

# Preserving Canada's Nuclear Heritage

# NEWSLETTER

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## Good Progress in Society's Second Year

There have been many positive developments since our last newsletter. We have signed formal donation and loan agreements with CNL and AECL in August, and items are now arriving from CRL. In our second year, our collections have more than doubled. We now have more than 400 artifacts, 750 books and 20 m of documents.

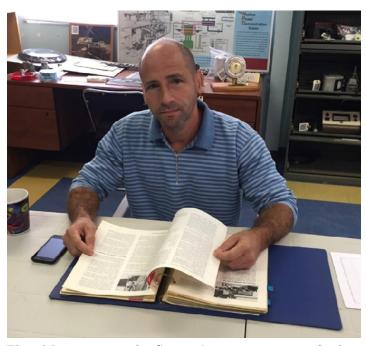
Society Secretary Morgan Brown presented a paper on the Society to the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Nuclear Society in Ottawa in June. His paper and slides are posted on our website at nuclearheritage.ca.

The Society's Annual General Meeting of Members was held in the Deep River Community Church's Christian Education Centre in Deep River on October 24. The Board reported on progress and the next steps, and the members approved the financial statement and renewed the Board membership. Attendees gave their ideas on how they would like to see the Society develop.

Jim Ungrin continues to write his series of articles in the North Renfrew Times on the artifacts and photographs entering our collection.

We had a table at the Deep River Craft Fair on November 2 – a most pleasant and productive day. We renewed many contacts and made many new ones. Progress towards a permanent facility for the Society has been slower than envisaged in our Business Plan. AECL has generously extended our lease at 51 Poplar for an additional two years.

A local student currently at Canadore College completed an excellent video shoot on the Society and its holdings at 51 Poplar as a class project. The Society also welcomed its first academic researcher to 51 Poplar. After spending several weeks researching archives in Montreal and at Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa, Brazilian historian Elias Maia spent two days in Deep River with several members of the Society working through some of the Society's collection. He hopes to return in the near future for a more extensive research session.



Elias Maia visiting the Society's interim storage facility, to gather information for a post-doctoral comparative study of the development of nuclear technology in Brazil and Canada, between 1940 and 1970.

#### Recent Additions to our Collection

The Society continues to receive numerous donations of artifacts, recently including:

- Model of Advanced CANDU Reactor in a display case;
- "Shadow box" display showing the processing of uranium ore into reactor fuel;
- Signs, posters and framed photographs and other items from several buildings being decommissioned at CNL.

Our thanks go to CNL for donating these items to our collection. See our website for a broad display of some of our collection.



ACR Model

## Tours and Presentations of the Society's Collections Continue

The Society continues to gives tours and presentations on its activities. We were recently visited by the CNL Information Management Branch, and upcoming tours include the Chalk River Branch of the Canadian Nuclear Society and the Algonquin Chapter of the Professional Engineers of Ontario. If you belong to a group that would like a tour of 51 Poplar, or would like to have a presentation on our activities, contact Michael Stephens or Jim Ungrin.

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### How you can get involved?

We need your help whether you're an expert or not! The Society's success depends on the support it receives from the public and the entire nuclear industry. Our stakeholders include the general public, current and former nuclear employees, school children, visitors to the Deep River area, local governments, historians, and commercial and not-for-profit organizations. We are currently looking for help to:

- Catalogue, research, and write the history of individual artifacts
- Clean up, repair, and organize artifacts for display
- Prepare library displays
- Do minor building maintenance
- Assist with running our website
- Help write articles for the website, newspapers and newsletters
- Investigate options for a permanent home
- Prepare grant requests and reports, and contact potential sponsors to put sustainable funding in place

We are also looking for the following items:

- Artifacts from Health Sciences, Chemistry and Waste Management
- Artifacts and publications from other parts of AECL such as Whiteshell, Power Projects, Commercial Products, NPD, WR-1, G1, Port Hope, Glace Bay, etc.
- Artifacts and publications from CANDU sites in Canada and abroad
- Artifacts and publications from other Canadian nuclear activities

If you have something you'd like to donate, or would like to be involved in any society activities, please call Jim Ungrin (613-584-3055), Michael Stephens (613-584-9210), or Morgan Brown (613-717-1588), or email us at info@nuclearheritage.ca.

