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Vancouver Police Historical Society and Centennial Museum

Newsletter - Winter 2006



Winter patrol through Stanley Park, c. 1969. (VPCM Archives, P01549)

Christmas is Coming!

Christmas Sale

From **December 16 to 23rd**, members of the Historical Society will receive **20%** off all purchases in the gift shop.

Christmas Hours

The museum will be closed from **December 24 to January 1**.

Holiday Activities

From **January 2 to 6**, bring your restless kids to the museum to try and solve a crime. From noon to 4 P.M. each day we will be running our popular Forensic Science Drop-In Program.



Ozzie Kaban Recognized by Museum Board

On June 21 Ozzie Kaban was recognized at the Vancouver Police Historical Society's Annual General Meeting for his generous support of the Police Museum. A permanent plaque recognizing his contribution has been hung in the museum. In the past year alone, Ozzie has donated significant upgrades to the museum's security system and paid for the production of the museum's promotional rack cards, school program brochures and school program booklets. His long-term support and commitment make him a true patron of the museum.

Museum in the Spotlight

Throughout the summer and fall, the museum has again been profiled numerous times in the local media. Some highlights include:

CBC Radio One - On September 22 CBC Radio's **On the Coast** broadcast live from the museum to wrap up its week-long forensic science series **On the Case**. A variety of forensics experts from throughout the lower mainland visited the museum and appeared live on the show. Guests included forensic odontologist Dr. David Sweet from UBC, entomologist Dr. Gail Anderson from SFU and Inspector Eric Grummisch from the VPD.

VPD 2006 Annual Report - The museum was invited to provide a short article on a historical example of a VPD officer going "Beyond The Call"; this was published and distributed to half a million Vancouver Residents.

The Sins of the City walking tour received significant attention. Outlets that ran extended stories or interviews included: **CTV News**, the **Vancouver Courier**, City-



CBC Radio Host Priya Ramu interviewing Inspector Grummisch in the former autopsy room.

TV's **Breakfast Television**, **24 Hours** news magazine, **The Peak** (SFU's student newspaper), **Fairchild TV**, and **Vancouver Lifestyles** magazine.

The museum provided research assistance for several scholarly projects and periodicals, including **Red Light Neon**, a book detailing the history of Vancouver's sex trade written by well-known historian Dan Francis. Using museum resources **Vancouver Lifestyles** magazine published an article on the history of women in the Vancouver Police Department in their April 2006 issue.

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Volunteers

Thank you to Paul Christian Hansen, Adrianna Linares, Krishna Moerike, Nadar and Simin Moradi, Noriko Obam, Renee Siu, Hillary Stewart, Peter Oh and Tunde Tuzes for their dedication and many volunteer hours given to the museum this summer and fall.



New Board Members

Several new board members were elected at the society's Annual General Meeting on June 21. Warm welcomes are extended to:

Paul Patterson has been the Vancouver Police Department's Director of Public Affairs and Marketing since 1994 – the first civilian to hold this position. Paul's background as a journalist, producer and communications consultant will be a great asset to the museum board.

Lindsay Thompson is the Curator and Director of Development at the White Rock Museum and Archives. Lindsay brings to the board experience in collections management, exhibit design, fundraising and event planning.

Chris Taulu is the Office Coordinator for the Collingwood Community Policing Centre and has spent the past thirty years as a community activist. She is one of the founding members of the Collingwood Neighborhood House, and the Collingwood Community Policing Centre. Chris has been working with museum staff to expand museum outreach programs.

Glenn Canuel of Canuel Caterers joined his brother Brian on the Board of Directors. Glenn has been coordinator of the Chief R.J. Canuel Memorial Golf Tournament for the past six years. The tournament has donated over \$65,000 to the Chief RJ Canuel Memorial Scholarship fund administered by the museum. Over the past 6 years, 21 students have been awarded scholarships.



*Some of the many characters that appear in the new
Museum Colouring Book, developed for the Mini
Police Academy school program.*

New School Programs Launched

Mini Police Academy - This new program is designed to introduce students in Kindergarten to Grade Three to the role of the police in the community. Students explore the sorts of work a police officer performs while on duty, learn what they can do to help the police do their job and how to keep themselves safe. This is an interactive program with age-appropriate activities that include storytelling, arts & crafts, puzzles, a scavenger hunt and role-playing. Special thank-you to the Vancouver Police Foundation for their support in developing this program.

