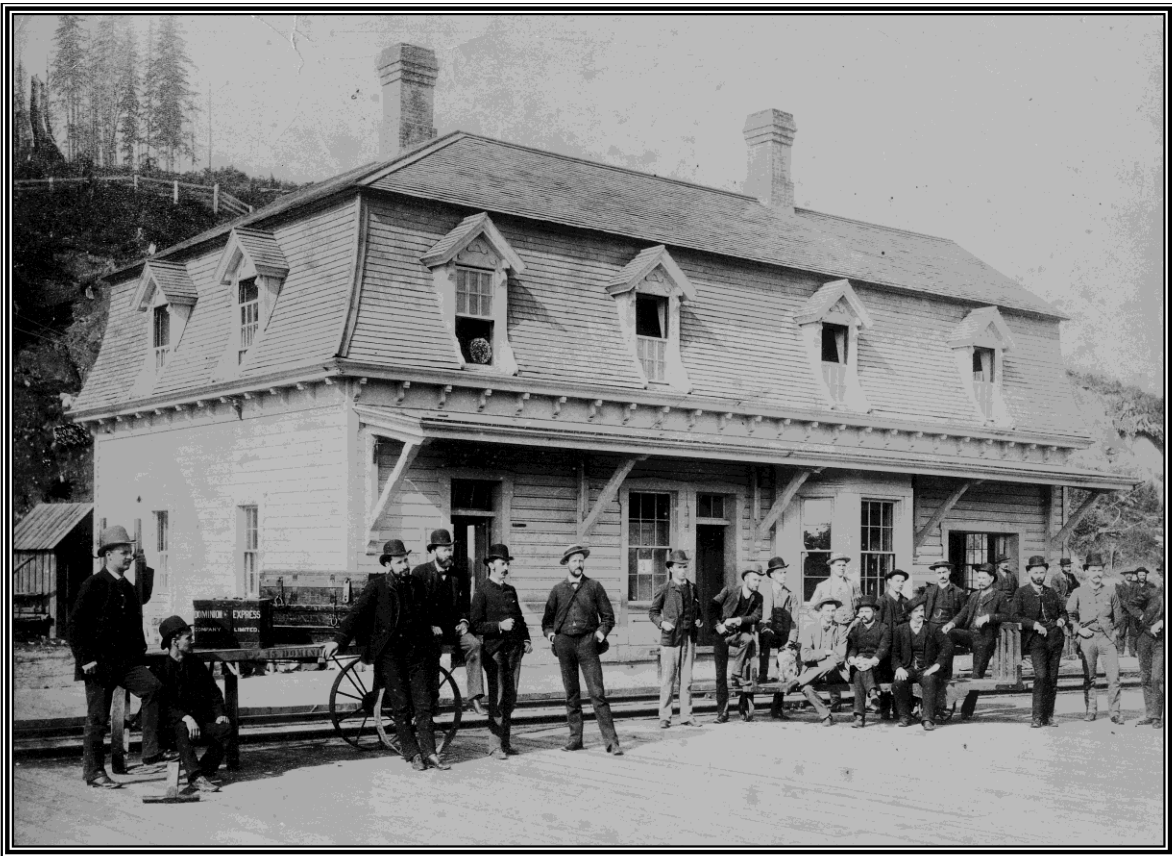


PORT MOODY HERITAGE SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT 2008



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Prepared by Jim Millar
Manager/Curator

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THE PORT MOODY HERITAGE SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008/2009

Wayne Beggs	President
Darrell Penner	Vice-president
Irene Reid	Treasurer
Al Davies	Secretary
Dianna Brown	Past-President

Mary Anne Cooper	Director
Curtis Fullerton	Director
Pam Hagen	Director

Martin Kyle	Director
Darrell Penner	Director
Bruce Schroeder	Director
Weldon Haley	Honorary
Al Sholund	Honorary

Staff

Manager/Curator
 Program and Events
 Coordinator
 Museum Assistant
 Programs Assistant
 Programs Assistant
 Exhibits Assistant
 Artifacts Assistant
 Research Assistant
 Research Assistant
 Marketing Assistant

