

Okanagan Historical Society
Annual General Meeting

Shatford Centre, Penticton
April 24, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The vice president of the Okanagan Historical Society, Rosemary Wilson, welcomed 38 members and guests to the 91st Annual General Meeting of the Okanagan Historical Society.

NOTICE OF CALL: The secretary, Joan Cowan, read the Notice of Call as printed in the 79th Annual Report.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion: That the minutes of the April 26, 2015 meeting be adopted as published in the 79th Report.

B. Hayes / L. Shannon. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Larry Shannon: Members are welcome to attend a ceremony to dedicate the opening of the Hudson's Bay Company Trail from Tualameen to Hope. It will be held at 1 p.m. on May 21 and May 22 in Tualameen and Hope, respectively.
- b) Joan Cowan: B.C. Historical Federation welcomes members to attend the conference in Revelstoke, May 26 to 28. Guest speaker on the history of avalanches in the Rogers Pass.
- c) Karen Collins: *B.C. Bookworld* includes an article and photo of Mary Trainer highlighting her latest book.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- a) President – Tracy Satin, read by Rosemary Wilson
- b) Secretary – Joan Cowan
- c) Treasurer – Bob Cowan

Motion: That Cecil Schmidt be appointed auditor for the next year.
B. Cowan / D. Gregory. Carried

Motion: That new signing officers for the Okanagan Historical Society be Linda Samland (Armstrong), Rosemary Wilson (Salmon Arm) and Bob Cowan (treasurer), and that two out of three be required to sign the cheques.

B. Cowan / R. Manuel. Carried

- d) Editor – David Gregory

BRANCH REPORTS:

- a) Oliver / Osoyoos – Larry Shannon
- b) Penticton – Karen Collins
- c) Summerland – George Downton
- d) Kelowna – Lois Marshall
- e) Vernon – Herb Thorburn
- f) Armstrong / Enderby – Carmen Kirkland
- g) Salmon Arm – Rosemary Wilson
- h) Similkameen – David Gregory

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

- a) Father Pandosy – Pat Walls, read by Lois Marshall
- b) Index – Joan Cowan
- c) Essay – Diane Ambil
- d) Video – David Gregory
- e) Website – Lois Marshall
- f) Historic Trails – David Gregory

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers – Past President Randy Manuel capably conducted the election of officers for the 2016 - 2017 executive:

- President – Tracy Satin
- Vice President – Rosemary Wilson
- Secretary – Joan Cowan
- Treasurer – Bob Cowan
- Editor – David Gregory

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS:

That the various media outlets in our three valleys be thanked for their support. Jessie Ann Gamble

That the officers, directors and branch executive be thanked for their efforts over the past year. David Gregory

That the Penticton Branch be thanked for hosting the annual general meeting. Rosemary Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) Randy Manuel: There will be a tour of the Shatford Centre following the meeting. The school building was taken over by the community over five years ago when the school

trustees declared it obsolete. Operated by the Okanagan School of the Arts, the building is used almost 360 days for art studios and art exhibits, concerts and theatre, meetings and conferences, and school classes. They have a staff of four and a budget of \$400,000.

- b) George Downton: Summerland will be hosting the 2017 annual general meeting at the Waterfront Resort in Summerland, April 30, 10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by Randy Manuel at 11: 45 a.m.

Following the annual general meeting, a luncheon was served in the Shatford Centre auditorium and galleria. New life member Dave Morgenstern of Penticton was introduced. A cheque was presented to Annabella Feeny of Kelowna for her student essay on Women's Suffrage. Guest speaker Joe Smuin showed slides and spoke on the sites of the Kettle Valley Railway in Penticton.

Respectfully submitted,

President's Report – Tracy Satin

It is not always easy to devote volunteer hours to causes you deeply believe in when you have a busy life. I have been involved with the OHS for the past 12 years in one capacity or another and find that although I have a lot going on in my professional and personal life, a smile always comes across my face when I see that I have an Executive meeting approaching on my calendar.

Being part of such a positive, active, passionate and important organization brings me much joy. It is always wonderful to hear what each OHS Branch has done to promote and protect history and heritage in their area and how branches and individuals work to preserve the memories of the region and the province as a whole. We should all be very proud of all of the recognition, nominations and awards that Branches and Directors have received for all of their hard work.

This year Dorothy Zoellner (Kelowna) and Robert Dale (Armstrong/ Enderby) both resigned after many years of working with the OHS and Bob Hayes from the Kelowna Branch is on hiatus – their presence has and will be missed but their spirit and dedication remains.

