

PORTLAND COMMUNITY HALL BOARD

On Wednesday, April 8th the Portland Community Hall Board celebrated the climax of the Wintario renovations to the hall and the expansion of the Portland Library to include a special children's room.

Speakers for the evening extended many kind words in support of the efforts of the hall board and Portland community, who helped raise \$9,900 of the money required to fund the \$37,540 project.

Reeve Goodson Mattice commended the Hall Board members over the past 3 years for their efforts in raising money and seeing this renovation project completed.

David McBride, Field Consultant for the Ministry of Culture and Recreation extended his congratulations, and also best wishes on behalf of MPP Reuben Baety, Minister of Culture and Recreation.

A letter of congratulations from MPP for Leeds, Robert W. Runciman especially commended the volunteers who contributed their time and energies to ensure the success of this venture.

Diane Haskins, Portland Library Hall Board Member introduced Larry Eshelman, Director of the Eastern Ontario Library Board. Mr. Eshelman spoke highly of the strong efforts to establish the Rideau Lakes Union of Libraries in this area. He encouraged the community to continue to support their local library. On behalf of the Library Board, Mr. Eshelman presented Diane Haskins a set of valued prints of children's story characters to be hung in the Portland Library. A book was also donated by Joan Asquith, a Portland area resident and operator of The Bookery in Ottawa.

Diane Haskins warmly thanked Mr. Eshelman for the gifts. She also recognized the hard work and efforts of the Library members and made special recognition of past Reeve Fred Lake and the support he gave when the Union of Libraries was started.

Ray Gamble, President of R.L. Gamble Ltd. commended the Board on the success of this project for the community and expressed his pleasure at being able to complete the work with local tradesmen during a time of weak employment.

Paul McNamara, on behalf of the Board Chairman John MacDonald, thanked Ray Gamble and his workmen for a good job done and especially for the financial support in ensuring the project was completed within budget.

The traditional ribbon cutting was performed by Reeve Goodson Mattice and David McBride.

In closing, past Reeve Fred Lake extended his congratulations to the Board for a job well done and shared with everyone one of his short stories.

Everyone was then invited to join in the coffee and cookies served by Clara Hall, Claire Myers and Judy Pattinson.

FUNDING FOR PROJECT

Community Recreations Act Grant - \$6,614; Wintario Grant \$15,329; Municipality Funding - \$4,500; Alex J. Graham engineering fee donated - \$1200; Funds raised by Portland Community \$9,897. Total funding - \$37,540.

PEOPLE INVOLVED THROUGHOUT PROJECT

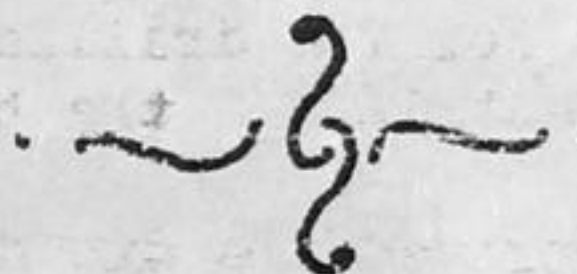
Ross Avery - Chairman of the Board when project started and in progress.
Alex J. Graham - drew up plans for improvements and donated fee which generated \$750. in grant money.
Chet Good - for pushing in 1977 to get the renovations started.
Don Burchill - for the many hours of extra work to keep the hall clean and usable during the construction period.



Diane Haskins, Larry Eschelman, Fred Lake, Judy Pattinson

Don takes a quiet, but thorough interest in the hall, and is always available to take care of bookings and various hall problems.

Clara Hall - for years prior to 1980 very efficiently ran our highly successful Chicken Barbeque. This is our major fund raiser and was essential to fund the renovations. Betty James continue this record of achievement in 1980 Goodson Mattice - for years was Councils rep on the Board and provided strong support when we needed action. John and Lola MacDonald - have been very interested and active in the past year.



Womanliness means only motherhood;
All love begins and ends there-rooms enough,
But, having run the circle, rests at home.
Robert Browning, The Inn Album,
Canto vii.

ELGIN-PORTLAND SCOUTS-CUBS-BEAVERS

The Cub and Beaver Mother or Father Banquet was held in the Portland Community Hall with over 50 in attendance. A member of the O.P.P. gave a talk and showed the film "Safety and Snowmobiles." Lynn Myers did a great job co-ordinating the dinner - thanks!

The local Kub Kar Rally was held March 16, with the trophy donated by Stan Haskin and won by Jeremy Sheldon. Nine out of eleven Cubs attended the Kub Kar Rally in Smiths Falls and three made it to the finals.

Doug Bond reported the Scouts enjoyed the "Survival in Winter" class at Foley Mountain despite the weather - it rained. The Beavers also took a trip to Foley Mountain, to tour the Beaver Pond and the weather was much more co-operative. There was a good turn out of parents and Mr. Barry McQuav did a great job keeping

all entertained as well as informed.

Mr. Paul McNamara has a display of pictures at the Royal Bank in Portland of this event. Come out and see what fun Beavers can be.

Robert Lee, Doug Bond, Jim Bell and Stan Haskin all attended the Wood Badge I training held recently in Smiths Falls.

Nine hundred packages of Easter buns were delivered to Doug Bond. He then dispersed them to Stan & Robert and all were delivered to the Scouts and Cubs. This is a great project for the boys and the community is very supportive.

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