2008

Jim Millar
 Rebecca Clarke

 Maud Sanford
 Sarah Billy
 Mark Perry
 Candace Holt
 Nicole Gibson
 Bryan Stone
 Darcy Crum
 Nick Czapiewski

2009

Jim Millar
 Rebecca Clarke

 Jacee Ismay

 Marian de los Reyes
 Nicole Gibson

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

MANAGER/CURATOR'S REPORT by Jim Millar

Some highlights from 2008 and the first half of 2009:

Our major project was the very successful Education Program that began in the fall and ran through to July 2009. A Heritage Canada Museums Assistance Programs grant and a BC Arts Council grant enabled us to contract Rebecca Clarke to undertake an Education Policy and revamp our education programs for children. Now 1/3 of our visitors are program participants with a corresponding increase in income. I'm pleased that we are able to continue the program with Rebecca.

Events continue to bring about a third of our visitors with Mothers Day and Easter being the most popular. Events are being reviewed but a new one added is an increased involvement with loco Ghost Town Day in the fall – see you at the Bowling Green.

Part of the 2008 Capital project was completed with new roofs on the Venosta and Charlie's Shop with lean-to. Glad to have the Venosta water tight again. Plans are that we will have the Platform repaired; the Station and the Venosta will be painted by September.

We had 2 summer students sponsored through Young Canada Works in Heritage organizations as well as 4 through Service Canada for 2008. We accomplished a number of projects including the *Lumbermills of Port Moody Community Memories Project* hosted on CHIN's website at http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/pm_v2.php?id=exhibit_home&fl=0&lg=English&ex=00000414 .

The summer of 2009 has started with three summer students sponsored by Service Canada. Tasks focus on the Collection, exhibits and programs assistance. Our fourth Community Memories project will be on the loco Townsite – watch for it. A request for a Collection Intern was submitted to Young Canada Works instead of two summer students but this application was declined.

More staffing changes at the City resulted in Ron Higo adding the Museum back to his portfolio. We thank Colleen Rohde for her support and know that she will continue to help us wherever she can. Ron has always been supportive of the Museum and we welcome him back.

Grants continue to be the major funding source that keeps us going: The City of Port Moody continued its support and so has the Port Moody Foundation. We received our regular operating amount from BC Gaming which has been confirmed through 2011. Hopes for a programs grant from the BC Arts Council did not materialize but we were awarded a reduced project grant instead.

The current economic situation may make 2010 more of a challenge which I look forward to.

A CASE STATEMENT FOR THE PORT MOODY STATION MUSEUM

Our Vision:

A valued and vibrant community asset that showcases and celebrates our heritage.

Background:

The Port Moody Heritage Society, a volunteer based registered non-profit society, was formed from the 1967 Port Moody Centennial Committee and incorporated in 1969 as the Port Moody Historical Society. In 1983 the name of the society was changed to Port Moody Heritage Society to reflect the additional focus of creating and operating the Port Moody Station Museum; preserving information and records of community heritage value.

The Museum is housed in the second Canadian Pacific Railway station built in Port Moody. It was originally located on the west side of the town and moved in 1945 by rail to the center of town at Queens Street. The station building was purchased by the Society in 1978 and moved a second time, by truck to its present location on land leased from the City of Port Moody at 2734 Murray Street, beside Rocky Point Park.

The Museum is a community museum, portraying the history and heritage of the area at the head of Burrard Inlet. Port Moody is the original Western Terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway so the CPR is highlighted to show the importance of the railway in the development of the community and Western Canada.

The Museum is governed by an eleven member Board of Directors, elected annually from the Society's membership. The Board is comprised of a group of dedicated volunteers who bring together a wide variety of backgrounds, skills, contacts and expertise. A full time Manager/Curator manages the daily operation of the Museum with a full-time Museum Programmer, volunteers and Federally sponsored summer students.