I am always delighted to see how much the Branches support and collaborate with local museums and like-minded societies. I am constantly hearing how beneficial all of the work we do with the University of British Columbia Okanagan Campus Library is; work which the Society hopes to continue to support with a new, proposed, Regional Digitization project for 2017.

In addition, the branches host a large number of talks, lectures, tours and events and publish numerous news articles throughout the year to promote the Society and its mandate.

This year the Society was pleased to see two new websites, one for the Society as a whole and the other for the Father Pandosy Mission. Both websites are now much easier to navigate and to add information to. These websites are key communication tools as we have people from all over the

world who access them. Through these many people contact us with inquiries and I would like to thank everyone who connected with us, hopefully we were able to fill in some gaps and provide the requested information.

Another aspect of the Executive that I am really proud of is how we acknowledge historical interest and support students through our Essay and Video Contests. I also take pride in how the OHS extends its support to those outside of the Society who work conscientiously to uphold our values, such as Professor Jack Lohman, Chief Executive Officer of the Royal B.C. Museum, who facilitated efforts to transfer over 30,000 boxes of government records to the Provincial Archives, where they will be preserved, catalogued and made accessible to the public (thank you Peter Tassie).

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the Father Pandosy Committee and the Oliver/Osoyoos Branch for the physical care of the Society's heritage sites: the Father Pandosy Mission and the Fairview Lots.

Being part of such a multi-faceted Society is incredibly fulfilling and it is really because of all of you, the Directors and the Membership, that the OHS has become such a thriving force in all of our Okanagan communities – and for this I am incredibly thankful and happy to take the time to truly appreciate and be a part of the Society.

I am looking forward to another incredible year and to seeing everyone at the 2017 AGM in Summerland!

Just a quick reminder that the article deadline for the next OHS Report is this coming Saturday (April 30th) so make sure to get your submissions in!

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary's Report - Joan Cowan

I have carried out the regular duties of the secretary: preparing and distributing agendas, recording and distributing minutes of all meetings, collecting reports and lists for the annual report, answering all correspondence, maintaining the membership and subscription lists, and overseeing the mail-out of the reports to institutions and our membership.

In the past, members have been able to follow the business of the society and read the annual reports of the executive, including branch presidents and directors at large, in the current report. Last year a decision was made to remove these reports from the book and to make the information available online instead. As a result, you will be able to find all of the reports from the annual general meeting on the Okanagan Historical Society's website.

Respectfully submitted,

Editor's Report – David Gregory

The 2016 Annual Report is nearing completion. I would like to thank the branch editors for their prompt submissions of articles and high resolution photographs. It is appreciated. Earlier submissions will allow me to get the Report published prior to summer book sales.

Respectfully submitted,

Oliver - Osoyoos Branch – Larry Shannon

On April 26, 2015 we hosted the valley wide AGM of the Okanagan Historical Society at the Silver Sage Winery near Oliver.

In the summer of 2015 we had two work parties to perform general cleanup at the Fairview Kiosk Site and there was a small wedding held the site in July.

Our Branch Editor John Brent Musgrave, passed away in Aug. We did recruit a replacement but she resigned in Feb. 2016. Currently we do not have a Branch Editor.

We had a Branch picnic at the Keremeos Grist Mill on August 16th.

In early September a back fire set by the B.C. Forest Service to help control the Testalinden Wildfire was uncomfortably close to the old Fairview cemetery. I had discussions with the Fire Information Officer to confirm that they were aware of the cemetery and its historical significance. She assured me that the cemetery site was on the safe side of the backfire.

On Sept. 17, I gave a presentation on the old Fairview Cemetery to a group made of members of seven South Okanagan parishes of the Anglican Church of Canada. This presentation was given at the Fairview Kiosk site.

Our Branch did not have a Semi-Annual meeting in Nov. of 2015.

We had our Annual General Meeting in Osoyoos on Sunday, April 3, 2016. The guest speaker, Mr. Walter Lemke discussed the history of the Osoyoos Volunteer fire Department. His presentation was well received. The 2016 Branch Executive is President: Larry Shannon, Vice President: Gayle Cornish, Treasurer: Mary Roberts, and Secretary: Lynn Alaric. Our Branch is happy to welcome Lynn back after a one year absence.

Respectfully submitted,

Penticton Branch – Karen Collins

Randy Manuel, in affiliation with the Penticton branch of OHS, held fall and spring sessions of 'Pioneers and Places' Thursdays at the Shatford. The subjects were varied and there were field trips as well. The OHS has a draw for a past Report at the end of each meeting. In October a group made the bus and carpool trip to Antler's Saddle on the Hudson's Bay Fur Brigade Trail above Garnet Valley Road in Summerland. This is the view that is on the cover of The Okanagan

Brigade Trail in the South Okanagan booklet. A second field trip took us on a tour of Lakeview Cemetery

Our final meeting of 2015 was held on Sunday Nov 1st at the Shatford Centre. Doll Barb, 97 year old step- daughter of Charlie Richter was invited to share her memories of the early life in the area as she remembers it. The afternoon prior she said it was not possible for her to attend. On finding this out everyone was given a presentation on Doll and her family history, including photos and a partial family tree, by her great-niece Karen Collins.

