opportunities*
- *March Break Camp*

Chairman's Thoughts for 2011

2010 was a year with some upheaval but it has set us up to move forward much more smoothly in the coming years. 2011 is already shaping up to be an exciting year. The Waterfront Park is really starting to take shape and can

be seen by all. The whole park should be shaped and grassed by the fall of this year. Another exciting event is the arrival of *Ice Age Mammals* from the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa (please read on for more infor-

mation). Jennifer Buell first contacted the Museum of Nature over 2 years ago, but it will, no doubt, be worth the wait. We hope to see many people from North Bay and the area in to see this before it is shipped away on July 17th.

We are also planning another great year for the Heritage Railway and Carousel and the Heritage Gardeners, so stay tuned for lots of upcoming events and programs happening this year.

Best wishes for 2011!

Dr. Rod Johnston,
Chairman of Heritage North Bay

Ice Age Mammals @discoverynorthbay

After waiting more than 2 years I am thrilled to announce that we will be welcoming a new, temporary exhibition. The Canadian Museum of Nature's *Ice Age Mammals* will be opening at Discovery North Bay on February 21, 2011, Family Day!

This highly anticipated exhibition has been praised by past host museums and communities. The staff and Board of Directors of Heritage North Bay are very excited about the programming possibilities and the educational opportunities this will provide the city of North Bay and the surrounding area.

Ice Age Mammals is a highly interactive exhibition that includes dozens of Canadian specimens—many of which can be touched, an audio-visual presentation, interpretive panels, photographs and so much more! Possibly the most exciting element is the full-size cast of a mastodon.

The Discovery North Bay Museum is dedicated to providing diverse educational experiences to our visitors. We are proud to present highly interactive, quality educational opportunities. From February 21 until July 17, 2011, we invite you, your family and friends to discover and experience pre-history thanks to this exhibition.

Nicole Mattenley, our new Director's Assistant, has been actively researching the ice age in order to deliver quality youth and adult programming. In her words, "This is such a huge part of history and one that is largely still unknown. This exhibition will really make the ice age come to life again for North Bay."

The exhibition is enjoying its last few days in Thetford Mines, QC before being crated and making the journey to North Bay. On behalf of the museum staff and Board of Directors I hope to see you at the official opening on February 21, 2011 starting at 1:00PM.



George "Rinaldo" Teichmann, Annie Thérien ©Canadian Museum of Nature



Anthony Scullion © Canadian Museum of Nature

Help Guide Us Through the Ice Age as a Volunteer!

The Discovery North Bay Museum is seeking volunteers to enhance the education and experience of our visitors. These volunteers will work as docents in our new *Ice Age Mammals* exhibition. Ideally, volunteers will be able to commit to one 3-hour shift per week until July 17, 2011 however, any level of commitment would be appreciated. Interpretive training will be provided as well as a reading list for personal research.

Responsibilities will include:

- Guiding groups of various ages
- Answering questions
- Providing customer service and orienting guests

Please contact Lindsey at the museum 705-476-2323 or via email with lindsey.voisin@heritagenorthbay.com for more information.

What We've Been Up To!

Local History Book Night

Oh what a night! On December 10, 2010 we kicked off the holiday season by tipping our hats to the history of our city. Over 80 people came to the museum to hear from two local authors.

Doug Mackey opened the evening by speaking about his latest anthology, *Voices from the Past*, a collection of his favourite *Heritage Perspectives* columns written over the course of his extensive career. The title indicates that this is merely the first in a series so we at Discovery North Bay are excited for the next!

After more than 2 decades out of print, the late Dr. Murray Leather-

dale's famed book *Nipissing from Brûlé to Booth* was also reintroduced to both long-time fans as well as a new and captive audience.

This is the first time the book has been re-printed since Dr. Leatherdale's death in 1984 and his youngest daughter, Luran Larade, spoke on her father's behalf. The new edition features the artwork of Tom Grainger

Thanks to technology, both new and old, the audience was able to listen to Dr. Leatherdale himself speaking about his book and his love for North Bay as Mrs. Larade played a CBC interview from 1975.



Both *Nipissing from Brûlé to Booth* and *Voices from the Past* are available in our Museum Store

Old-Fashioned Downtown Christmas Walk

Freezing rain, blowing snow, frigid temperatures and gusting winds might stop some people from venturing outside but not the citizens of North Bay! No, no! They were out in droves to see the lighting of the Christmas Tree on Main Street and take in the holiday spirit.

Of course, we at Discovery North Bay were ready and waiting with cups of free hot chocolate to warm the fin-



gers of over 300 revelers!

The galleries were open and everyone had a smile on their face!

We would like to thank the amazing volunteers for their commitment without them we wouldn't have been able to make this happen. We'd also like to thank Sobeys for donating hot chocolate and, of course, Do It All Downtown for organizing this event for a 22nd year in a row!

Remembrance Day, 2010

This Remembrance Day was marked with the opening of a temporary display commemorating the life of North Bay's Capt. A.C. Souter. Capt. Souter was a member of the Canadian Railway Corps who tragically died in Arras, France in 1917.