The Museum's Key Features

The station, designed to be a live-in unit, originally consisted of two floors. The main floor of 240 m² is used as community and public display space. The Telegraph Office, the hub of railroad activity, features an operational telegraph system, which is available for visitors to try, and a hand-operated telephone from 1884 when the Port Moody and New Westminster Telephone Co. was the first telephone system in B.C. The Waiting Room contains wooden benches and CPR travel posters together with a ticket booth and pot-bellied stove. This room is often used for meetings and slide shows. The restored Parlour and Kitchen show the living and working conditions in the station between 1905 and 1920. The Large Exhibition Room features permanent

exhibits of historical events from the local area including the First Train and Western terminus; a lumber display showing materials from early saw and shingle mills which dotted the shores, a First Nation's display of Salish artifacts and also houses temporary theme displays. The Small Exhibition Room displays include the fur trade, an historic photo collection, a computer narrative slide show of the history of Port Moody schools, 1884 to 1946, and changeable temporary community displays.

The basement of 240 m², added when the building was moved to Murray Street, is the museum's collection storage area. The upper floor of 60 m² is used for offices and administration. Future plans are to open the upper level to feature a restored bedroom and provide additional space for changeable temporary displays.

Outside displays feature the "Venosta", a 1921 sleeper car that now displays historic railway pictures and artifacts or set-up as a dining car for events: murder mystery dinners, Heritage Teas. The Venosta is available for rent for private functions. Also, the Heritage Garden planted and cared for by volunteers, features heritage varieties typical to the gardens of the period that dotted the communities along the CPR's line.

Our Current Programme

The Port Moody Heritage Society, through the efforts over the years of its many dedicated volunteers, has amassed a great deal of knowledge, a collection of important archival material and a multitude of artifacts relating to our community's heritage and history. The Museum preserves and promotes our Community's heritage and is the only local repository for artifacts and archival materials.

The Heritage Society provides a range of benefits to the Community:

Port Moody Station Museum – The Museum is operated daily by a full time Manager/Curator, a full-time Museum Programmer, volunteers and summer students sponsored by Service Canada
Hours of operation: Victoria Day to Labour Day, Daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
the rest of the year, Wednesday to Sunday from 12 noon to 4 p.m.;
Monday, Tuesday, by appointment. Closed off-season Holidays.
Admission is by donation.

Educational Programs – a variety of programs and tours aid in kindling an interest in history and assists schools, ESL groups, home schoolers and educators meeting their curriculum requirements.

Historical Lectures – informative evening lectures are held that highlight aspects of local heritage.

A Resource Centre and Archives – the Museum is the repository of significant archival materials listed through the B.C. Archives Association. Among the collection are the City of Port Moody's tax rolls from 1913-1974 and over 3,000 photographs, which provide unique historical information and data.

Assisting the Heritage Commission – staff and volunteers have assisted in the delivery of the Stone Marker Program, Heritage Building Inventory, and displays by providing research and data.

Artifact Preservation – we preserve many significant historic items in the Museum, which without our care, might otherwise be lost or unavailable to the community.

The Oral History Project - started in 1975, this largely volunteer-based effort, has the long-term goal of collecting personal, first-hand accounts of recent local history from long time residents of the area. These records of over 200 interviews will be used to build, and eventually publish, an extensive historical resource for the community.

Heritage Awareness – Museum staff and volunteers promote heritage awareness by taking part in local community events and neighboring community events; contributing our expertise.

Volunteer Opportunities – Museum resources encourage citizens to give back to their community and in turn receive opportunities for personal development. Our partnership with School District 43 provides opportunities for students in the Career Preparation program.

Tourist Destination – our guest book lists visitors from many far-away places. Local residents bring visiting friends and family to the Museum as it helps to bring a real sense of Port Moody “to life.”

The Development of Community Spirit – the Museum contributes to Port Moody’s sense of community through the many heritage focused events, by presenting our rich history in a fashion that is interesting and strives to provide new, lively exhibits for return visits.

Our Plans for the Future:

Our mission is: PMHS promotes an appreciation of community heritage by preserving and presenting history through exhibits and programs. We welcome everyone to discover our shared heritage.

Although we have accomplished much over the years, we know that we want to offer more to the community in the years to come; preserving our future heritage as we create it.

The Museum is to be a centre of activity, where our past is highlighted in a living, vibrant and exciting manner to enable visitors to explore and experience the past, present and future of our community. Additional staff will be required to augment our volunteers and fulfill goals.

