

Spring 2009

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March 2009

The Board of Directors of St. James U.C. Heritage Society is pleased to announce that the restoration of the roof, bell tower, foundation and walls of the building were completed in 2008.

The Board of Directors, on behalf of the St. James U.C. Heritage Society would like to acknowledge and thank Mr. David MacDonald and his crew at Jacko Contracting for their excellent work. We thank them for their professionalism and the support they have provided to the Society during this restoration process.

The Society was very fortunate to receive, in the spring of 2008, a grant of fifteen thousand dollars from the Halifax Regional Municipality Heritage Program. The Board of Directors applied for a grant to the Heritage Program in March of 2008 and was very pleased with the fifteen thousand dollars that was received toward the restoration of the walls of the building. This grant, in conjunction with monies raised through fund raising, allowed the Society to complete the restoration of the outside of the building in 2008. (Please note that this does not include window restoration that is an on going project at Board level)

During the spring and summer of 2009 the Board will be focusing upon the restoration of the interior of the building, and upgrading of the grounds. The Board of Directors is also exploring the possibility of installing an interpretation board on the grounds within the next year.

Once again, we wish to acknowledge the outstanding support that the Society has received from the Halifax Regional Municipality Heritage Program and our membership. Without this support and encouragement our project would not have been as successful as it has. The old adage, "many hands make light work" certainly rings true here.

It has been a great privilege for us, as a board, to meet and become acquainted (reacquainted) with many fine and generous people as this project evolved. We all share a common goal and desire – to honor and preserve our cultural roots and the desire to bequeath this cornerstone of our past to future generations. It

is our hope that they also appreciate this site that symbolizes a vibrant cultural heritage that is reflected in their circle of life.

The Society is in the process of putting together a cookbook. It will be a principle fundraiser for the group during the upcoming year. Cost of the book will be ten dollars (shipping an extra three dollars). It will be sold at fundraising events this summer.

The annual Hike-a-thon has become a very profitable annual fundraiser for the Society. It will be held on September 26th this fall. We would encourage our members and friends to support this very worthwhile event. All monies raised go directly to restoration cost. It is a simple and easy way to be involved in helping to save our heritage building. Our Board of Directors work tirelessly to raise funds to finish this project and any financial help received is greatly appreciated.

To make a pledge please send a cheque to the Society at 28 North Street, Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 2B4. Income Tax receipts will be issued for all pledges over ten dollars.

St. James United Church Heritage Society