



Shubenacadie Canal Commission

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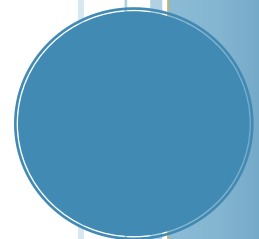
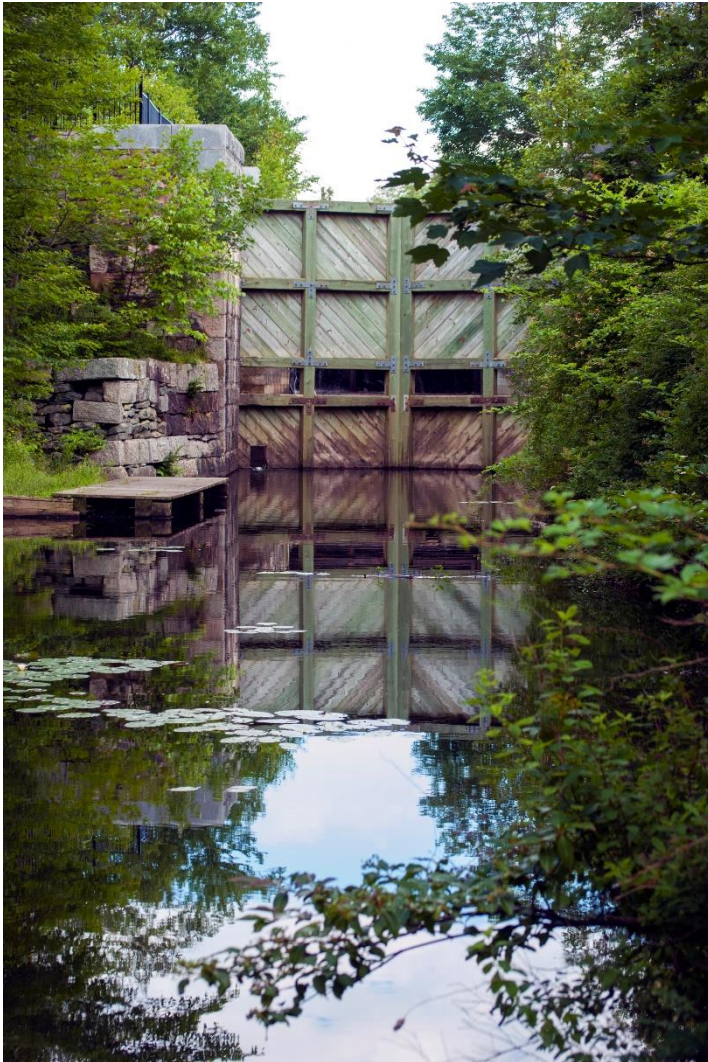


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The Shubenacadie Canal



The largest part of the Shubenacadie Canal system was shaped 12,000 years ago, as the last great Ice Age departed. It left in its wake a remarkable land and river chain that connected the Bay of Fundy with Halifax Harbour. It became a major highway for Nova Scotia's first inhabitants.

In 1797, the Nova Scotia Legislature voted funds to survey the system with the possibility of constructing a trade waterway along the system, but it was not until 1824 that Francis Hall submitted plans and estimates for a canal. Lord Dalhousie, the Governor General of the day, turned the first sod on July 25th, 1826, and started the largest construction project undertaken up to that time in Nova Scotia.

Unfortunately, construction problems and a lack of funds brought a close to the endeavor before its completion and it was not until 1854 that the work could begin again. Seven years later

in 1861, the Canal vessel, the Avery, made the first complete journey from Harbour to Bay, thus officially opening the 115-kilometer-long waterway. The waterway operated until 1871, when the railway restricted usage.

After sitting idle for 114 years, the Province of Nova Scotia realized its heritage potential and the then Minister of Development, The Honorable Roland Thornhill, signed an agreement in 1984 to begin restoration of features of canal system. That work continues today.

Mandate of the Commission



The Shubenacadie Canal Commission (SCC) was created by an act of the Legislature in 1986 (amended in 2007) to:

“Oversee and further promote the Shubenacadie Canal System including the operation of any information or interpretative centers pertaining to or belonging to the Shubenacadie Canal System.”

The SCC consists of a volunteer board of 15 members that are assigned by the

Province, Halifax Regional Municipality, as well representatives from Colchester and East Hants counties.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission is to preserve the historic features of the Shubenacadie Canal and to provide access to the waterway for the education and the enjoyment of the public. In order to achieve its mission, the Commission will pursue the following objectives:

- To carry out stabilization, preservation and restoration work to the locks and associated features including the dams, head ponds and channels.
- To provide for the maximum practical use of the waterway by shallow draft watercraft.
- To provide for the interpretation of sites for visitors.
- To provide park-like settings for residents and tourists.