Among our plans for the future are:

Increasing community involvement and heritage awareness -- through partnerships and joint events with community groups, for example, the Moody Centre Business Association's Street Festival, the Arts Centre's Festival of the Arts, the Golden Spike Society, Community Associations and especially schools. This includes initiatives focused outside the Museum, such as expansion of the Walking Tour brochure.

Continuing to develop school level and educational programming -- by creating more specialized educational programs in partnership with teachers and students thus encouraging a higher utilization of facilities. Programs focused on specific curriculum content will offer more in-depth learning opportunities as well as the increased value of repeat visits.

Maintaining our museum collection -- There is an ongoing need to update existing displays in order to adapt to the ever-changing needs and character of the community, as well as providing fresh new exhibits for repeat visitors. We must continue cataloguing and preserving our artifacts. In order to address the challenges and opportunities of the computer age, projects are under way to digitize our extensive collection of photographs.

Improvement to our physical space -- These improvements will be developed through a five-year maintenance plan to conserve and upgrade the building and grounds. An overall site development plan will be tied to a Board Development project. Proposed road changes will create opportunities and challenges for improvement.

Capital projects include visitor-focused improvements such as a wheelchair accessible washroom, a programming area as well as museological improvements to storage areas, expanded displays, conservation work areas and future museum expansion with archives.

Our Board of Directors has defined the Museum's vision to be "**A valued and vibrant community asset that showcases and celebrates our heritage.**" In order for a city to have a sense of community, its citizens must be made aware of its roots, how the city got to where it is and most of all have an appreciation for all those who have helped to make it happen. The Museum's goal is to fulfill the continuing need of knowing one's identity, of educating and informing new members of our community on the importance of our history that has played in making today's community so vibrantly alive. In addition, the Museum plays an economic role in providing a tourist attraction highlighting the cultural identity of the area. Overall, we strive to remember and promote Port Moody's past for, *if our past is forgotten, it quickly vanishes, leaving a void, to never again to be completely filled.*

**THE PORT MOODY HERITAGE SOCIETY
GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES SUPPORT
FROM THE FOLLOWING:**

**The Community of Port Moody
Our Volunteers and members
Individuals
Port Moody Foundation
Vancouver Foundation
Westminster Savings**

**The City of Port Moody
Corporate Services
Cultural Services**

**The Province of British Columbia
BC Gaming Commission
BC Arts Council
BC Museums Association**

**The Government of Canada
Canadian Heritage Information Network
Heritage Canada
Service Canada**

The Port Moody Heritage Society, a registered non-profit organization, gratefully appreciates community support and is capable of issuing tax receipts.

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PORT MOODY STATION MUSEUM 2008 STATISTICS

Membership:	129
Museum Operation:	Victoria Day to Labour Day: daily 10am - 5pm Labour Day to Victoria Day: daily noon - 4pm Closed Holidays
Full Time Staff:	1 Manager/Curator 1 Program Coordinator
Part Time Staff:	1 Museum Assistant SUMMER PLACEMENTS: 2 Young Canada Works 4 Service Canada
Special Events:	July 1st Celebration Walking Tour 2 Tea Car Days 2 Group Tours (Misc) 8 School Tours 17 Birthday Parties 3 Wedding Photos 11 On Site Filming 3 Halloween Train loco Days Kids World Day Penguin Swim Father's Day Lemonade Mother's Day Tea on the Train Studio Tour Easter Egg Hunt Arts Festival Heritage Week
Theme Displays:	5
Total Visitors:	5677
Total Volunteers:	96
Total Volunteer Hours:	1505

**PORT MOODY HERITAGE SOCIETY
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended December 31, 2008**

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REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of the Port Moody Heritage Society

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of Port Moody Heritage Society, as at December 31, 2008 and the statements of operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the society.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles”.