Our Christmas Book Sale was held on the last weekend of November at the Cherry Lane Shopping Centre. The shopping centre has partnered with the local Hospital Foundation to raise funds for a new hospital tower so it only seemed fitting that our display focus on the history of hospitals in Penticton. The Museum provided us with amazing story boards from the archives. We presented three stories: *place/ buildings*, beginning with the first which was actually in a home on Preston Ave, next was Haven Hill and then the current PRH, *people* doctors, nurses and others involved with the running of the hospital and *donors*, from the past. We were acknowledged by the Foundation on their Facebook page and told that we helped to provide very positive results for the Foundation over the Christmas period.

Heritage Week was very successful. As part of our celebration we wanted to give recognition for preservation of heritage and community service. This award was presented to Jill and Jeanette Beaven of the Dragon's Den, huge supporters in the preservation of heritage, especially in the development of Front Street as a destination, but who also give so much to Penticton and area. The Dragon's Den/Murk Block comprises three buildings- two of concrete and one wooden, built in 1911. The two concrete buildings are among the first "fire-proof" commercial buildings in Penticton.

Since the theme for Heritage Week was 'Distinctive Destinations' and our branch felt that Penticton has numerous 'distinctive destinations' we wanted to share as many as possible. Cherry Lane Shopping Centre provided us with an empty store to use as our venue and the Hudson's Bay store provided us with any display items we required. We gave out two self-guided walking tours for different areas of the old town site and a self-guided driving tour which included twenty-two heritage homes from the Heritage Registry. The Museum provided photos of twelve commercial buildings found in the 200-400 blocks of Main Street and Front Street, built between 1911 and 1936, which are still in use.

Branch members, Dave Morgenstern, Herb Allen and Dan Riley provided a fantastic display of 'good old stuff' or as Dave says 'old toys for old boys' and were only too happy to chat with our visitors about it. We were joined by Bruce Morgenstern who brought in a selection of his tube radio collection. After visiting our display Dennis Atkinson brought in his great-grandfather's woodworking tool kit and a very interesting ledger.

We were pleased to have museum assistant, Manda Maggs and Gary McDougall join our members in giving their time to meet and share history with the 200 and 300 visitors per day that went through our display. The branch is committed to having the same results next year.

At our March meeting we had Janet Brouwer, long time resident of Penticton, Graduate of Pen Hi and a retired teacher , along with her sister, Alvina, share, entertain and inform us about their

lives and experiences since originally coming to Penticton from the farming community of Bonneville in Northern Alberta in 1944.

Also, in March Branch President, Karen Collins gave a Brown Bag Lunch presentation hosted by the Penticton Museum on the history of the Okanagan Historical Society. The slide presentation focused on the local Branch, current and past members and local history as presented in the Reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Summerland Branch – George Downton

The Branch had another successful year. For Heritage Week, our 29th heritage home, site and tree were selected. The selected heritage home was the Charlie Thompson home in Prairie Valley, built in 1904, the heritage site was the location of the “crossing” of Aeneas Creek along the historic Brigade Trail and the heritage trees are located at the base of the silt cliffs in Lowertown. Also during Heritage Week Joe Smuin made a presentation on the History of the Kettle Valley Railway to a packed house.

Summerland’s 4.1 km Fur Brigade Trail Linear Park received a provincial Heritage award.

Our AGM took place in March featuring Kathryn McCourt with a presentation about her father, historian George Bechtold. His books include the “History of Armstrong” and “Follow the Pathfinders”.

The Branch is already preparing to host the 2017 OHS AGM on April 30 2017. The location is the Waterfront Resort in Summerland’s historic Lowertown. We hope to see you there !

Respectfully submitted,

Kelowna Branch – Lois Marshall

Since the April 26, 2015 AGM, at Silver Sage Wintery in Oliver, the Kelowna Branch has been very busy. We held 9 Kelowna Branch Executive meetings (2015: May, June, Sept, Oct, Nov; 2016: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr). As well, three members of the Kelowna Branch attended three meetings of the OHS parent body Executive Council (July 5, Oct 25, 2015 and Feb 28, 2016). These meetings allow the various branches to get together and discuss the business of the society.