Kidnapping Scenario- A new simulated crime scene has been developed to provide a greater challenge for high school students participating in the museum's popular Forensic Science school program. This new scenario, suitable for grade 8 and up, gives students a chance to analyze more technical kinds of evidence, including DNA, impression evidence, blood spatter and more.



*Summer students and past scholarship recipients
Mariya Zhalovaga and Michael Bal*

Summer Programming

The strong growth in attendance reported in the Spring Newsletter continued through the sunny summer season and into the fall. This success can be attributed to the launch of several new programs, particularly the Sins of the City walking tour, and the Forensic Science Drop-In, which ran twice a week through the summer. A special thank-you to Hillary Stewart for all her volunteer hours to help the drop-in run smoothly.

The new **Sins of the City** tour was an overwhelming success, greatly increasing our visibility in the tourist market and bringing hundreds of new visitors to the museum. The tour will be improved and expanded for next summer.

Summer students Michael and Mariya worked hard to deliver our many group programs and also helped Chris Mathieson, Museum Programmer, with research and development for the new **Mini Police Academy** program as well as the new **Kidnapping Scenario**. A new School Program brochure was also produced for the 06/07 year.

For additional information on the museum's many programs, please visit www.vancouverpolicemuseum.ca.

2006 Raymond J. Canuel Scholarship Recipients

Each year, the R.J. Canuel Memorial Scholarship is awarded to grade 12 students with plans to pursue a career in policing. The following exceptional young people were awarded the scholarship for 2006:



Brad Willson

"I have always had great respect for the peace officers, and I consider them to be my role models. They are there putting their lives on the line for us, and one day, I would like to become that role model for someone else."

Brad graduated from Aldergrove Community Secondary School and is currently enrolled in the Criminal Justice Diploma program at the University College of the Fraser Valley. Brad has an excellent academic record and substantial volunteer experience. In the words of his Principal, Mr. Charlie Fox, "Brad has proven himself to be a well-rounded student who is focused on reaching his goals. He has proven himself in school... and as a quality citizen. It has been a pleasure to have the opportunity to be Brad's principal."



Kayla Mitchell

"I look forward to protecting the public, teaching and training youth to become better citizens within our society, and simply continuing to make the community a better place"

Kayla graduated from Fleetwood Park Secondary and is now studying Psychology in the Faculty of Arts at Kwantlen University College. Kayla is an active volunteer and was a member of her schools Student Council, Grad Council and Field Hockey team. She is also an active member of the Royal Westminster Regiment Army Cadet Corps. Her commanding Officer Captain Rick Blyth describes Kayla as "an intelligent and motivated individual who is more than capable of handling any task appointed to her."

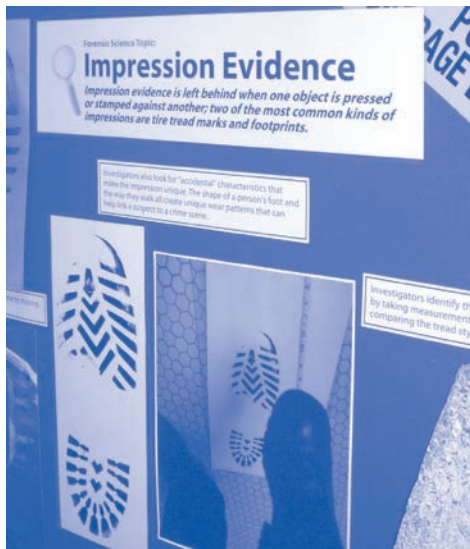
**Do you know a Grade 12 student
with plans to pursue a career in policing?**

Information on how to apply for the R.J. Canuel Memorial Scholarship is now available on the museum website at www.vancouverpolicemuseum.ca.

The deadline to apply is May 15, 2007.

