

# THE VILLAGER

CENTURY PARK MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

BURNABY, B.C.

JANUARY, 1976

## NOTICE OF

### FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 26th, 1976.

PLACE: Burnaby Lake Pavilion

TIME: 8:00 P.M.

PROGRAM: Following the business meeting and presentation of annual reports a recent National Film Board release will be shown titled Dreamland; A History of Early Canadian Movies - 1895-1910.

### NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF C.P.M.A.-1976

President:	Hazel Simnett	Secretary: Rose Bancroft
1st Vice President:	Dennis Meade	Treasurer: Bing Bakkan
2nd Vice President:	Ted Burnham	

#### Directors:

Mona Allison

Al Antonson

Don Copan

Joseph Corsbie

Jim Gilding

Valerie Ladner

Bill Lewarne

Joanne Pickering

Harry Pride

Jean Runcie

Frank Street

Isobel Varrick

Further nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting provided concurrence of the nominee is obtained in writing if the nominee is not present and the nominee is a member in good standing. If any of the above mentioned nominees are unable to attend the annual meeting they, too, must signify in writing to the chairman of the nominating committee.

John Thomson will be Director-Past President.

Nominating Committee: Allan Armstrong, chairman; Harold Balfour; James Barrington.

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### AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Notice is hereby given that the following motions to amend the By-laws of the Century Park Museum Association will be introduced and considered at the annual meeting. These motions have been considered and passed by the Board of Directors.

1. That section 1X (1) be amended to read:

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected officers and board members, the immediate past president, the chairman of the gift shop committee, the chairman of the volunteers committee, not more than three (3) representatives of affiliate member groups, along with an appointed representative each from the Burnaby Municipal Council and the Burnaby Parks and Recreation Commission, one of whom shall be a member of the finance or budget committee of the Association.

Intent of the amendment: addition of the chairman of the volunteers committee to the Board of Directors.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS cont'd.

2. That section 1X (11) be amended to read:

The Board of Directors shall meet on a regular basis not less than four (4) times a year.

Intent of the amendment: reduction of minimum number of Board of Director's meetings from eight (8) to (4).

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CURATOR'S CORNER

Things in the curatorial side of Heritage Village are really humming this winter, due primarily to the much needed assistance of display workers, cataloguers and local history researchers, made possible through the Local Initiatives Programme. Cupboards and attic storage areas are finally being cleaned out and the backlog of artifacts that came in with such a rush as long ago as 1971 are now being catalogued, cleaned, numbered and put on display. This is very time consuming work, often requiring as much as 15 minutes for even the smallest artifact. And there are thousands to be processed, not counting those coming in every week and numbering about 1500 per year.

Top on the list of new displays this year is the restoration of the small, two-roomed Tommy Irvine House brought to the Village by a volunteer work party last April. Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers and our own staff and L.I.P. workers the roof and porch are now completed and work is starting on the interior. Special thanks are extended to Frank Street who supervised the re-roofing work.

Other changes, large and small, are being made to the Ice Cream Parlour, the Print Shop, the General Store and the Chinese Herbalist's, all generally to make more display space available for our ever expanding collection. Elworth House has received a complete exterior facelift to bring it back to its original 1920 appearance and in the spring the flower beds along the front walk will be replanted for the first time just as pictures of the house in the twenties show them. Behind the scenes this year we are trying to update our storage facilities which are now cramped and we are trying to introduce climate control including heat, light and humidity in all display and storage areas. We are also starting to conduct more research into our collections of artifacts and photographs with the hope that in the near future

this information will be available for students and volunteers and the general public who may wish to know more about individual artifacts or about local history topics.

John Adams

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MEMBERSHIP

1976 renewals are due. If you have not already renewed your membership for this year, now is the time. Memberships can be renewed at the annual meeting or by sending a cheque to - Isabel Varrick, 6390 Clinton St., Burnaby, B.C., V5E 1A4

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COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS

The fall of 1975 saw a great deal of activity at Heritage Village in the area of school programming. After a month of well-attended orientation sessions the volunteers started working with visiting elementary school students in early October. The programmes offered proved very popular and we were able to host 45 classes of enthusiastic youngsters.

In January, some additional volunteers were attracted to the museum and were invited to attend a number of lectures, demonstrations and discussions related to our museum programmes. It is a pleasure to have these new people sharing their varied talents and experiences with us. School programmes for the spring are running from February to May and are once again fully booked.

Programming for adults has also continued with two quilting classes and a class in lace-making offered last fall. The quilting course proved so popular that further classes are being offered, starting the week of February 16. Additional programming possibilities are to be explored in the near future in cooperation with other community organizations and museums. We are particularly interested in improving our programming for senior citizens and are developing some special materials for use by older people.

Margaret McInall

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THE VILLAGE VIEW

After a record 1975 season, which saw major donation activity (Royal Bank of Canada, Province of B.C., and Vancouver Foundation); provincial and local area public events (B.C. Spring Festival and B.C. Museum Train openings, Model Railway opening, Dominion Day celebration and Heritage Christmas); expanded programming for schools, adult activities, volunteers, rentals, weddings and the general public, and a grand total of 85,472 visitors, Heritage Village now enters its fifth year of operation with the prospect of even greater heights. Our public programming has been further expanded to include Sunday afternoons in winter, as well as the regular spring-through-fall season, for almost year-around public entry.

School activities, other group tours and rentals continue to fill our fall-winter-spring weekdays, and few Saturdays now pass without a wedding booked into the Village Church. Major donation interest has been expressed and is being encouraged, including two well-known large companies.

Heritage Village has become an important and major operation bringing publicity to Burnaby and attracting visitors from close to home and far afield. It is an enterprise in which all who have been associated can take significant pride. Better yet, it is a place where much enjoyment and satisfaction is available to all who work here, whether volunteers, Local Initiatives Project workers, casual staff or regular staff.

The staff and I are happy to be involved in this growing museum and would like to thank the Board, committees and volunteers of all types for their input and support.

Tony Scott  
Executive Director.

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OLD DRESS PATTERNS NEEDED

A group of senior citizens is applying for a grant to sew fashions that were popular during the early decades of this century. If you have old dress patterns or millinery designs that might be suitable please contact - Laura Mousseau at Heritage Village (291-8525).

Although paid staff must necessarily be on hand to keep the physical side of the Village running, it is the volunteers, helping in numerous capacities who do so much to add a warm vitality to the scene. For instance, volunteers helping with school tours spend half a day per week at the museum guiding small groups of elementary school students to display areas and discussing selected aspects of life in the early 1920's. Those who are not available to work with the children can enjoy acting as display host or hostess when the Village is open to the public. All new volunteers are requested to attend training and orientation sessions on museum practices and display content. The next sessions will be held in early April.

C.P.M.A. committees need people with time and talents to give, too. If you would like to be involved with Village activities please check off the areas in which you are interested and either hand in the following form at the annual meeting or mail it to - **The Director,**

Heritage Village,  
4900 Deer Lake Ave.,  
Burnaby, B.C., V5G 3T6

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