In the last year, the Kelowna Branch has been busy with various events:

- April 25, 2015: Cleanup of the historic Christien House at the Father Pandosy Mission Site. Board members attended the annual cleanup with rags and mops and cleaning supplies. Thank you to the Catholic Women’s League, who provided a lovely lunch.
- June 6-7, 2015: Assisted with the gate at the 14th annual Antique Tractor Show at the Father Pandosy Mission Site. This event is in support of the Okanagan Antique Power Club.

- July 19, 2015: Annual Pioneer Picnic held at Parkinson Recreation Center. As usual it was a very successful event with Westbank residents recognized as honored pioneers. 2016 will feature pioneer families from Lake Country.
- August 23, 2015: The second annual Old Fashioned Family Social was held at the Pandosy Mission Site. A number of families attended. It continues to be a successful event highlighting pioneer activities such as washing clothes, blacksmithing, and quilting, etc.
- October 24, 2015: The popular Fall Social and Light Lunch (aka high tea) was reinstated at the Missionwood Retirement Resort. Tea, coffee and goodies were provided, with a speech from Bob Hayes regarding the Mission area. A number of our publications were available for sale. Members of the Kelowna Branch as well as residents of Missionwood enjoyed their afternoon celebration complete with fine china and linen table cloths.
- December 11-12, 2015: The Kelowna Branch held its annual pre-Christmas book sale at Rona. Copies of the 79th OHS Report and the Kelowna Street Names book were eagerly snapped up by the public. Both those selling books and those passing through Rona enjoyed discussing local history. We appreciate Rona's ongoing support of the Society.
- February 16-22, 2016: Heritage Week was celebrated. The Kelowna Branch was involved in planning this event. The theme this year was "Destinations". In particular, the Hotel Eldorado, the Benvoulin Heritage Church and the Gibson House in Carrs Landing were destinations for a local bus tour. Thank you to John Vielvoye who was an entertaining tour guide.

Other activities that our members benefit from include:

- Kelowna Courier Newspaper Articles. This service began in 1994. To date there have been more than 800 local history articles published with one appearing every Monday. There are a number of authors represented by both members and non-members of the OHS.
- Kelowna Branch Newsletter. Kelowna branch produces and distributes 2 newsletters per year which are used to inform membership and interested parties of the activities of the branch. Copies of these are also given to other OHS branches.
- Articles and Obituaries for OHS Annual Report. The Kelowna Branch has collected local history articles and obituaries for the OHS annual report. This year the Kelowna Branch will be submitting 18 obituaries for publication in the 80th Report.
- OHS Report Sales. Sales of the 79th OHS Report have been strong. More than 80 copies have been sold by the Kelowna branch, the Kelowna Museum and Mosaic Books. The 80th report will be released by early fall 2016.
- Funding Opportunities. Kelowna Branch generally provides 2 bursaries to local secondary students. The 2015 recipient was Jordanna Marshall. The 2016 recipients will be announced in June. As well, we have formed a committee to establish criteria to support funding historically relevant projects and events in the Kelowna area.

- Father Pandosy Mission site. The Kelowna Branch has a keen and ongoing commitment to the Mission Site. One of our directors, Judy Johnson, serves on the Father Pandosy Mission Committee and keeps the Kelowna Branch up to date on the activities on the site. The Committee is led by Pat Walls.
- Street Names. The Kelowna Branch regularly submits local surnames to City Hall for consideration as names of local streets. Interested parties can submit names to the Kelowna Branch for consideration.

Thank you to the Kelowna Branch directors for your work this past year, and in particular Tracy Satin who has stepped down from the Kelowna Branch. Thank you to our membership for your support of our events, and to Kelowna Museum and Mosaic Books for sales of event tickets.

Finally we would like to recognize Bob Hayes for his outstanding work over the last two years as president. He is the longest serving president of the Kelowna Branch (8 years). In addition, this year he was honored with the Central Okanagan Heritage Society's award for Distinguished Community Service. We all know how much Bob supports our Okanagan history and heritage.

I look forward to the year ahead. It will be busy and rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon Branch – Herb Thorburn

Over the past year since the last Valley AGM the Vernon branch has continued on a near normal course. The total general membership has remained steady at about fifty-five, with thirty to forty attending the three general events. The executive has gained one member for a total of nine but we are still anxious to add some new, preferably younger faces. Vernon branch continues to issue a newsletter to advise the general membership of the upcoming events, promote the sale of any new publications and to urge the submission of articles for the OHS Reports.