Port Moody, British Columbia
May 27, 2009

FITZPATRICK & DAVIS
CERTIFIED GENERAL ACCOUNTANTS

**PORT MOODY HERITAGE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**
(Unaudited - See Review Engagement Report)

	General Fund	Direct Access Fund	Property Equipment Fund	Total 2008	Total 2007
ASSETS					
Current:					
Cash	\$ 59,665	28,186	-	\$ 87,851	\$ 11,704
Term deposits	-	-	-	-	27,200
Accounts receivable	14,666	-	-	14,666	5,420
Goods and services tax receivable	-	-	-	-	275
Prepaid expenses	-	-	-	-	548
	<u>74,331</u>	<u>28,186</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,517</u>	<u>45,147</u>
Property and equipment - note 3	-	-	139,640	139,640	124,105
	<u>\$ 74,331</u>	<u>\$ 28,186</u>	<u>\$ 139,640</u>	<u>\$ 242,157</u>	<u>\$ 169,252</u>
LIABILITIES					
Current:					
Accounts payable	\$ 5,057	-	-	\$ 5,057	\$ 1,495
Deferred revenue	53,576	-	-	53,576	2,000
	<u>58,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,633</u>	<u>3,495</u>
FUNDS SURPLUS					
Restricted funds	-	28,186	139,640	167,826	124,105
Funds available for future programs	15,698	-	-	15,698	(3,313)
	<u>15,698</u>	<u>28,186</u>	<u>139,640</u>	<u>183,524</u>	<u>120,792</u>
	<u>\$ 74,331</u>	<u>\$ 28,186</u>	<u>\$ 139,640</u>	<u>\$ 242,157</u>	<u>\$ 124,287</u>

On Behalf Of The Board:  Director
 Director

**PORT MOODY HERITAGE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

(Unaudited - See Review/Engagement Report)

	General Fund	Direct Access Fund	Property Equipment Fund	2008	2007
Revenue:					
Grants	\$ 101,911	\$ -	\$ 22,531	\$ 124,442	\$ 128,214
Donations	22,866	-	-	22,866	13,499
Fundraising/ Corporate sponsorship	-	-	-	-	629
Membership	-	-	-	-	2,125
In-kind donations	-	-	-	-	-
Program fees	-	4,376	-	4,376	2,059
Direct access casino income	-	37,688	-	37,688	28,000
	<u>124,777</u>	<u>42,064</u>	<u>22,531</u>	<u>189,372</u>	<u>174,526</u>
Expenditures:					
Advertising	1,464	-	-	1,464	3,420
Amortization	-	-	6,996	6,996	13,775
Alarm, fire and security	1,123	-	-	1,123	567
Collection management and display	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and charges	100	17	-	117	120
Insurance	810	-	-	810	810
Office	14,260	1,903	-	16,163	7,238
Professional fees	8,138	-	-	8,138	5,736
Repairs and maintenance	2,833	-	-	2,833	6,858
Salaries and wages	115,060	12,410	-	127,470	117,563
Training	1,014	-	-	1,014	791
Utilities	5,475	-	-	5,475	5,692
	<u>150,277</u>	<u>14,330</u>	<u>6,996</u>	<u>171,603</u>	<u>162,570</u>
(Deficiency) Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	<u>\$ (25,500)</u>	<u>\$ 27,734</u>	<u>\$ 15,535</u>	<u>\$ 17,769</u>	<u>\$ 11,956</u>

**PORT MOODY HERITAGE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

(Unaudited - Review Engagement Report)

	General Fund	Direct Access Fund	Property Equipment Fund	2008	2007
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
Funds available for future programs, beginning of year	\$ 41,470	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,470	\$ 28,876
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	(25,500)	-	-	(25,500)	25,732
Changes in working capital	<u>(272)</u>	-	-	<u>(272)</u>	<u>(12,956)</u>
Funds available for future programs, end of year	<u>15,698</u>	-	-	<u>15,698</u>	<u>41,652</u>
RESTRICTED					
Restricted funds, beginning of year	-	452	124,106	124,558	124,924
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	-	27,734	(6,997)	20,737	(13,775)
Purchase of capital assets	-	-	22,531	<u>22,531</u>	<u>12,957</u>
Restricted funds, end of year	-	<u>28,186</u>	<u>139,640</u>	<u>167,826</u>	<u>124,106</u>
TOTAL FUND SURPLUSES	<u>\$ 15,698</u>	<u>\$ 28,186</u>	<u>\$ 139,640</u>	<u>\$ 183,524</u>	<u>\$ 165,758</u>