Reports

Chair Report - Bill McIntyre

The 2017-18 operating year was an eventful one to say the least, combining substantial progress with a sober reflection on the importance of individual contribution and legacy.

In September of 2017, the Shubenacadie Canal Commission Board, Volunteers, and Staff were shocked and saddened at the passing of Doug Brownrigg, P.Eng., who had been such an energetic and committed leader to the Greenway Committee and the ongoing development of the Flume House and Marine Railway historic reproduction in downtown Dartmouth's Starr Park. Doug also served as Vice Chair on the SCC Executive. Doug's leadership and professionalism will be fondly remembered and missed by all of us, and we plan to honour his legacy going forward.

As the 2017-18 operating year of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission (SCC) continued, substantial progress was achieved on major capital projects, improvements, and maintenance and repairs. The General Manager's Report to follow details these developments highlighted by the continuation of the lock, trails, and waterway access repairs, along with necessary building maintenance and improvements. Also included were enhancements to Shubie Park's entranceway along with those at Fairbanks Centre. We were pleased with, and grateful for, the funding partnerships with ACOA and the Province to carry through with these projects. We also wish to thank HRM Councillor Steve Streach for a financial contribution toward the Lock 4 improvements. We would also like to thank HRM Councillor Tony Mancini and Darren Fisher, M.P., for their financial support of the new Shubie Park entrance's mini library.

We would like to particularly recognize our General Manager, Doug Conrad, for developing the strong business cases underscoring the funding applications for the above cited capital projects. He continues to do a great job on project management in seeing these projects through to completion.

Operational stability was assured again in 2017-18 with funding from the Department of Natural Resources, thus enabling the SCC Board, Staff, and Volunteers to further plan and develop historical and recreational projects. This stability also enabled an opportunity to continue efforts toward raising own-source revenues through commercial ventures, meeting space rentals, and product sales, as highlighted in the General Manager's Report. The SCC appreciates the support of the Province, which further signifies their understanding that the canal assets and parklands remain vital recreational, cultural, and historic assets for all Nova Scotians and visitors to the province to enjoy.

Despite the passing of Doug Brownrigg, the Greenway Committee continued its important work on the historic reproduction and interpretation of the Flume House and Marine Railway site at Starr Park. While HRM is the lead on the project, the SCC continues to provide ongoing

historical and technical advice on the project, as well as raise funds for and work with private sector manufacturers and contractors to produce the internal historical reproduction components. We are grateful that Doug Conrad was able to step in as Chair to further the work of the Committee. The Greenway Committee Report provides specific details about progress and further plans for the project and the Committee members whose past and ongoing energies and commitment are bringing this project closer to completion. In addition to the Committee Chair, we want to acknowledge the terrific work of Commission Board Members Mike Hughes and Tim Schaus, as well as Volunteer Members including Alden Killen, Bernie Hart, and Roger Plant. We are also pleased and thankful that the Communications Committee under the leadership of Colin Mason stepped up to help with the raising of donor contributions toward the completion of the remaining historic reproductions.

We were pleased to award Suzanne Roy with the Lockkeeper of the Year Award in recognition of her great contribution to the SCC Executive and service in various capacities, including Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer over her four years with the Commission. Her unique executive-level experience brought to the Commission a much-improved financial management system and greater fiduciary rigor which continues to underscore the confidence the Province of Nova Scotia has in the administration of the SCC.

We continue to appreciate the significant support of HRM in assisting the Commission to fulfill its mandate. We thank HRM Councillors Sam Austin and Tony Mancini for their invaluable assistance in our work with HRM on the Greenway project and the ongoing partnership with HRM in moving that project forward.

During the past year, the SCC's Communications Committee continued under the experienced leadership of Colin Mason. Jakki Brierley-Shorrocks joined the team, adding her vast experience in social media and on-line marketing skills. The Board is very pleased to have regular updates on communications and marketing activities including the success of our on-line activities to promote the canal as indicated by informative performance metrics. Paula Wheaton continues to provide excellent support to that Committee on social media and administration. The Committee Chair's report provides more detail on the past year's activities.

Commissioner Mike Hughes continues to provide volunteer maintenance support on an ongoing basis. His efforts are greatly appreciated. And Bernie Hart, who is recognized as the resident historian for the Commission, continued his ongoing, daily, and totally volunteer efforts as he has for over the past decade. Bernie continued to provide presentations, public tours, school demonstrations and media interviews, all a valuable and much-needed service to the public.