RJ Canuel Memorial Golf Tournament

On September 14th 2006, 140 golfers gathered to participate in a fundraiser for the Chief R.J. Canuel Memorial Society. The day was overcast at the beginning, and by 3:00 P.M. participants were hit by a torrential rain storm. Most of the golfers "weathered it out", and by 5 P.M. the sun was shining. Approximately \$25,000 was raised. These funds will be distributed to the Sunshine Dreams for Kids, Special Olympics, and several smaller charities throughout the year. \$5000 was donated to the Scholarship Endowment Fund and \$1000 was donated to the museum for future capital improvement projects.



Forensics Exhibits

This fall the museum researched and installed displays on twelve forensic science topics. Designed to compliment the museum's Forensic Science school programming, these displays include information on fingerprints, odontology, blood spatter, entomology and more.

Special thank-you to the VPD Forensic Identification Unit, UBC forensic odontologist Dr. David Sweet, Karen Needham from the UBC Spencer Entomological Museum and Gord Bader for their assistance with the creation of these new exhibits.

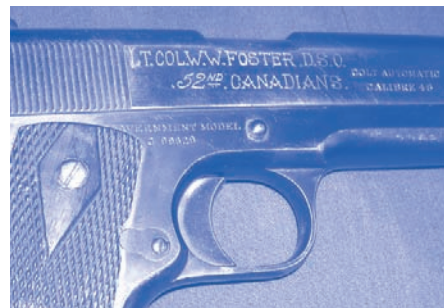
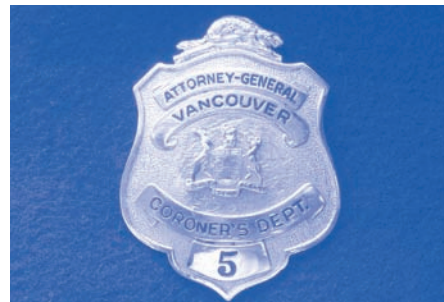
Haunted Vancouver Trolley Tour

Now in its 14th year, the Haunted Vancouver Trolley Tour is the museum's most popular fundraising event. Produced in partnership with the Vancouver Museum and the Vancouver Trolley Company, the tour visits the sites of Vancouver's most famous murders, as well as the cemetery and the old City Morgue (here at the museum). This year, over 4000 people participated in the tour, raising \$12,000 for the museum. Thank you to Mariya Zhalovaga, Michael Bal, Hillary Stewart, Kimberly Voll and Greg Robinson for their assistance on those many busy late nights. Thank you also to Rick Holthuysen at Kearney's Funeral Services and Jay Danziger at Woodlawn Funeral Home for their loans of equipment.

Acquisitions Update

Bart Bastien Collection - The Bastien Estate has provided the museum with numerous artifacts and papers detailing Coroner Bart Bastien's tenure with the BC Coroner's Service. This collection has allowed the museum to make great headway in preserving the rich history of the space we inhabit.

Chief Foster Firearms - The Foster Family recently donated three firearms to the museum that belonged to former Chief Constable W.W. Foster (Chief from 1935 to 1941). Of particular note is an Colt M1911 used by Foster during World War One; his name, rank and regiment are all engraved on it, as is a reference to a Distinguished Service Order he earned. He also carried this firearm on patrol as a Vancouver Police officer.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

VANCOUVER POLICE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND CENTENNIAL MUSEUM

Members of the Vancouver Police Historical Society have numerous benefits including unlimited free admission to the museum, 10% discount at the museum gift shop, Biannual Newsletter.

Individual - \$25.00, VSPOA - \$20.00, Patron - \$250.00, Benefactor - \$500.00

Name and Phone #: _____

Address, City, Province, Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Please forward completed application with payment to:

Vancouver Police Historical Society at 240 E.Cordova St.Vancouver,BC V6A 1L3

The Vancouver Police Historical Society is a non-profit organization and registered charity.

The Vancouver Police Historical Society would like to welcome the following new members: Class #112 - Chin Hsiang, Jason Phillips, Edgar Diaz, Nadeen Brown, Robert Trott; Class #113 - Cara Adams, Dale Hemm, Keith Howson-Jones, Matthew Oliver, Timothy Rich, Scott Sutherland, Jeffrey Wise