The first activity of the year was our twelfth annual "Pioneer Picnic" held in Coldstream Park on 8th August. With fine weather, the 35 people in attendance enjoyed the rustic music of the Chilly Creakers and the hamburger/salad lunch topped off with Black Forest cake served up by branch editor Bill Dunsmore. This year our usual practice of having an honouree for contributions to local history and a raconteur to tell stories of the past was altered by having Peter Tassie make a posthumous tribute to Mary Bailey on her character and contribution to the OHS. The raconteurs were Sandy and Molly Boyd, modern pioneers who narrated projected pictures describing their development of 80 acres of bush on Bluenose Mountain into a true homestead.

Vernon Branch held its Fall General Meeting on 29th November at the Schubert Centre.

After the usual meeting business activities, we had a two-part presentation related to the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway. For the first part we had the informative and entertaining Bob Cowan, speaking on the S and O Railway revisited - a historical review, aided by a 30 ft. long map of the right-of-way from the 1800s. The second part of the presentation was a detailed and illustrated review of the efforts to reactivate the old right-of-way as a hiking trail. This was

provided by Phil McIntyre-Paul, executive director of the Shuswap Trail Alliance aided by Enderby City councillor, Brad Case.

For our Spring General Meeting, held on the 20th of March, which included the usual business plus executive elections, we had Christine Pilgrim as our speaker. Christine is well known for her representations of historic women such as Catherine Schubert, Lady Aberdeen and Emily Carr and talked about the how and why of her portrayals, providing some impressions of the characters themselves. She was very well received and carried on for more than an hour.

In line with our objective of seeking worthy activities to support, the Vernon Branch has contributed \$1000 to the Vernon Museum to assist with the establishment of a satellite museum at Silver Star dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the history of Silver Star. We have also contributed \$300 to the North Okanagan Optimist Club in support of the Heritage Fair previously sponsored by the Museum. Also, partly out of self interest, we have donated \$500 to the museum for the purchase of a new digital projector to be kept by the museum but available to the Branch for any of our presentations.

The Vernon Branch has undertaken the reprinting of OHS Reports 1 through 5. Good progress has been made and the proof copies are encouraging, but it remains to be seen how much interest there will be in the initial limited printing of these reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Armstrong - Enderby Branch – Carmen Kirkland

In 2000 our Branch received written permission from the Township of Spallumcheen to do whatever we felt appropriate to conserve the historic cemeteries in the area. To that end, periodic cleanups and maintenance have taken place at the Lansdowne Cemetery, which was established in 1882. Unfortunately the scheduled May 24, 2015 cleanup was, literally, a wash out; three hearty souls managed to carry on in the drizzling rain for a couple of hours, however, once the lightening began, walking around with metal rakes and carrying buckets with metal handles no longer seemed like such a good idea. Another cleanup is scheduled for May 21st of this year with the intention of including the removal of a few tree branches and re-painting the lettering at the entrance.

Our fall meeting was held in the Armstrong Museum on November 8, 2015. Following sales of the 79th OHS Report in both Armstrong and Enderby, we were in a financial position to donate \$1,000.00 to the Enderby Museum and \$1,000.00 to the Armstrong Museum in recognition of their continued services to our communities. Helen Sidney was our guest speaker. Helen was a teacher in the Armstrong Elementary School for 41 years and five of her former pupils were in the audience. An article featuring her extraordinary life appeared in the 73rd OHS Report and another updating her accomplishments appeared in the most recent Report; Helen turned 93 years of age this past December 21st.

Our Annual General Meeting was held in the Enderby Museum on April 17, 2016 which saw a slight change in our slate of officers. Linda Samland is our new Secretary, replacing Joan Cowan who decided to step down after several years of keeping us all organized. Joan is staying on in a

Director's position. Our Branch Editors reported that five articles have been submitted for consideration in this year's 80th OHS Report with subjects including the construction of the One Room Schoolhouse at Larkin, a memory of attending the Armstrong School, the artists Agnes Fischer and Heather Edwards as well as the Common Good Co-operative Association. Our two guest speakers spoke about the history of the Halls in Grindrod. Peter Vander Sar gave a short history of the early halls, covering the initial Entertainment Committee, the Grindrod Farmers Hall Ltd. and the small Women's Institute Hall. Herman Halvorson spoke of the fundraising and building of the new Grindrod Hall which took place from 2012 to 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Salmon Arm Branch – Rosemary Wilson

I think we have had a very successful year. We had *Historic Routes* reprinted. This involved a very intense review of the previous *Historic Routes* done by Tove Jensen and Diane Ambil. It then went to a committee of Bernie Hucul, Richard Maki, Dorothy Rolin, Mary Wetherill, Debra Chapman and I. The newer version gives most locations a physical address- not just a business or location.