During the year, the SCC welcomed two new Commissioners to the table – Denise Trimm and Robert Shaw. Both individuals, who have been appointed by the Halifax Regional Municipality for the next two years, bring considerable executive experience in administration, fund raising, and the like. The Commission continued to benefit from the excellent skills of our dedicated Commissioners and volunteers, who bring to our board table a variety of valuable experience in the following sectors: legal, engineering, government and business management, public

relations, education, and so forth. As Chair, it is an honour to serve on the Executive with Deborah Windsor, Past Chair and Treasurer and Vishal Bhardwaj, Secretary.

Once again, the SCC began the fiscal year with uncertainty regarding the Province's ongoing support of our Provincial mandate. In the operational plan for 2018-19, the SCC requested an annual funding commitment going forward for a four-year period to achieve a level of stability for planning forward and maintaining staff support for the Commissioners. The SCC will continue to work toward increasing own-source revenue for operations. We continue to remain optimistic that the Government of Nova Scotia continues to recognize the value the Shubenacadie Canal Commission delivers to the Province and its citizens and the dedication of knowledgeable staff. The Government of Nova Scotia and the Minister of Natural Resources can remain confident that the investment they provide is multiplied many-fold in terms of funds raised for capital projects, volunteer hours, and Commissioner dedication. As always, we enjoy and value this continuing partnership.

General Manager's Report – Doug Conrad

During 2017-18, the SCC continued the progress of the previous year on major capital projects. The Maintenance Report section to follow provides highlights and pictorial representations of these details across the range of projects that continued during the past year. These included important repairs and maintenance at Fairbanks Centre, Alderney Centre, the building at Lock 5, structural repairs at Lock 4, and trail and waterway access improvements along the canal route, including those at Lock 6. We were pleased with, and grateful for, the funding partnerships with ACOA and the Province to carry through with these projects.

During the past year, several key maintenance, repair, and improvement projects were undertaken using our budgeted resources along with support from the Province of Nova Scotia through the Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage at both Fairbanks Centre and the Alderney Centre. These included the installation of an accessible door, new meeting space chairs, and the like for the large Meeting Room within Fairbanks Centre. With our partner ACOA, the next phase of repairs and improvements were made along the waterway to promote access to the waterway and trails, such as docks and bridges. Key developments included trail improvements at Lock 6 in East Hants with environmental planning work for a boardwalk through the wetlands there, and a brand-new entrance at Shubie Park incorporating accessibility features, seating, a notice board, and other features. A mini library is now part of the new Shubie Park entrance made possible with the support of HRM Councillor Tony Mancini and MP Darren Fisher. Further details on capital projects are also provided in the Maintenance Report herein.

A significant part of my assignments this year was assuming the Chair left vacant with the sad passing of Doug Brownrigg during October. Doug was both a natural leader and a professional engineer whose contributions will be greatly missed. In transitioning into the role managed so well by Doug, I am grateful to the support of my Committee colleagues. I would single out Mike Hughes and Alden Killen for their support on the details of the reproductions and the important

work of liaising with HRM on the project engineering and construction. While HRM is the lead on the project, the SCC continues to provide ongoing historical and technical advice on the project, as well as raise funds for and work with private sector manufacturers and contractors on producing the internal historical reproduction components. I appreciated the support of my Committee members in continuing progress on the completion of this project. I also appreciated the support of HRM Councillors Tony Mancini and Sam Austin for their invaluable assistance. We continue to benefit from the ongoing partnership with HRM staff including Planning, Building Services, Parks, etc. without whom we could not move forward with this project which also includes the Fairbanks Centre and Shubie Park. We appreciate the investment of time and money by HRM on the reconstruction and associated landscaping. A separate Greenway Committee section is included in the Annual Report that provides details of progress and those who comprise the steering committee.

In addition to the Flume House project, Sperry Design was also retained for further work on the comprehensive interpretive design plan for the Greenway area of Starr Park as part of the historical interpretation repurposing of the area. Following up on Halifax Regional Municipality's encouragement to revisit the plan, the Committee got to work on a longer-term, economical approach to completing the overall interpretive plan for the site to bring back to Sperry for further refinements before presenting the plan to HRM.

Additional fund-raising efforts were put into action under the leadership of Colin Mason and the Communications Committee to finance the production of gears and machinery for the historical reproduction inside the Flume House. It is hoped that these pieces can be installed during the late summer of 2018.

A new commercial partnership was begun in the spring of 2017 with Freedom Canoe and Kayak, adjacent to the Fairbanks Centre. This allows visitors to Shubie Park that are interested in watercraft recreation to take advantage of the opportunity to rent boats and tour the Deep Cut as well as Lake Charles from the vantage point of convenient parking and access to the waterway. This is an important leasing revenue source for the SCC. Also, Lemon Dogs, which operates the café-kiosk on the Fairbanks Centre patio, continued operations for another year. At the end of a successful second season, this business provides beverages and refreshments and a wonderful selection of menu items for visitors to Shubie Park and Fairbanks Centre. Going forward, there are big plans to further develop the food service to establish it as another reason to visit the park. Additionally, Kings Pier completed a second operating season leasing within the Alderney Centre from SCC. The Centre is located near the rapidly developing downtown Dartmouth core at Kings Wharf. Kings Pier retails unique clothing and accessories to shoppers.

