



# WINGS & TAILS

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NO. 6 RCAF DUNNVILLE MUSEUM

*Telling the stories of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, the No. 6 Service Flying Training School, and the RCAF Veterans, to the Communities of Canada.*

## MUSEUM COVID-19 UPDATE

As you know, early this year, the world was faced with a global health emergency—the coronavirus pandemic, COVID-19. Many actions have been taken on national, provincial, and local levels to contain the spread of the virus. The No. 6 RCAF Dunnville Museum has taken steps to protect our volunteers, members, and visitors.

### Museum Closure

The Museum closed its doors to visitors at the end of March, in concert with Haldimand County and Norfolk County museums, schools, and libraries. A reopening date is not available at this time.

### Museum Events

The following Museum events were/are cancelled:

- Season Opening and Yard Sale, May 16-18
- Open House and Car Show, July 4
- Chicken BBQ, July 4.

The Museum had planned to host "Sgt. Wilson's Air Force Show: LIBERATION!" in October. However, the show has cancelled its 2020 Canadian Tour. The Museum may host the show in 2021.

If COVID-19 restrictions related to gatherings permit and the Executive deems it safe, the following are tentatively planned:

- Open House and Car Show, August 1 or September 5
- Yard Sale, August 1-3 or September 5-7.
- Super Draw - Elimination Draw Night, August 22.

Super Draw weekly and monthly draws are on hold until monthly meetings resume. Letters and order forms for the 2020-2021 Super Draw will be mailed to current ticket holders shortly.

### Monthly Meetings

April 11 and May 9 general membership meetings were cancelled.

**June 20 and July 11 meetings are cancelled.**

If COVID-19 restrictions related to gatherings permit and the Executive deems it safe to meet by the August 8 meeting, members will be notified.

## Letter from the New President

On Saturday, March 14, 2020, at the No. 6 RCAF Dunnville Museum Annual General Membership Meeting, elections for the 2020-2022 term took place. Several new faces stepped up to the plate to fill many positions that were vacated.

For the first time, we now have a Past President, as Don Oatman stepped down from being the only President we have ever had. I have very big shoes to fill, but Don assured me that he will help me with his wealth of information and expertise. He knows an enormous amount about the running of our Museum. Frankly, I think we will need at least 3 people to do all the things Don did. Thank you, Don, for a job well done.

John McKay, Steve McKay, Sandra Murphy and John VanLuttikhuisen have agreed to be directors to fill the vacancies left by Lynda Bain, April Cormaci, Ian Durand, and Jack Murphy. These volunteers have worked tirelessly for our Museum, and they will continue to help us with their knowledge and numerous skills. Again, a very big thank you for a job well done.

Tim Logan and Joanne Villeneuve will continue as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Don Hart, Lori Lymburner, and Paul Segui will stay on as directors.

### Just a Little Note About Myself...

*My husband, Derek, and I moved to this area from Hamilton in 1993. Derek's love of aeroplanes (he was a pilot in the R.A.F. in the 50s and worked on the famous Avro-Arrow until it was cancelled) brought us to joining your Museum and volunteering extensively with the No. 6 for many years, and we have thoroughly enjoyed it. Before I retired, I was a bookkeeper. I then went back to night school to become an accountant.*

*I have volunteered with several organizations over the years as Treasurer, Secretary, President, and to help in any way I could. In Haldimand County, I have been involved with Cottonwood Mansion, Nanticoke Community Hall, NESHS (North Erie Shore Historical Society), bowling leagues in Simcoe, and, of course, the No. 6 RCAF Dunnville Museum.*

*Hopefully, my skills will enable me, along with all the volunteers and members, to keep this Museum alive and well and a great place to visit and be involved in.*

Carolyn Burrage

P.S. So far, this position has been relatively easy. Because of COVID-19, our Museum has been closed and everything has been put on hold. How much easier can it get?

### ***If You Have Not Renewed Your Membership for 2020...***

Please take a moment to do so now. The temporary closure of the Museum, the cancellation of our spring and summer events, and the reduction in raffle proceeds due to the COVID-19 global health emergency will result in a considerable decrease in our income for the year. Your membership is more important than ever in these unprecedented times.

Mail your cheque (\$50/person) to:

No. 6 RCAF Dunnville Museum  
P.O. Box 232, Dunnville, ON N1A 2X5



**Thank you!**

### **VISIT THE NO. 6 RCAF DUNNVILLE MUSEUM**

**Location:** 536 Port Maitland Rd. (Hangar 1), Dunnville  
(former Dunnville Airport)

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 232, Dunnville, ON N1A 2X5

**Phone:** 905-701-7223

**Website:** [www.rcafmuseum.org](http://www.rcafmuseum.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/rcafdunnvillemuseum/](https://www.facebook.com/rcafdunnvillemuseum/)

**Hours:** **CURRENTLY CLOSED**

(Normal Hours: Victoria Day weekend through Labour Day weekend:  
Sat. & Holidays, noon-5 p.m., and Sun. 1-5 p.m. Tues. year round,  
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Remembrance Day, noon-4 p.m. To arrange a tour,  
send email through the website or call 905-701-7223.)

### **2020-2022 EXECUTIVE**

#### **Officers**

Carolyn Burrage, President      Tim Logan, Secretary  
Joanne Villeneuve, Treasurer

**Directors:** Don Hart, Lori Lymburner, John McKay, Steve McKay,  
Sandra Murphy, Paul Segui, John VanLuttikhuisen

**Past President:** Don Oatman

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Building/Grounds - Jack Murphy      Merchandise - Lynne King  
Fundscrip - Rick Pleasance      Museum - John VanLuttikhuisen  
Lottery - Sandy Murphy      Newsletter - April Cormaci  
Membership - Joanne Villeneuve      Website - Tim Logan