In September, we were approached by the Heritage Commission to see if we could get the walking tour together for a Walk down Memory Lane, which is happening on June 5th. There will be a vignette, a silent movie, a heritage home open for tours, a musician playing at another house, and an old fashioned tea. This event is co-sponsored by the Heritage Commission and the Salmon Arm Branch of the Okanagan Historical Society.

It was decided to ask Patti Kassa to join the committee and VOILA- it is going to the printers by the end of the month. I would like to recognize the many people who have done a lot of work on this. Alf Peterson, Mary Wetherill - who put in many hours, driving, writing and brain storming over the last five years, Pat Shirley, Don Byers, Dorothy Rolin, Mary Hickman - who designed the basic layout of the brochure, Mary Landers, Patti Kassa – who has worked relentlessly over the last six months putting the final touches on the brochure, filing grant form for money, talking to the Chamber of Commerce who have also contributed to the causes and last but maybe most importantly Debra Chapman – who went over the drafts to make sure we were historically correct and helped to find the pictures.

We had our usual book sales in the Mall at Piccadilly in November and for Heritage Week in February.

We had a very interesting December gathering with Gary Hucul telling us about the history of the *Observer* and printing in general in Western Canada.

For our AGM, two weeks ago, for our Pioneer Family of the year, Brad Shirley told us about the Shirleys. They have a long history with the fire department in Salmon Arm with three generations having been involved and are currently involved. Brad is Fire Chief now.

I would like to thank the group for their support over the last five years.

Respectfully submitted,

Father Pandosy Mission - Pat Walls

To the visitor who is looking out over the Pandosy Mission site for the first time, the view is an unfolding panoramic historical canvas. To those who have welded the Mission heritage to their souls with "hoops of steel," by volunteer immersion year after year, they simply take this priceless heritage jewel is stride.

2015 was a significant planning year for the committee. 2016 will see so much of our board vision come to fruition. We, as a unique stand-alone committee, and are grateful to the greater (Okanagan Historical Society) for the empowerment to act on their behalf. We salute the OHS for stepping forward so many years ago and taking the Mission under their wing, and we pledge to continue to find ways to grow and enhance the Father Pandosy Mission experience for every visitor - young and old, novice and dedicated.

Visiting the Mission is like finding a special new friend, or visiting a cherished old one. That friendship will be enhanced in 2016 with many traditional and new projects:

1. The annual clean-up day with 25 - 30 volunteers will take place on April 23, 2016
2. Unveiling of the beautifully period-specific crafting of the new French English signs above the main gate and on each building
3. Replacement of the metal free-standing signs with French/English wording
4. Completion of the new entrance Kiosk with twice the space and a new roof line
5. Refurbishment of the Provincial Government Heritage sign
6. Introduction of our fantastic new web site www.fatherpandosy.org
7. New app at the entrance kiosk that will allow iPhone downloads of a talking tour of the site
8. New security system
9. Enhanced way of recognizing corporate and service club donations on site
10. Dedication day for the new flag poles in appreciation to the many patrons who helped with the financial sponsorship of the project
11. More new benches
12. Tree planting
13. Consultation with a consultant to review all charges for site usage
14. More enhanced partnerships with friends of the Mission within the Kelowna business community
15. Continued partnership with our Francophone friends and other community groups such as Kelowna Museums
16. Initiation of plans for partnerships with community groups to plan projects for CANADA 150 in 2017 (with a focus of a major event(s) at the Mission site)
17. Building of more display space for three significant donations (buggy, sleigh and wagon) from the Sperling family
18. Booking of all events and special visitations on-line through out web site

June 4th and 5th will see the site host the 15th annual 'marquee" event - the annual *Okanagan Antique Power Club Tractor Show*. This fun family weekend has traditionally "kicked off" the season for us. It seems to rejuvenate and motivate everyone who is dedicated to maintaining that pioneer spirit. The Committee and OHS volunteers will once again collect proceeds at the gate.

Once again, I would like to extend a sincere appreciation to my committee for their undaunted dedication to our stewardship cause and the countless volunteer hours that are given so freely. Sadly, however, after twenty-plus years of unselfish service, we tip our hats in gratitude to Henry Johnson, who is retiring from our board. Henry may not take an active committee role any longer, but I know that we will continue to tap into his expertise as one of our resident "Mr. Fix-it" guys. And I also know that he will never refuse to pitch in....because that is what good volunteers do! Thanks Henry. You will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Walls

Index Report – Joan Cowan

We have completed the indexing of Report #79 and uploaded it to the Okanagan Historical Society website. OHS member and volunteer Faith Hudson meticulously goes through each page of the report, listing all names mentioned and topics covered into a table similar to the way David MacDonald taught us years ago. My responsibility is simply to check her list with each page, making additions or corrections. Faith then inputs the data into our program on the website.