SCC continues to advertise extensively on social media and various print media to make the public aware of the facility and the products available for purchase, which acts as another source of revenue, especially with the application of new branding and logos. Paula Wheaton, Office Administrator, and I continue to support the work of the Communications Committee, whose report can be referred to later herein.

The SCC completed year two (of a three-year program) of much-needed improvements to various canal assets, including small docks, buildings, bridge decking, canoe launches, signage and marketing. This partnership with the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency will invest some \$216,000 over the three-year span of the project, with nearly \$73,000 completed in the past year. Details of many of these projects are contained within the Maintenance Report in the following pages.

Maintenance Report

Under a License agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia, the Commission has responsibility for maintenance of provincial lands, buildings and assets along specific areas of the Shubenacadie Canal. For example, as included in this agreement, SCC is responsible for the provincial lands in Shubie Park and for ongoing maintenance of Fairbanks Centre and Alderney Centre. In 2017-18, the Commission carried out regular maintenance on these lands as well as necessary renovations and repairs to the Fairbanks Centre and the Alderney Centre from funds within our budget. Under the ACOA grant, repairs and improvements were made to trails, docks and bridges, and the roof was replaced on the building at Lock 5. A new entrance deck was completed at Shubie Park. HRM refurbished the bridge by the ball field. The main doors at the Fairbanks Center were made accessible with help from CCH. The damaged interpretive signs at Shubie were replaced. Stone that had fallen into Lock 4 was removed and the side walls were restacked. New chairs were purchased for the Avery Room.



East Hants

Trail improvements were made at Lock 6 Park and funding applications were submitted to construct a boardwalk across the wetland. An environmental permit was received.

Lake Williams Trail development

Planning for the connection from Lake Charles to Lake William is being led by SWEPS and WSP with support from SCC, under the River Lake Greenway Trails project which will close many of the trail gaps from Dartmouth to Enfield.

Canal Greenway Report

The Greenway Committee was dealt a significant blow with the sudden passing of the Chair, Doug Brownrigg in September of 2017. Doug was a tireless and committed champion of this historic reproduction project and spent countless volunteer hours planning and negotiating with various stakeholders to see it through to completion. His passion and leadership along with his technical background as a professional engineer was vital to this venture. The project will become a centerpiece of pride for Halifax Regional Municipality, a key part of the HRM's Centre Plan for creating a historic and cultural district in Downtown Dartmouth, and a wonderful public space to be enjoyed by citizens and visitors to the area. SCC plans to place a plaque on the site to honour Doug's efforts.

SCC volunteers continued to work on reproducing the mechanical systems that powered the Inclined Plane. Many hours were spent studying how the system worked, producing detailed drawings, managing the tendering and fabrication of the components, and developing an installation plan. Installation was delayed because of moisture problems in the building. It is expected the mechanical infrastructure will be installed during the late summer of 2018.

The following is a summary of the key components:

- **Steel Turbine:** Fabricated by students and staff at the Akerley NSCC Campus, installed
- **Bevel, Crown and Pinion Gears:** Full size replicas fabricated and ready for installation
- **Cable Drum:** Approx. 12-foot dia., fabricated and ready for installation
- **Bed Plate, Pillow Blocks, Shafts and misc. elements:** fabricated and ready for installation

The site services and landscaping tender was awarded in early 2017. The project includes a timber deck surrounding the Flume House, water, sanitary and electrical services and general landscaping (plantings, grass areas, stone walls, benches and park amenities). The project was partially completed but was paused due to winter, and conflicts with the adjacent Halifax Water daylighting. It is expected to be completed by the end of June 2018.

A key objective of the SCC is to promote the Marine Railway Project and engage the public at every opportunity. Several initiatives were undertaken during the year to help achieve the objective.