**PORT MOODY HERITAGE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**
(Unaudited - See Review Engagement Report)

	General Fund	Direct Access Fund	Property Equipment Fund	2008	2007
Operations:					
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ (25,500)	\$ 27,734	\$ 15,535	\$ 17,769	\$ 11,957
Item not requiring an outlay of funds					
- amortization			6,996	6,996	13,775
	(25,500)	27,734	22,531	24,765	25,732
Changes in non-cash operating working capital:					
Accounts receivable	(9,248)			(9,248)	(5,377)
Goods and services tax recoverable	275			275	431
Prepaid expenses	548			548	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,562			3,562	(483)
Deferred revenue	51,576			51,576	(5,000)
Employee deduction payable	-			-	(2,452)
Wages payable	-			-	-
Interfund transfers	-			-	-
	21,213	27,734	22,531	71,478	12,851
Investing activities:					
Additions to buildings and computer			(22,531)	(22,531)	(12,957)
Increase (decrease) in fund balances	21,213	27,734	-	48,947	(106)
Cash at beginning of year	38,452	452	-	38,904	39,010
Cash at end of year	\$ 59,665	\$ 28,186	\$ -	\$ 87,851	\$ 38,904
As comprised of:					
Cash	59,665	28,186	-	87,851	11,704
Term deposits	-	-	-	-	27,200
	\$ 59,665	\$ 28,186	\$ -	\$ 87,851	\$ 38,904

**PORT MOODY HERITAGE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

(Unaudited - Review Engagement Report)

1 DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS

The Society is a non-profit organization incorporated on the 18th of June, 1979, under the Society Act of British Columbia. The purpose of the organization is to promote heritage awareness of the communities at the head of The Burrard Inlet.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fund Accounting

The Society operates the following funds:

- i) The General Fund is used for the day-to-day operations of the Society.
- ii) The Direct Access Fund is used to handle funds received from the gaming activities.
- iii) The Property Equipment Fund is used to show funds received and used for property and equipment assets.

Amortization

The building is recorded at historical cost and is amortized over its useful life, which is 20 years based on straight-line method.

Computers are amortized on a declining balance basis at 30% per year with the half year rule in effect.

3 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Cost	2008 Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	2007 Net Book Value
Building	\$ 302,693	\$ 164,597	\$ 138,096	\$ 124,106
Computers	1,817	273	1,544	-
	<u>\$ 304,510</u>	<u>\$ 164,870</u>	<u>\$ 139,640</u>	<u>\$ 124,106</u>

4 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Society's financial instruments consist of cash, term deposits, accounts receivable, accounts payable and deferred revenue. In management's opinion, the Society is not exposed to significant interest rate, currency exchange rate or credit risk arising from these financial statements. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying value.

5 COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

**PORT MOODY HERITAGE SOCIETY
BUDGET 2009**

MINUTES
Port Moody Heritage Society
Annual General Meeting
June 8, 2008

Prior to the AGM of PMHS refreshments were laid out for Members and Guests to partake. This fare consisted of BBQ chicken burgers, Potato Chips, Caesar Salad and Cream Puffs.

President's Welcome. In the absence of Dianna Brown, Acting President, Wayne Beggs conducted this Meeting on behalf of the Society. The Meeting was called to order at 1:25 P.M. with 21 members in attendance plus 4 proxies.

It was moved by Bob Kerr, Seconded by Al McNeil "that the Agenda, as printed and circulated, be adopted". Prior to a Vote on this Motion Al Sholund introduced a separate Motion to recognize two other noteworthy contributors as Life Members. This Motion was treated as an addition to the distributed agenda, and therefore constituted an amendment to the original Motion. The original Mover and Secunder assented to this Amendment, and the Motion was then voted on, and carried.

Minutes Approval. It was moved by Ron Curties, Seconded by Ian MacDonald "that the AGM Minutes of June 10, 2007 be approved". Carried.

