



Kitimat Museum & Archives

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Saturday, 12 noon to 4 pm
Closed Sundays and Holidays**

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Museum: News for 2022—Plans for 2023 and Beyond

Museum Feasibility Study Begins for a Shared Future Space with the Haisla Nation

The Team led by Senior Heritage Advisor Donald Luxton met with leaders and citizens in two communities the week of May 16. The Team spoke with many including Chief Jasee (Sam Robinson), Elders, Museum members, government staff, and industry representatives. The Team returned to Kitimat in September to provide an update.

On November 17, Executive Director Louise Avery presented the shared facility opportunity with both community Councils and Government staff at CEDI (Community Economic Development Initiative). Opportunities and challenges were shared and next steps were identified.

The following are being considered critical on the way forward:

- Publish the Study and hold presentations on the results.
- Decide on the site. Lot 14 (District land) and Haisla Centre (Haisla land) are under consideration.
- Identify the financial commitment from two governments to provide both capital and operational funding. This initial funding commitment will leverage funds from the private and public sector.
- Name the new shared facility as a new entity. Governance is a 50/50 split between two communities.
- Identify the Steering Committee. This Committee could be the Sub-Committee with CEDI or a separate entity.

- Write and share foundational documents such as a Memorandum of Understanding for mutual respect and cultural safety.
- Create the Master Plan. Find funding to create architectural and engineering plans and a business plan.

Beginning in 2023, these steps could take up to two or more years to complete.

Permanent Exhibition Maintenance

Three panels sharing the history of the paddle-wheel steamer Delta King in Kitimat are now installed. Two new cases (one in Gallery shown, lower left) were also custom-built for the Upstairs Gallery, replacing two old cases that served many years. These cases were donated to the Gitselasu Society, Kitselas Canyon National Historic Site, joining two other cases given before the pandemic.

Artifact labels are now installed for the Haisla heritage collection. A reader rail (at right) of red cedar holds the eulachon harvest tool information. Artifact information is now available for all Haisla artifacts.



Plans for 2023 and Beyond



Angela (middle on right) with Rio Tinto staff during the salvage of artifacts from the Kitimat River estuary.

New Manager, Collections & Programming

A new Manager of Collections & Programming will begin in 2023. After 29 years with the KMA, Angela Eastman has decided to retire. It is a sad moment to say farewell to our constant

companion. We will miss Angela's patience, pragmatism, critical eye, troubleshooting abilities, and generous spirit. She is always willing to find a way around the obstacles, and stay focused and calm at any critical moment. Museum staff hope to welcome someone very similar to fill the position. Thanks Angela for all your years of service!



Horse Sculpture for Heritage Park

Local sculptor Chris Gielens is attaching a horse skeleton to its frame. Progress is slow due to weather. Over the winter months Chris will assemble piece by piece the horse into components to be mounted during dry days. A projected timeline will be identified soon.

The metal sculpture will incorporate artifacts retrieved from the Kitimat River estuary by Angela and Rio Tinto staff in 2019. It will be installed at the Heritage Park, Kitimat Chamber of Commerce beside the stump puller, also retrieved from the estuary.



Temporary Exhibitions Planned

- ♦ Lahonna Rampton: Art—January 13 to February 25
- ♦ Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art: Student Exhibition—March 3 to April 1
- ♦ Gavin Byrne: Abstract Resin Art—April 7 to May 6
- ♦ (To Be Announced)—May 12 to June 10
- ♦ Kitimat Quilter's Guild: Textiles—June 16 to July 22
- ♦ Made By Hand: Art, Photography—July 28 to September 2
- ♦ Skeena Salmon Art Fest: Art—September 8 to October 14
- ♦ Charlotte Philtjens: Art—October 20 to November 18
- ♦ Christmas Artisan Gift Store—November 24 to December 24

Kitimat Hospital Foundation 2023 Calendars
selling at the Museum support Foundation activities. Loads of prizes to be won!



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calendar raffle

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\$100 Gift Card Rosario's Restaurant

FEBRUARY (2 WINNERS)

\$100 Gift Card Dolce Verona

\$50 Gift Card Kitimat Museum & Archives

MARCH

\$100 Gift Card Office Bar & Bistro

APRIL (2 WINNERS)

\$100 Gift Card Mr. Mike's Steakhouse & Bistro

\$100 Gift Card Kitimat Chamber of Commerce

MAY (2 WINNERS)

\$100 Gift Card Hale Kitimat

\$100 Gift Card Chalet Restaurant

JUNE

\$100 Gift Card Tim Hortons

JULY (2 WINNERS)

\$100 Gift Card Canadian Tire

\$100 Gift Card Bradley's Bait & Tackle

AUGUST

\$100 Gift Card Vitality Spa & Clinic

SEPTEMBER

\$100 Gift Card Ella's Cafe

OCTOBER (2 WINNERS)

\$100 Gift Card Shoppers Drug Mart

\$100 Gift Card The Creek Bar & Grill

NOVEMBER

\$100 Gift Card Green Goddess Bath

DECEMBER (3 WINNERS)