The treasurer has sold all of the printed copies of the Index to Reports 1-76. Our next printing will follow Report # 81.

I wish to thank Dorothy Zoellner for all of the work she has done as Index chairperson over the past ten years. Dorothy oversaw the project to revise the index and has served as our conscience when it comes to making a printed copy in addition to uploading the information to the Internet.

And I wish to pay tribute to Dave MacDonald, who recently passed away, for creating and maintaining the first printed index to the report, published in 1986, and who was our guide in our three-year project to revise the index for inclusion on the Internet.

Respectfully submitted

Student Essay – Diane Ambil

This year's winner of the Student Essay contest is Annabella Feeny of Kelowna. She is a student at Kelowna Secondary School. Her essay is titled "The Women's Suffrage Movement in Kelowna," and it reflects Annabella's strong concern with human rights.

You will get an idea of her personality and ideals if I read you her reply when I asked for some details of her future plans:

I love psychology because I've always been fascinated by the complexity of the human mind. For my future education I'd like to go into cognitive or forensic psychology at Queens University and do a year abroad at their campus in Belfast; or I'm also thinking about applying to Berkeley in California because I'm taking the SATs in May. I understand it's a lengthy process to work towards a PhD but I'm willing to work hard and discipline myself to obtain it. In my third year, I'm looking at opportunities to do some pro bono work, specifically in Cusco, Peru where 25% of children under the age of five are malnourished and 75% of families live below the poverty level. This is one of the most beautiful cities in Peru and is the famed gateway to Machu Pichu, but there is also a hidden side to it that few people know, which is why I'd love to volunteer there.

Annabella has already worked with me to address some of the judges' editorial recommendations made when they assessed her work. She is ambitious, hard-working and eager to learn. She is just the kind of student we want to see continuing with her interest in history.

Respectfully submitted,

Website Report – Lois Marshall

Since the April 26, 2015 AGM, at Silver Sage Wintery in Oliver, maintenance of the OHS website has transferred to me. Thank you to Joan Cowan who managed the site so wonderfully for the past number of years. And thank you to Tracy Satin who provided me with training.

This year the OHS website moved to a Wordpress platform. I am learning that Wordpress is simple and flexible. It has improved our website appearance, and allowed us to better manage content.

I have updated some areas of the website, including the upcoming activities, historic properties, and student contests. I encourage people to let me know if you have ideas for the site, or information that needs to be changed or updated.

I look forward to continuing to keep our content current and relevant.

Respectfully submitted,

Historic Trails Committee – David Gregory

In 1998, a fifty acre park was created to preserve the site of the settlement of Priest, along the Okanagan Fur Brigade Trail. In 2006, 4.1 km of the origin Brigade Trail was protected by a linear park. In 2016 this lease of land was extended to 30 years. Now efforts are being made by

several groups to extend the historic trail to Peachland, These groups were given a provincial heritage award for their efforts in March 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2015

ASSETS

	2015	2014
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash		
Operating	\$ 44,635.03	\$ 38,684.16
Investments	44,140.24	43,649.53
	88,775.27	82,333.69
 PROPERTY		
Land (Note 2)	1.00	1.00
	\$ 88,776.27	\$ 82,334.69

NET ASSETS

INVESTED IN PROPERTY	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
UNRESTRICTED		
Balance, beginning of year	82,333.69	73,316.84
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements:		
General	714.31	(628.75)
Father Pandosy Mission Committee	5,727.27	9,645.60
	88,775.27	82,333.69
Balance, end of year	\$ 88,776.27	\$ 82,334.69

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Director

Director

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	<u>Okanagan Historical Society General Account</u>	<u>Father Pandoso Mission Committee Account</u>	<u>Total 2015</u>	<u>Total 2014</u>
CASH, JANUARY 1				
Chequing Accounts	\$ 5,127.22	\$ 33,556.94	\$ 38,684.16	\$ 30,241.83
Term Deposits	<u>43,649.53</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,649.53</u>	<u>43,075.01</u>
TOTAL CASH, JANUARY 1	<u>48,776.75</u>	<u>33,556.94</u>	<u>82,333.69</u>	<u>73,316.84</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:				
General Funds	<u>714.31</u>	<u>5,727.27</u>	<u>6,441.58</u>	<u>9,016.85</u>
TOTAL CASH, DECEMBER 31	<u><u>\$ 49,491.06</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 39,284.21</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 88,775.27</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 82,333.69</u></u>
CASH AS AT DECEMBER 31 CONSISTS OF:				
Chequing Accounts	\$ 5,350.82	\$ 39,284.21	\$ 44,635.03	\$ 38,684.16
Investments (Note 3)	<u>44,140.24</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,140.24</u>	<u>43,649.53</u>
TOTAL CASH, DECEMBER 31	<u><u>\$ 49,491.06</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 39,284.21</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 88,775.27</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 82,333.69</u></u>