Business Arising from 2007 Minutes. The subject of the 2007 decision to reduce Membership Fees was discussed. It was agreed that this lower Fee had been instrumental in strengthening the Membership. Thus, the \$5.00 Membership rate is to be retained.

Reports. (a) President's Report. Wayne Beggs reviewed Dianna Brown's Report printed in the Handout material.

(b) Curator/Manager. Jim Millar reviewed his Printed Report noting that the Site of the Venosta is in fact, an encroachment and may have to be moved. Impacting factors which will influence this consideration include OCP/Skytrain and Murray/Clarke Connector Road. *The absence of Coleen Rohde, Director of Strategic Planning and Cultural and liaison from the City of Port Moody to PMHS was noted. It was believed that she would be in attendance today.

Treasurer's Report. Irene Reid discoursed on the sheaf of Financial Statements included in the Handout, making reference to the Review approval conducted by Fitzpatrick and Davis. Ms. Reid pointed out the work done by the Manager/Curator in gathering and preparing detailed submissions for Grant(s) approval to augment Finances. Ms. Reid also made note of two \$500.00 donations made by Life Members and moved "that the Treasurer's Report be accepted". The Motion was seconded by Ron Curties and carried.

New Business. a) Honorary Patron. It was moved by Ian MacDonald, Seconded by Bob Kerr “that Al McNeil be accorded the status of Honorary Patron in recognition of his significant numerous contributions to the Society”. Some of these noteworthy contributions were cited before the vote, which was carried. A Special Plaque commemorating this distinctive Award was presented to Mr. McNeil with accompanying photos. Mr. McNeil thanked the Society for this unique honor and paid tribute to others (some now deceased) in his acceptance remarks.

b) Special Resolution/Change of By-Laws/Officer Terms (1 and 2 years). Resolution was circulated printed in the handouts). The objective of this Resolution is to promote continuity facilitated by overlapping terms. It was moved by Pamela Hagen, Seconded by Martin Kyle “that this Resolution be adopted”. Carried.

It was moved by Al Sholund, Seconded by Al Davies “that Dot Harinen and Dave Maxwell be accorded Honorary Life Status in recognition of their special efforts and contributions to the Society”. Carried.

Elections of Officers and Board of Trustees for the 2008/2009 Term. (based on approval of Special Resolution by the Registrar of Societies). Trevor Todd took the lead in overseeing proceedings. Scrutineers were appointed (Al McNeil, Ron Curties and Trevor Todd and Voting Cards were distributed. A Slate of Officer Candidates was presented by Martin Kyle, Nomination Committee. Wayne Beggs was elected (by acclamation) as President for 2008/2009. Al Davies was elected (by acclamation) as Secretary for 2008/2009. Two Candidates (Dianna Brown and Darrell Penner) were presented as candidates for the one year term as Vice-President. Darrell Penner was elected as Vice-President for 2008/2009. The following was noted: Martin Kyle and Bruce Schroeder have one more year in their terms as Board of Trustees Directors. Nominations from the floor were requested (3x) for all elected positions.

Irene Reid has accepted the undertaking of the Treasurer appointment. It was moved by Al Davies, Seconded by Al Sholund “that Dianna Brown serve as immediate Past President: The Motion was carried following lengthy discussion.

It had been previously moved by Al McNeil, Seconded by Irene Reid “that a secret Ballot be utilized for voting on the Vice-President position”. (Legitimization of Proxies). Carried.

Directors at Large. Maryann Cooper, Pamela Hagen and Curtis Fullerton were elected as Board Directors for two Year terms.

Other Directors positions that could not be filled will be by appointment until the next AGM. The Ballots were then destroyed, following an appropriate Motion.

Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2009/2010 Elections. Ron Curties suggested that this topic be addressed by the new Board who are in the best position to make the appropriate appointment.

Announcements. All were thanked for attending and kudos given to Trevor Todd for his inputs/overseeing of Elections.

Adjournment. It was moved By Ian MacDonald, Seconded by Bob Kerr "that the Meeting be adjourned" (3:25 P.M.) Carried.

N.B. A planned Power Point presentation was not given.

Al Davies, Secretary