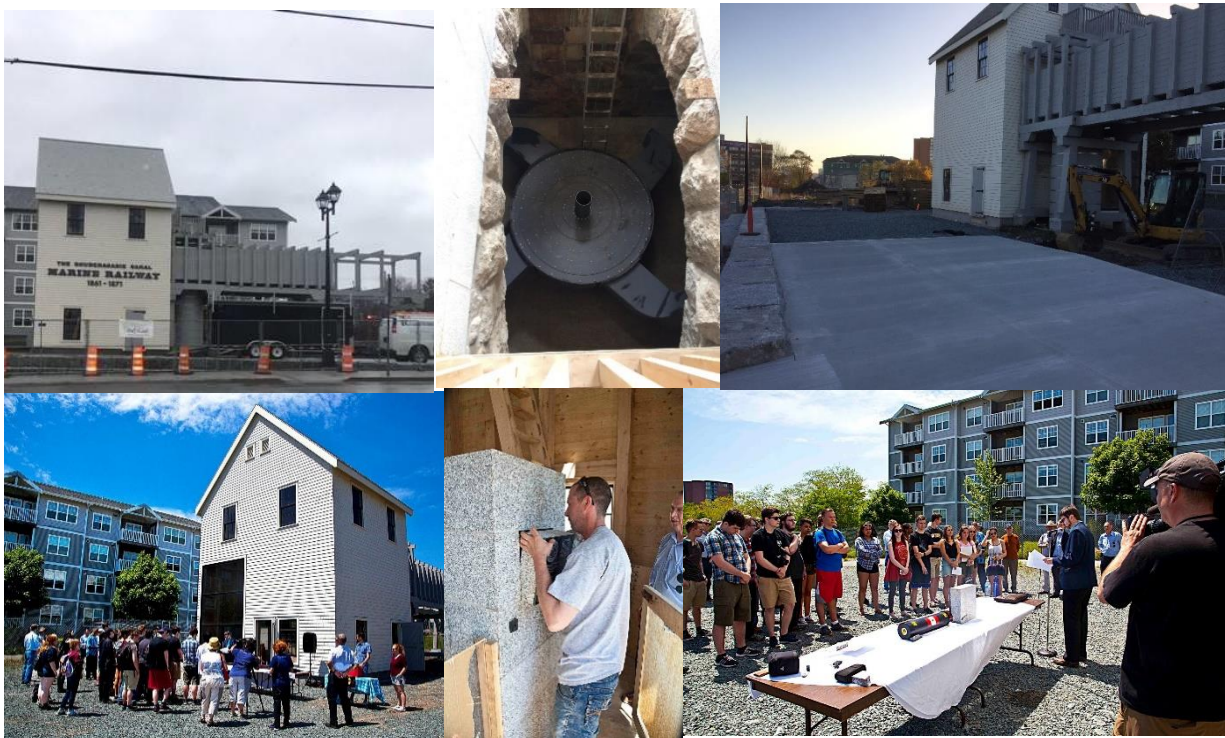
Sperry Design was retained to produce an Interpretive Master Plan which was submitted to HRM. From this document, interpretative panels for the site were produced and installed on the building. An updated version of the plan is under development.

SCC representatives were to present the Project at the World Canal Conference in Syracuse, NY in September 2017, but due to Doug's untimely passing, the trip was cancelled.

Warwick Lambert volunteered to produce an animation of how the Marine Railway worked; the excellent final product, including a voice-over from Allan Billard, has been posted to YouTube. The committee initiated and helped coordinate a Time Capsule installation in the Flume House by Grade 12 students at Dartmouth High School. Planning has begun for an opening ceremony for fall 2018.

The Communications Committee, under the leadership of Colin Mason, has taken the lead on the fundraising effort. The objective is to raise \$30,000 to complete the design and installation of the remaining Flume House interior parts.

Many thanks for the hard work and perseverance of the Canal Greenway Committee: Bernie Hart, Alden Killen, Mike Hughes, Bill McIntyre, Tim Schaus, Doug Conrad, Roger Plant, and Cameron Ells.



Communications Committee Report— Colin Mason

In early 2017, the Committee expanded its membership and capabilities by adding an experienced social media and online marketing volunteer to maintain SCC's inertia in using new media platforms. Current membership of the committee is six, including SCC staff.

2017-2018 was a busy year for the Communications Committee. The group initiated the issuing of a Communications Update, distributed to all Board members and volunteers. This informal internal newsletter replaced the distribution of minutes to the Board, and keeps key internal stakeholders informed of the latest marketing, promotion and publicity generated for the SCC. Included is a brief summation of the month's most popular posts to the social media platforms.

