



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF THE GATINEAU

October 1988 NEWSLETTER

Purpose of the Society:

*"... to promote matters of historical or heritage significance
in the general area of the Gatineau Valley."*

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 17
Chelsea Elementary School
8:00 p.m.

**"The new mandate of the
National Capital Commission:
What it means to the Gatineau"**

with

**Jean Piggott,
Chairman of the N.C.C.**

a public meeting sponsored by
the Historical Society of the Gatineau

preceded by a Social Half Hour,
which begins at 7:30 p.m.

BRING A FRIEND!

Rae Moore, has resigned effective the end of December 1988.

The recent Auction made a profit of about \$3,200. The Society has purchased a lap-top computer, printer, and software. The computer is being used to complete an inventory of the holdings of the Museum.

Unfortunately, the Society has failed to save the Old Town Hall, the Hudson House, etc. However, we have an opportunity to attempt to save the McNally House. In addition, a discussion took place on options for saving the Union Mission Church.

The Society has received a letter from Quebec Cultural Affairs stating they will pay up to \$10,000 as a grant to promote heritage. The Society is willing to underwrite costs for equipment needed for the "History in the Schools Project".

Regarding the "Friends of the Historical Museum of the Gatineau": the group will be part of the Historical Society with a particular focus on the Mill, Museum, and cemeteries.

The Executive discussed the placement of plaques on older buildings in the area. West Hull has done this and the Society has asked Lapêche to do so as well.

Bob Phillips has completed editing the Tour

Highlights from Executive Meeting, Sept. 12

The new Treasurer, Elizabeth Carlton, reported on the financial situation of the Society (cash assets: \$46,000). The Secretary,

Guide to the Two Chelseas, which should be published within the next month.

Goodbye, Good Luck, and ... Help!

Rae Moore is resigning as Secretary of the Society, effective the end of December. We all express our thanks to Rae for her good work and wish her well in her future endeavours.

Anyone interested in serving as Secretary? You will find yourself working on stimulating, challenging heritage issues with stimulating, interesting, committed people. Join us! Call **Ann Chudleigh** (827-1560) or **Charles Landon** (459-3626) for information concerning the duties of the position.

New National Archives Building for Gatineau

Society members will be interested in the announcement made on September 29 by Communications Minister **Flora MacDonald** and Gatineau Member of Parliament **Claudy Maily** that a new custodial facility for the National Archives of Canada has been approved for the Gatineau area.

"This new facility will provide much-needed space for custodial and laboratory work and for storage of Canada's treasure of historical documents," said Miss MacDonald.

Public Works Minister **Stewart McInnes** has been asked to initiate discussions immediately with officials in the Gatineau area to obtain an appropriate site. The plans for the facility call for a modular approach so that the building can be phased in as required to meet the long-term expansion needs of the National Archives.

As Miss MacDonald stated at a press conference on September 29, "this announcement marks the culmination of efforts to resolve the

accommodation problems that have plagued the National Archives for some time. This solution will take the Archives well into the next century."

The headquarters of the National Archives is scheduled to move into the West Memorial Building, 344 Wellington Street, Ottawa. Temporary storage is being provided in the former Mitel Building in Renfrew. While the new Gatineau facility is being constructed, the Renfrew Building will be used.

The final site location in Gatineau and details of the building itself will be announced following further consultations among Public Works Canada, the National Capital Commission, and municipal representatives.

Any Comments?

The Historical Society of the Gatineau Newsletter is published monthly. Editor is **Jay Atherton** (827-1703). Comments and/or contributions are welcomed and encouraged.

Some Housekeeping Items!

Society members wishing to order the Society's various publications should note that postage costs are *in addition* to the advertised price of the publication.

This is the last reminder for those members who have not yet renewed their membership fees. A red mark on the front cover of this newsletter indicates that we have not received your fees. To ensure that your membership continues without interruption, please contact the Society secretary immediately at 827-4432. Your personal copy of *Up the Gatineau* is waiting for you.