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150 years of history unveiled

BY CINDY WHITE
 Correspondent



Susanne Hilton, a member with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and Heritage Advisory Board, holds a ballot and a turn-of-the-century ballot box at the Vandorf Museum. An exhibit of early government will be on display all summer.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum is inviting the public to take a walk through the township's history with its new exhibit entitled 150 Years of Whitchurch Township Outstanding People and Events.

The exhibit, celebrating the establishment of local and municipal government in Ontario, is confined to a small space in the basement of the main building, but worth a visit nonetheless.

Visitors will learn about early election procedures before the practice of voting by secret ballot and how the term "to be in someone's corner" came about. Curator Dorie Billich says one of the artifacts in the exhibit, a metal ballot box, is not dated — yet.

"We're hoping anyone visiting the exhibit who might know can help us out with that," she said.

Property owners can compare tax bills dating back to 1881, while sports fans will discover the Clippers Sr. B. League's claim to fame.

Go Train commuters will find out just how old those tracks really are and how they brought economic prosperity and growth to the region.

On the more sensational side, visitors can read all about how residents survived Hurricane Hazel in 1954 with many old Tribune photos and news clippings on display.

Photos and news articles also make up the display for the worst fire in Stouffville's history.

The so-called Ratcliffe block at the southeast corner of Main and Market streets where the CIBC now stands, was levelled by the fire in 1971.

Billich says she plans to add bits here and there to the exhibit, particularly Arthur Latham and his many contributions to the area, currently absent from the Outstanding People section of the exhibit featuring the likes of Robert Baldwin and former Stouffville mayor Eldred King.

The exhibit runs throughout the summer Wednesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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