



Preserving Canada's Nuclear Heritage

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University of Alberta SLOWPOKE console arrives just in time for Open House



John Hilborn and Deep River Mayor Joan Lougheed with the SLOWPOKE reactor control console at the Open House, which took place on Nov 10, 2018 and attracted about 85 visitors.

The Society at the Canadian Nuclear Society Conference

Morgan Brown has written and will present a paper, "One Artifact at a Time — Preserving Canada's Nuclear Heritage," at the next annual conference of the Canadian Nuclear Society, which will take place Jun 23-26 at the Westin Ottawa. The paper describes the Society's activities and plans. The conference will provide us an opportunity to make ourselves better known to the entire Canadian nuclear community and identify more potential sources of funding and donors to our collection. For more information about the conference visit <http://cns-annual-conference.org/>

The Society on Video and in the North Renfrew Times

Jim Ungrin continues to write his series of articles in the North Renfrew Times on artifacts and photographs entering our collection. In many cases, he requests your help in unravelling more of the story behind the item.

Two local residents have recently carried out video shoots in 51 Poplar. We look forward to seeing the final products.

Protecting our collections and interim home

With a generous family bequest received through the Deep River and District Community Foundation, the Society has installed security cameras and an intrusion alarm system to protect our collections at 51 Poplar Street.

New Board Member

The Society has welcomed David Cox, former Vice President of Operations and Chief Nuclear Officer at CNL, as a member on the board of directors.

Society Directors and Officers

Michael Stephens	Board Chair, President
James Ungrin	Board Vice-Chair, Vice-President
Morgan Brown	Secretary
Don Barrington	Treasurer
Allan Symons	Membership Secretary
Tom Alburger	Director
Dave Cox	Director
Sourena Golesorkhi	Director

Tours and Presentations Available

We are always interested in spreading news of the Society and encouraging participation by new members. Society representatives recently made presentations to the Councils of the Towns of Deep River and Laurentian Hills, and to the Chalk River Branch of the Canadian Nuclear Society. Society members have visited the Chalk River Laboratories several times to identify items worth saving from facilities being decommissioned. CNL “transition team” staff recently paid a visit to 51 Poplar to see the collection we have already assembled. This will help them in deciding what items to save from buildings being shut down and cleared for decommissioning at the labs. Let us know if you belong to groups that would like a tour of 51 Poplar, or would like to have a Society member make a presentation on our activities. Contact either Michael Stephens (613-584-9210) or Jim Ungrin (613-584-3055) to make arrangements.



How you can get involved

Show your support and keep up-to-date by visiting our website and social media accounts.

If you have an item to donate, please call: Jim Ungrin (613-584-3055), Michael Stephens (613-584-9210), or Morgan Brown (613-717-1588).

We also need your help whether you're an expert or not! The success of the Society depends on the level of support it receives from local residents. We currently require help with:

- cataloguing, researching, and writing the history of individual artifacts
- cleaning up, repairing, and organizing artifacts for display
- writing occasional articles and newsletters
- putting sustainable funding in place
- investigating options for a permanent home

Recent Additions to the Collection



In addition to a collection of gowns that W.B. Lewis wore when he received several honorary degrees, the Society recently acquired Lewis's 1940s camera and his treasured wide-band communications receiver. The Society continues to seek artifacts from other Canadian institutions and from the many international nuclear projects in which Canada has participated. It has received personal mementos to date from activities in Argentina, India, South Korea, Pakistan, Romania, and Taiwan.

Artifacts – The Society now has over 300 catalogued artifacts in its collection. In the main these artifacts have come from personal donations and from the homes of nuclear industry pioneers that are being cleared. Without the presence of the Society much of this material would have been slated for the landfills. One of the more illustrative donations was a half-length CANFLEX fuel bundle made into a table lamp. This artifact displays many of the defining features of a CANDU including the calandria tube, the fuel channel, the garter springs and the fuel bundle.

Books - The catalogued collection of books and periodicals now exceeds 600, with more than 540 of these being individual book titles. These have all come from individuals or are past discards from the AECL libraries at Chalk River and Whiteshell.

Documents - The Society has continued to see a rapid growth in the number of documents, including photographs and design drawings in its collection. A large effort has been put into indexing the articles in the AECL and CNL series of publications starting from the AECL Review through to the Voyageur employee newsletters. These publications span the period from 1964 to the present. A similar large effort has been put into organizing the many hundreds of photographs that have been donated. Efforts are underway to identify the many individuals seen in the photographs. Assistance with this effort will be very welcome.