

**LEGION HOUSE MUSEUM**  
THE MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY OF MANITOBA  
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**Annual Report 2007**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**February 21, 2008**

**The Museum**

**General**

It was opened to the Public for a total of 63 days during 2007:

- Monday evenings
- Legion Week September 24-28, 2007
- Veteran's Week November 05-11, 2007
- Bruce Tascona is the Director and Archivist of the Museum
- Grant Tyler is the Curator of the Collection.
- Total Volunteer Hours amounted 466 hours.
- The Museum would like to thank: Ms. Pam Darling, Mr. Rick Cardinal, Mr. William Galbraith, Jason Darling, Paul Tascona and Patrick Tascona for their volunteer support of the Museum's activities.
- In the summer of 2007, the Museum established Community Museum Level II Status with the Provincial Government of Manitoba Program of Museums.
- The registered name of the museum is: **Legion House Museum/ (The Museum of the Military History Society of Manitoba)**
- The Museum would like to thank the **Royal Canadian Legion Norwood/St. Boniface Branch #43** for their on-going support in providing space for exhibition and storage and the Collection.

## **Outreach Programs**

### **Ninetieth Anniversary of Vimy Ridge Exhibit**

- The Legion House Museum (**LHM**) provided a one-month exhibit on Manitoba's involvement in the assault of Vimy Ridge at the Winnipeg Millennium Public Library. This took place in April of 2007 and was estimated by staff librarian that 1000 members of the public viewed the display every day.

### **Camp Hughes Public Awareness Campaign**

#### **General**

- The LHM has, since 1987, conducted archaeological and historical investigations of the Heritage Site known as Camp Hughes.
- The goal of the LHM is to establish a heritage interpretative park at Camp Hughes.
- The LHM has the largest collection of artefacts recovered from the Site.
- In conjunction with the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vimy Ridge began a public awareness campaign starting in April of 2007:
  1. Interview with **Winnipeg Free Press in April** detailing the situation at Camp Hughes. The article was also printed by the Brandon Sun. The public response was immediate especially from the Reeve of RM of North Cypress and the Mayor of Carberry.
  2. A presentation (May 14, 2007) to the **Joint Council of the RM of North Cypress** and the **Town of Carberry** seeking and receiving a letter of support in our project.
  3. **The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Carberry Town Fair July 7, 2007.** The LHM participated with a portable exhibit at the fair. Over 300 pamphlets were distributed to the general public.

4. Letter to the **Carberry News/Express** sent thanking the general public for our Exhibit being well received at the Carberry Town Fair.
5. Permission was given by the Town of Carberry to place in the **Town Library** a satellite exhibit on Camp Hughes. This exhibit will be ongoing until a park is established.
  
6. A **guided tour of the Trenches August 14, 2007 with the local politicians (federal and provincial)** this was done in conjunction with RCA Museum, Rural Municipality of North Cypress and the Town of Carberry.
  
7. A **Winnipeg Free Press article** in November 2007 depicting the LHM, Camp Hughes and Bruce Tascona.

## **Museum Exhibit Galleries**

### **General**

LHM is dedicated to depicting the military history of Manitoba.

Gallery exhibits which have been started in 2007:

- **The Battle of the Bay 1697:** the French/Anglo Naval Battle and the struggle for Fort Prince of Wales.
- **19<sup>th</sup> Century Manitoba:** The Red River Expedition 1870, The growth of the Militia, The Northwest Canada Rebellion 1885, The Nile Expedition 1884-85, The South Africa War 1899-1902.
- **Manitoba pre-1914:** The Growth of the Militia
- **Manitoba in the Great War 1914-18**
- **Camp Hughes:** An Archaeological Site
- **Remembrance Gallery:** The Cost of War
- **Manitoba in The Second War:** The RCAF in Manitoba, The RCN in Manitoba, The Army 1939-45

### **The Archives/Library**

- **Received 90 research requests.**

The Legion House Museum Business Plan for 2008 is:

### **1. Conserving the Archives/Library**

The archives/library was established in 1987 and contains over 2500 documents, photos and books. The document collection is currently stored in file folders of commercial grade. The conservation standards will be improved by the use of **acid free storage** folders and boxes.

The plan is to begin replacing the existing folders with acid-free products.

### **2. Computerization of the Collection**

The accession and registration of the artefacts of the collection on computer will begin this year.

### **3. Camp Hughes Public Awareness Campaign**

**Heritage Fair** at Carberry, Manitoba on the Saturday prior to Remembrance Day is being planned. The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Great War is to be commemorated linking the role of Camp Hughes.

Equally important is the establishment of a "**Friends of Camp Hughes Group**" This will be a joint steering committee involving the RM of North Cypress and the Town of Carberry, DND representatives and the LHM/MHSM.

### **4. OMMC Conference July 2008**

The Organization of Military Museums of Canada conference will take place in Winnipeg.

The Museum will be hosting an event—A special exhibit is being planned on Camp Hughes.

## **5. Exhibit Gallery Projects**

Gallery Exhibits being planned to start this year will be as follows:

- Manitoba Regiments Gallery
- Post War Gallery 1946-2000—Korea, Peacekeeping, NATO. First Persian Gulf War.

## **6. Application to renew Heritage Permit**

- LHM/MHSM to continue archaeological and historical research of the Camp Hughes heritage site.

## **7. The Board of Directors of the LHM/MHSM:**

In order to provide good governance to the operation of LHM/MHSM volunteers are needed to step forward to assist in making this a successful year.

### **Positions on the Board are as follows:**

President:	Two year term	(Signing Officer)
Vice-President:	One year term	(Signing Officer)
Past-President:	Two year term	
Secretary:	Two year term	
Treasurer:	Two year term	(Signing Officer)
Board of Directors:	Three Positions Available	

Positions appointed by the Board:

Director LHM	Bruce Tascona
Curator LHM	Grant Tyler
Archivist/Librarian LHM	Bruce Tascona

**Four Board Meetings are planned for 2008.**