\$100 Gift Card Kyle's No Frills

\$50 Gift Card President's Choice

\$50 Gift Card Save On Foods

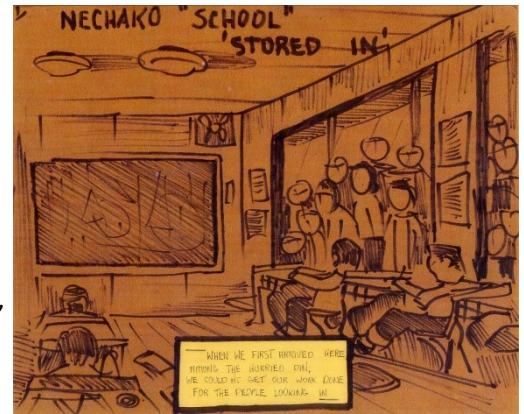
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO EQUIPMENT FOR THE MOUNTAINVIEW LODGE

Recent Acquisitions

Angela Eastman, Programming & Collections

The Kitimat Museum & Archives received a collection of yearbooks, cartoons and a typewritten document on the 'Historical Profile of the Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps #2556 Rocky Mountain Rangers from Arvid Hardin, with notes, photos and correspondence. Arvid grew up in Kitimat and attended the Kitimat School and Mount Elizabeth Secondary School from Grade 7 on to graduation in 1959. He then went on to study at UBC, graduating in 1970 with a PhD from the Faculty of Science. His career was in the oil and gas industry—in surface science / catalysis / oil sands research and development, hydrocarbon processing and upgrading (coal, oil, natural gas) petrochemicals.

Arvid was a member of the Rocky Mountain Rangers and worked with other Kitimat members and former Kitimat teacher and Army Cadet Corps leader E.E. (Bill) Duyvewaardt to create the Historical Profile. The collection of cartoons we received were copies of drawings done by one of Arvid's classmates—Martin Fossum. Arvid writes: "Martin Fossum was a student in our class (Grads 1959). He was a great pianist and artist. (He) went to Paris and worked there for several years. He arrived (in Kitimat) when our classroom was in what became 'Coghlin's Hardware Store' at Nechako Shopping Centre—Spring of 1955 or so. His dad was an RCMP Staff Sergeant. Teacher Bill Duyvewaardt took these drawings in place of his English assignment."



Cartoon by Martin Fossum ca. 1955, depicting the classroom located in the future Coghlin Hardware store. Caption reads: 'When we first arrived here among the hurried din, we couldn't get our work done for the people looking in.' Arvid Hardin fonds KMA No. 2022.18

Maria Knight donated several 1960s Ingot newsletters and a copy of "The Plan That Shaped the Town" Kitimat, British Columbia. Collections Assistant Magda Machula pulled all duplicates and insured the Ingot collection was in date order. Maria received back the duplicates to share with the Senior Centre members and other longtime residents.



YALTHGWAAWIIS' (Francis Williams) MOO-MOO-GA-JOO (Halibut) Pin. Donor: Lyle Wilson. KMA No. 2022.26

Lesley Morrison donated a collection of early Kitimat and area photos given to her by Doris Coombs.

Lyle Wilson added to his significant donation of art pieces gifted to the Kitimat Museum & Archives. The new piece is a small rectangular pendant carved from yew wood, entitled YALTHGWAAWIIS' MOO-MOO-GA-JOO (Francis Williams' Halibut). The

donation is very special to Lyle as it commemorates his very good friend YALTHGWAAWIIS (Francis Williams, 1936-2003) and Francis's first experience fishing for MOO-MOO-GAA-JOO (Halibut.)

Susan Bunn donated a lovely, pink Delta King Days dress worn by her mother Anne Bunn when Anne worked at the Royal Bank in Kitimat. Anne Bunn (1932-2021) was a long-time Museum member and very active in the community. She wore this dress to participate in the 'Delta King Days' celebrations - events that were planned during approximately eleven days preceding and including the Victoria Day/May long weekend in the 1970s. Among the events were a raft race, beer garden, dances, sports and musical events, and a casino. The Delta King Days were launched by MESS students and the Kitimat Kiwanis Club in an effort to involve the entire town.



Delta King Days dress worn by Anne Bunn ca. 1970s. Donor: Susan Bunn KMA No. 2022.27

Christmas at the Kitimat Museum

SHOP LOCAL at the KITIMAT MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

ARTISAN CHRISTMAS GIFT STORE

November 25 to December 24, 2022

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Find original art and unique handmade items created by local artisans. This year get your one-stop shopping done at the Kitimat Museum.

Three weeks before Christmas each year, the Museum hosts crafters in its Upstairs Gallery for browsing and sales to the visiting public. The Museum's Christmas Gift Store has been held since 1998 and is a popular event known for being the place in Kitimat to support local artisans. Featured are a variety of handcrafted items including original art, quilting, and table runners, jewelry, woven scarves, furniture, soap and bath salts, creams, home décor items, cards, knitted wearables and stained glass.



The Gift Store successfully opened on November 25th!

Turnout was high with over 300 people coming in to visit. Hot chocolate was served in the Upstairs Gallery as the original plan to have an outdoor tent was cancelled due to the rain and cold temperatures. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported all the local vendors—all 41 of them! This is the biggest Christmas Gift Store the Museum has held to date. A list of participants can be found on the museum website at <https://www.kitimatmuseum.ca/shop-local-this-christmas>—we also have an accessibility lift to the second floor!