In 2017-2018, some of the key initiatives occupying the Communications Committee are summarized here:

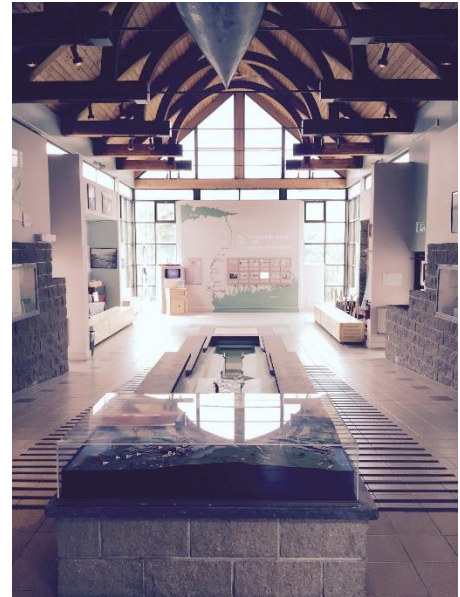
- Recommended that SCC become a member of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, which was finalized in April of 2017.
- Continued to work with the new "Waterway" logo adopted in late 2016, focusing mostly on the various applications and practical use of the logo in signage and interpretive material. A reverse version (white on dark background) was requested of the designer.
- Increased activity and postings on Twitter and Facebook, including the usage of hashtags to promote wider distribution by others. The most popular stories each month are reported in the Update newsletter.
- Introduced the concept of founding a "Friends of Shubie" association, to encourage and reinforce visitation and to generate a potential new source of funding for the Commission.
- Contacted Canada Post with respect to designing and dedicating a postage stamp to the founding of the SCC Canal Commission, on the occasion of its Bicentennial celebration in 2026. The Committee will maintain this liaison and report on progress.
- Posted the newly-made video animation of the Marine Railway workings on the website and used social media postings to encourage visitation.
- Approached the Chamber's Membership coordinator with the idea of offering the Avery facilities to those Chamber members who have no facility of their own for hosting the monthly Chamber Open House events.
- Volunteered to assist the Greenway Committee in a fundraising initiative aimed at finalizing the Flume House re-creation in Starr's Park. That campaign continues through the summer of 2018.

The Committee continues to convene monthly and coordinate its activity in keeping with both the long term strategic plan and the day-to-day communications and marketing issues that impact operations and the growing awareness of the Shubenacadie Canal Waterway amongst key audiences.

A Place to Meet & Explore

The Fairbanks Centre

The Fairbanks Centre has been host to many looking for interpretation of the Shubenacadie Canal. This museum features a working lock replica that helps to show young and old a glimpse of how watercraft made their way through the canal. The facility is available year-round and can be booked for receptions or other special events. The site is shared with Canal locks 2 and 3, making it one of the most historic settings in Dartmouth.



The Avery Room

The Avery Room space can be transformed for many different events, from meetings to receptions, and even a weekly church service. This destination location has made the Avery Room a very favourable venue for repeat bookings.





Guided Tours

Bernie Hart, a seasoned volunteer tour guide, has been providing guided walks and presentations upon request for over 12 years. During walking tours, Bernie provides individuals and groups with the opportunity to identify trees, plants, and birds in areas along the canal locks located in Shubie Park. Along the route, they can see archeological remains where people along the canal had houses, community centers, and built rock walls. The presentation is concluded inside the Fairbanks Centre with a demonstration of how the Locks operate.

School & Community Group Tours

The Shubenacadie Canal Commission continues to offer guided tours and educational programs to community groups and schools. During the Months of May-August 2017 we had summer support from student Gavin MacDonald.



Plant of the week /Animal of the Week

This year, the Commission continued with the Plant of the Week and Animal of the Week educational series in Shubie Park, Dartmouth. Both programs ran from June – August and were promoted online as well as in the community bulletin board.

Merchandise & Product Sales

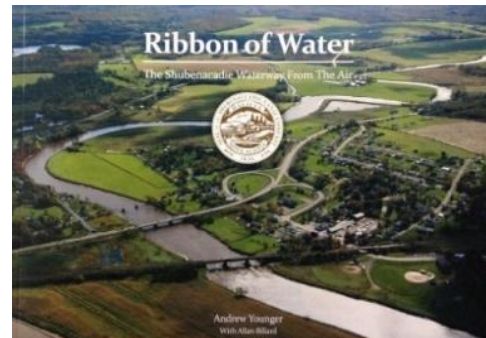
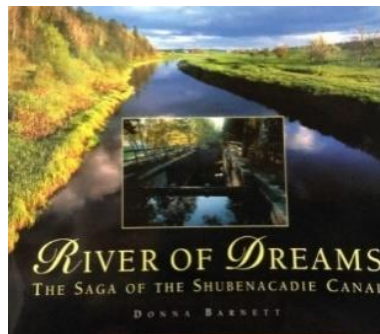


We've added to our Shubenacadie Canal Company t-shirt inventory with some new merchandise featuring our new Yours to Explore Logo. These items include water bottles, t-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts and ball caps. All are available for sale at the Fairbanks Centre or online.

We continue to develop and highlight the Canal Bench Program. Memorial benches are installed along the Canal land and throughout Shubie Park in Dartmouth.



In addition to clothing and benches, the following items can also be purchased in our Fairbanks Centre location or online at <https://www.shubenacadiecanal.ca/shop/>. We carry Shubenacadie Canal and River System maps, two books on the history and landscape along the waterway, "River of Dreams" and "Ribbon of Water".