The North Bay Legion was invited to share stories and ask questions. Capt. Doug Newman of CFB North Bay was on hand to demonstrate online data-

bases to learn more about fallen soldiers from World War 1.

Thanks to Tim Hortons for generously donating hot chocolate and Timbits for this event.

Special thanks must also be extended to the Canadian Forces, past and present, for their incredible sacrifices. We hope to see this as an annual event.



New Faces @discoverynorthbay

Nicole

Nicole Mattenley joined the museum in October 2010. She started her tenure with us as a part-time Museum Assistant and thanks to her enthusiasm and credentials was hired on as the Director's Assistant after an extensive competition in November 2010.

Nicole graduated from Nipissing University with honours in 2010. During her Bachelor of Arts Nicole majored in History specializing in the social and political history of contemporary Europe.

Nicole's interest in all things historical has led her to pursue a career in museums. She has been a costumed interpreter at the Saint-Marie-Among-

the-Hurons interpretation site and museum as well as a research assistant for the Institute for Community Studies in Oral History.

Since joining Discovery North Bay Nicole has been active in organizing our museum memberships and creating an organized and workable office space (no simple feat!). She has also been instrumental in several museum events most notably a temporary display and event for Remembrance Day.

In the coming months Nicole will take on educational programming and exhibition research. Her position is funded by the FedNor program through Industry Canada and we at



Nicole Mattenley, Director's Assistant—FedNor Intern

Discovery North Bay thank them for giving us the chance to work with this up and coming museum professional.

Trista

Trista Luxton joined the Discovery team as a part-time Museum Assistant in October 2010. She comes with a wealth of experience in a variety of areas including interpretation, business and marketing. She spent several years as an interpreter for the Timmins Gold Mine Tour and is now the owner of Trista's Trinket's and Boutique on Main Street in North Bay.



Nathan

Nathan Fey came to Discovery North Bay as part of a co-operative education class from Widdifield High School in North Bay. He has spent dozens of hours transcribing interviews for upcoming exhibitions along with working in visitor services and collections management. He is a valued member of the team and will be missed at the end of his placement. Nathan will start the Applied Museum Studies program at Algonquin College in September 2011.

Pat

Pat is a retired teacher and the "ideas maven." She is brimming with enthusiasm and her commitment to DNB is admirable. Like most of our amazing volunteers, Pat is a very busy woman. She spends a great deal of time with the IODE and the Victory Shop. We can all thank Pat for the new window display at the museum!



Tim

Tim is a valued member of our volunteer corps. He is incredibly hardworking and shows his dedication to Discovery North Bay and Heritage North Bay every week. It's because of Tim's attention to detail and commitment to excellence that our museum is so spic and span! Tim is also a member of the Sunshine Gals gardening team

Volunteer Opportunities

The Discovery North Bay Museum could not function without our dedicated team of volunteers. These individuals graciously give their time to work in visitor services, collection management, archives and fundraising.

Currently, we are seeking volunteers to help run our bi-weekly Bingo shift at Blue Sky Bingo. You would be joining other volunteers in a fun-filled, fast-paced environment. Great chance to meet new people! This event is among our largest fundraisers. Responsibilities include:

- Selling Bingo and lottery cards
- Managing and balancing large sums of cash
- Customer service

Shifts are every second Thursday from 10:45-3:30. Ideally volunteers would be able to commit to both but one shift a month following training is appreciated. Recent criminal record check required.

If interested please contact Lindsey Voisin at 705-476-2323 or lindsey.voisin@heritagenorthbay.com



January in the Museum Store

As we move into 2011 let's look at ways to commemorate captured moments from the past...

What better way than with the *Reflections of Our Past* postcard book. This book contains more than a dozen shots of historic North Bay. Take a walk down Main Street of the early-1900s, look at buildings that you'll still be able to find around town even today. This collection sells for \$3.00 in our Museum Store.



Author Eudora Welty once said, "A good snapshot stops a moment from running away." What better way to display the captured moment of a train lover than this 3-window, pewter train shaped picture frame. It can stand on its own or be hung. This frame is \$29.95 in the Museum Store.

March Break Day Camp

Do you know a young child who would like to learn even more about the Ice Age Mammals? Registration is now open for Discovery North Bay's March Break Camp for 2011! Children ages 5-8 are invited to the museum for a fun-filled, 2-day, Ice Age Mammals camp. Campers will learn how the animals lived and where they lived while playing games! This fully-supervised camp will surely fill up fast!

When: March 17-18, 2011 9:00AM-3:00PM

Where: Discovery North Bay Museum

Cost: \$40 for 2 days, after care provided until 4:00PM for \$5

What to Bring?: Nut-free snacks and lunch, outdoor gear

For more information about our camps and to register, please email Lindsey via lindsey.voisin@heritagenorthbay.com or call the museum and ask for Lindsey or Nicole, 705-476-2323. Space is limited!