

DRAFT PROPOSAL: History and Culture Sub-Committee

Goal: (a) to provide participants with events and artifacts that bring the history and heritage of Goderich to life through engaging activities; and to provide opportunities to showcase our community culture.

1. Legacy Project(s)

- **Item: Commonwealth Airmen Memorial**

Collaborate with David Yates to dedicate a memorial to airmen lost during Commonwealth Air Training Exercises

- *Require:* Council approval to install memorial; decide on location; may require additional fundraising initiatives; Town assistance to complete grant proposals
- *Cost:* TBD (some funding generated by book sales)
- *Questions:* We discussed the memorial being placed in Bingham Park (overlooks the Lake, which is appropriate)
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- **Item: Bicentennial Monument**


Located in Lions Harbour Park, the place where it all began, a monument commemorating Goderich's Bicentennial.

- *Require:* commission monument. Permission from Park's Commission for location and installation.
- *Cost:* TBD (there are two places in Stratford that will create civic memorial monuments)
- *Questions:* size and design? Can we get a sponsor for the memorial?
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- **Item: Time Capsule**

Solicit items that represent the Town of Goderich at 200 and create a time capsule to be opened in 50 years (2077). Suggested artifacts: student-generated art, items from local businesses and service clubs, personal letters, memorabilia, etc.

- *Require:* partner with schools, businesses, service clubs for artifacts
- *Cost:* Depending on the size of the collected artifacts, we would require a container and a method for storing.
- *Questions:* Where would we keep it? How do we determine what should be included? Item:
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We want to honour the Indigenous history, culture, and presence that predates Goderich by thousands of years through original artwork.

- *Require:* hold a competition for Indigenous artists to create an original piece of art that will be donated to the town to commemorate the Bicentennial. Artwork will be permanently showcased at the Town Hall.

- *Cost:* TBD



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- **Item: Heritage Panel Installation**

Install a series of panels depicting our history and heritage around the inside circle of the Courthouse Park. (Can not go on the East side where the cenotaph is located. Would this be better placed on one of the sidewalks leading to West St. or North St.? We need to determine the best location. Maybe it needs its own location inside the Park?)

- *Require:* determine size and content; create panels, installation
- *Questions:* so very many...
- *Cost:* TBD. Will require sponsorship
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2. Bicentennial Weekend Events and Activities

- **Item: Goderich Little Theatre Bicentennial Walkabout**

GLT to present series of vignettes depicting the history of Goderich.

- *Require:* partnership with GLT
- *Cost:* TBD
- *Questions:* If weather is a factor, will more from locations around The Square to The Livery. Will collaborate with GLT and The Livery on this project
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An original play by Tim Cumming [redacted].

- *Require:* partnership with The Livery
- *Cost:* TBD
- *Questions:* discuss partnership agreement for funding/proceeds
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- **Item: Heritage Walking Tours**

This is an existing activity with 4 Heritage Walking Tours and accompanying audio podcasts that we can promote as part of the Bicentennial Events.

- *Require:* existing booklets
- *Cost:* N/A
- *Questions:* ?
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- **Item: Art Exhibit**

An opportunity to showcase local artists (Student art?)

- *Require:* partnership with local galleries
- *Cost:* TBD
- *Questions:* can we host some of this outdoors or do we need an inside venue?
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- **Item: Circulating Characters**

Engage local volunteers representing local historical figures to circulate throughout events in costume interacting with participants in character (think *Behind The Bars*)

- *Require:* costumes, determine local characters to represent, create biographies, need volunteer performers
- *Cost:* TBD
- *Questions:* determine historical figures?
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- **Item: Coffee Table Book**

Create an original publication showcasing our past and present.

- *Require:* create publication
- *Cost:* TBD
- *Questions:* I have an email in to a publisher to determine costs and timelines. Ideally we would have this available locally in time for Christmas, with additional sales available during the Bicentennial event. Proceeds would help fund legacy projects.
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Additional thoughts:

- The Lancaster – possible event at Sky Harbour (I think the Legion may be looking into this already)
- If there is a TVO episode, and we can access it, we may be able to run it on a loop for visitors to view. Would need a tent and seating to run the video, if we have permission from TVO)
- I'll probably add to this.

Partnerships:

1. The Legion - Branch 109
2. The Huron County Museum
3. The Huron Public Library
4. The Goderich Little Theatre and The Livery
5. Ojibway Nation of Saugeen (ONS)
6. TBD