The Commission partnered with well recognized artist Tom Forestall, in offering his original paintings and reproductions of canal scenes.

Special Events

Switch Program

On June 4, members of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission participated in the Switch Program. We set up a booth where our volunteers were available to explain the historical aspects of the Canal Greenway Project in Dartmouth. The Switch program is a Downtown Dartmouth live event where Portland Street and Prince Albert Road are closed to car traffic and opened for walkers, rollers, cyclists, dancers, and more.

Canoe to the Sea 2017



The annual celebration of the Shubenacadie waterway was spread over three days this year, featuring different parts of the river and highlighting two new paddling access points along the way.

DAY ONE: First was a small event on 17 June to mark the inauguration of the paddle dock in Lantz. This new entry point was created by the Municipality of East Hants in a recently acquired park development right on Green Road. This section of the river has now been designated as an official part of the Trans Canada Trail. Seven paddlers joined in on a rainy morning and paddled to East Milford where they were met by a representative of the Recreation Department from the municipality and a post-event luncheon.

DAY TWO: On Canada Day, the second part of the summer's activities took place, starting at the new dock in East Milford.

Here, the Municipality of East Hants installed the first fully accessible paddle dock in the Province of Nova Scotia. Disabled paddlers can access the site and enter/exit the water with ease.

As noted above, this section of the river is an official part of the Trans Canada Trail, and it made a perfect starting point for the Canada Day 150 paddle to the Village of Shubenacadie.

Twenty eager paddlers, including two guides, braved yet another day of steady rain and followed the current for the



full 7 km. to the established canoe/kayak dock at the Village of Shubenacadie.

DAY THREE - THE MAIN EVENT: Promised better weather, 38 paddlers braved the renowned tidal conditions on the Shubenacadie River and came away with broad smiles on their faces, after a 39 km. paddle all the way to Maitland on the Bay of Fundy.



When you consider the family members and other spectators who came along to watch the fun, there are a lot more folks who now appreciate how beautiful the lower portion of the Shubenacadie Canal and Waterway is and what a pleasure it can be to experience it first-hand, from water level.

The event started in the village of Shubenacadie and was timed to miss any actual incoming wave of tidal water and to ensure that the paddlers experienced the very best that the Shubenacadie River can offer. The weather was cool but partly sunny in the morning, and with such a colourful display kayaks, canoes and safety boats on the water, it was a beautiful scene.

Paddlers were given a briefing on river conditions beforehand by experienced paddlers familiar with the river and then tracked for the whole route by safety boats from Shubenacadie River Runners outfitters. Added to that, several colonies of bald eagles kept a careful eye out enroute.

The biggest concern for the organizers was the provision of enough safety boats to cover the potential rough spots on the river, including Caddell Rapids, Anthony's Nose and a spot of low water just north of the Gosse Bridge. The river is a beautiful place to paddle but at certain tide times extra caution is required to ensure it is a safe and fun experience.



Due to high winds at South Maitland on the lower part of the river, a few of the less experienced paddlers went ashore to be met by a shuttle bus, which took them the rest of the way to Maitland.

Canoe to the Sea 2017 was followed by a luncheon and the awarding of prizes and a few trophies for the happy finishers, including Paul Pilon and Karen Fowler. As it has since 1989, the event provided a high-profile activity for the waterway, plus a very positive experience for the paddlers. Hopefully, the sponsors, including the Shubenacadie Canal Commission, agreed.

Allan Billard
6 September 2017

Running Events and Outdoor Activities

Throughout the year, the Commission supports running events and outdoor activities. The Commission provided groups with access to space in the Fairbanks Centre for registration, designated space in the park, and volunteer staff to assist when needed. In 2017, the Commission supported such activities including events like MEC Annual Shubie Park race, Salvation Army Santa Run, and the annual holiday Tree Lighting. Other activities supported by the Commission include the Nova Scotia Ship Modelers Guild event featuring a Model Boat Sail on the Canal, picnics for local community groups, Canadian Forces training in Shubie Park, and a church plant/bake sale.

HRM Recreation

This year, the HRM offered summer camps during the months of July and August. It was very well-received, and other programs were offered during the winter months through the Adventure Earth Centre. Additionally, in the summer of 2017, the HRM offered free bike borrowing through their Try-a-Ride program in Shubie Park



Commercial Partnerships

As part of its efforts to generate additional revenues to support its operations, the SCC has implemented a few commercial initiatives, in addition to the rental of its board rooms.

Kayak and Canoe Rental



Freedom Canoe and Kayak, a private operator offering rentals of canoes and kayaks for recreational paddling had their first successful season in 2017. The service enables hundreds of locals and tourists to experience the up-close scenic adventure paddle of the Shubie Canal from May to October.