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**GENERAL ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

RECEIPTS	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Memberships & Sales		
Armstrong-Enderby	\$ 2,772.00	\$ 1,890.00
Kelowna	2,680.00	2,880.00
Oliver – Osoyoos	432.00	720.00
Penticton	1,872.00	972.00
Salmon Arm	864.00	1,072.00
Similkameen	305.44	-
Summerland	90.00	630.00
Vernon	1,544.00	1,044.00
Treasurer	4,180.00	4,770.00
	<u>14,739.44</u>	<u>13,978.00</u>
Other Receipts		
Index Sales	40.00	(20.00)
Postage and Handling	891.00	1,072.94
U.S. Exchange	42.77	-
G.S.T. Rebate	265.08	305.19
Insurance Recovery	500.00	-
Donations From:		
Father Pandosy Mission		
Committee	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
General	1,185.00	1,633.00
Branches	-	40.00
Interest	1,121.59	2,412.02
	<u>22,185.00</u>	<u>11,673.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>39,784.88</u>	<u>29,421.15</u>
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS – Brought Forward	<u>39,070.57</u>	<u>30,049.90</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 714.31</u>	<u>\$ (628.75)</u>

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	2015		2014	
DISBURSEMENTS				
Expenses				
President	\$ 123.20		\$ -	
Secretary	300.00		300.00	
Treasurer	<u>548.79</u>	\$ 971.99	<u>545.93</u>	\$ 845.93
Expenses Regarding Sales				
O.H.S. Reports:				
Editor's Honorarium	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Printing	7,946.12		8,916.10	
Shipping	<u>1,020.26</u>	11,966.38	<u>1,105.74</u>	13,021.84
Donations and Transfers to Branches				
Kelowna	-		40.00	
Father Pandosy Mission Committee	<u>21,000.00</u>	21,000.00	<u>10,000.00</u>	10,040.00
Annual Meeting Fee		350.00		350.00
Essay and Video Contest		1,500.00		2,000.00
Father Pandosy Mission Committee		-		500.00
Insurance		1,214.00		1,314.00
Internet and Website		1,069.40		414.23
Memberships		-		75.00
Office and Bank Charges		-		66.40
Professional Fees		810.00		800.00
Rentals - For Meeting		-	420.00	
Rentals - Post Office Box	<u>163.80</u>	163.80	<u>157.50</u>	577.50
Sundry		<u>25.00</u>		<u>45.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$ 39,070.57</u>		<u>\$ 30,049.90</u>

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FATHER PANDOSY MISSION COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	2015		2014	
RECEIPTS				
City of Kelowna	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	
Okanagan Historical Society General Account	-	\$ 15,000.00	500.00	\$ 10,500.00
Donations				
On Site	9,076.06		9,964.59	
Knights of Columbus & Catholic Women's League	500.00		200.00	
Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson	6,000.00	15,576.06	5,000.00	15,164.59
Interest		14.01		6.57
G.S.T. Rebate		299.04		819.01
TOTAL RECEIPTS		30,889.11		26,490.17
DISBURSEMENTS				
Advertising		918.75		1,118.75
Bilingual signage		5,309.54		-
Insurance		3,229.00		3,229.00
Internet upgrade		2,000.00		-
Membership		183.75		-
Rentals		1,632.75		1,354.50
Repairs - general		1,709.58		1,016.39
Repairs - buildings and grounds		2,505.21		3,637.71
Security		375.90		375.90
Supplies and office		1,641.55		1,168.23
Utilities		5,655.81		4,944.09
Wages and benefits		-		-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		25,161.84		16,844.57
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 5,727.27		\$ 9,645.60

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

NOTE 1 STATUS AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

The Society is a not-for-profit society registered under the Society Act of the Province of British Columbia.

NOTE 2 BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue Recognition

The Society operates on the cash method of accounting.

Property

The land was donated by the Presbyterian Church in 1970 for the consideration of \$1. It consists of two lots in the old Fairview Township near Okanagan Falls and is maintained for the benefit of the community and tourism. The land and improvements (including a kiosk) are exempt from property taxes.

NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS

2015

The investments consist of the following:

Term Deposits:

Investment certificate 1.80%, due March 15, 2016	10,437.25
Investment certificate 1.75%, due March 31, 2017	10,172.52
Investment certificate 0.85% due March 30, 2018	6,348.54

Savings Account

17,181.93

\$ 44,140.24