Kings Pier Curated Collections

Kings Pier Curated Collections, a local independent vintage clothing store, continued to operate in the Alderney Center. They offer carefully selected luxury vintage attire and accessories.



Lockside Canteen featuring Lemon Dogs

The Lockside Canteen is located adjacent to the Fairbanks Centre on the Patio in Shubie Park. It is being operated by Lemon Dogs. They offer a variety of items including their uniquely flavoured lemonade, handmade ice pops, hot dogs with gourmet toppings and other snacks.

The Henry Findlay Lock Keeper Award

This award is presented to friends of the Shubenacadie Canal and Waterway who dedicate their time and effort towards improving this provincial heritage resource and its parklands for the enjoyment of all residents and tourists.

This year, Suzanne Roy was presented with the Lock Keeper award. She was recognized for the work she had done as a Commissioner and for her strong commitment to SCC as Treasurer. We are grateful for her leadership and for her extraordinary volunteer commitment.

Earlier recipients of the Lock Keeper award are;

2001	Peter Connor	Long Term Planning
2003	Scott MacKnight	Environmental Design
2005	Ian Bailey	PortoBello Plane Archaeology
2007	Joe MacDonald	Parkland Maintenance
2008	Bob MacDonald	Trail Development
2009	Frank Horne	Heritage Preservation
2011	John O'Connor	Fund Raising
2012	Alden Killen	Marine Railway model and design
2014	Bernie Hart	Long term volunteer and canal historian
2015	Mike Hughes	Long term promotion, maintenance & development
2016	Darren Fisher	Development & ongoing promotion of the Shubenacadie Canal System.
2017	Suzanne Roy	For leadership & extraordinary volunteer commitment



Presentation of Lock Keeper Award to Suzanne Roy by Commission Members

Executive Committee 2017/2018

Bill McIntyre (Province) ~ Chair, Vice-Chair ~ Term expires June 2018
Deborah Windsor (Province) ~ Past Chair, Treasurer, Chair ~ Term expires June 2018
Doug Brownrigg (HRM) ~ Vice Chair ~ sudden passing in September 2017
Timothy Schaus (Province) ~ Secretary ~ Term expires June 2018
Vishal Bhardwaj (Province) ~ Secretary ~ Term expires June 2018

Commissioners 2017/2018

George Clarke (HRM) ~ Term expires November 2018
Michael Hughes (Province) ~ Term expires June 2018
Steve Newton (Province) ~ Term expires June 2018
Joliene Stockley (Province) ~ Term expires June 2018
Colin Mason (HRM) ~ Term expires November 2018
Denise Trim (HRM) ~ Term expires November 30, 2019
Robert Shaw (HRM) ~ Term expires November 30, 2019

Ex-Officio

Matt Parker, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources
Tony Mancini, Halifax Regional Municipal (HRM) Councilor
Sam Austin, Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Councilor

Many thanks, to the Commissioners and Representatives whose term ended during this past year...we appreciate your continued support. It is with heartfelt sorrow that we recognize the contribution of Doug Brownrigg, who was not only a tireless champion of the Greenway project, but also a valued member of the Commission Executive. He is missed deeply.

Volunteer Secretariat

Bernard Hart
Alden Killen
Jeff Weatherhead

Staff

Doug Conrad, General Manager (October 2014 – Present)
Paula Wheaton, Office Manager (September 2014 – Present)
Gavin MacDonald (Summer 2017)

Committees

Communications Committee
Greenway Committee
Heritage
Fundraising

Current Assets/Land Holdings and Management

Halifax Regional Municipality			
Property Known As	Approx. Size	P. I. D.	Registered Owner
Lock 1 Lake Banook	0.75 acres	94474	SCC & HRM
Locks 2 & 3 Shubie Park	55+ acres in 15 parcels	00255505 to 40857898	"The Queen" & DNR
PortoBello Plane	6.3 acres	40128977	SCC & DNR
Lock 4 Lake Fletcher	0.75 acres	00510065	SCC & DNR
	0.06 acres	40645608	DNR
	0.25 acres	40705501	DNR
	200 sq. m.	40705519	DNR
Lock 5 Wellington	14+acres in 8 parcels	00529727 to 40705063	DNR
River Access Hwy #2	0.5 acres	40662744	DNR
Municipality of East Hants			
Property Known As	Approx. Size	P. I. D.	Registered Owner
Lock 6 Horne's Settlement	7.1 acres	45289477	SCC
	2.2 acres	45218260	DNR
Lock 7 Enfield	7 acres	45077401	SCC
Riverbank in Elmsdale	1.5 acres	45151743	SCC

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Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources (NS DNR)
Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)
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