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# KOMOKA RAILWAY MUSEUM



## NEWSLETTER



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[www.komokarailmuseum.ca](http://www.komokarailmuseum.ca)



Monthly meetings are held at the museum on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

***The next regular monthly meeting will be on Thursday, November 19, 2015***

### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



#### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 12:30 pm, we will gather for a time together for museum members and their guests to celebrate the season. Please let Al Ward know if you are coming and how many, in order that reservations can be made at the Country Hearth Restaurant, Komoka. See you there!



#### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remember to pause at 11 am on November 11<sup>th</sup> in memory of our veterans past and present who have served in the Canadian Forces. Wear a poppy.

## **MUSEUM OPPORTUNITIES**

At the October 2015 meeting of the Komoka Railway Museum, the president shared some thoughts to address realities of the future. These are shared with the members who were not there to encourage thoughts and ideas for the future and all suggestions are welcome to the executive.

### **1) IMMEDIATE CONCERNS**

The deck around the station is deteriorating and is becoming a safety concern. A solution needs to be put into place for spring 2016.

### **2) WITHIN ONE YEAR**

- Complete the concrete floor in the large exhibit building and begin setting up displays of items in storage to be added to the museum tours

- Repainting of the front of the station & caboose

- Completing of the roof repairs and HVAC systems for the baggage car

- Upon completion of the baggage car items above, finish interior

- Begin setting up library in baggage car and setting up other displays to become part of museum tours

- Remove stored items in caboose and set up caboose to become part of museum tours

### **2) WITHIN EIGHTEEN MONTHS**

- Convert the former "Waiting Room" of the station into a Komoka and local history room

- Repaint the baggage car

### **3) WITHIN FIVE YEARS**

- Investigate funding for a part time curator/museum guide

- Communicate with other museums like the Lucan Museum, Fanshawe Pioneer Village to see what resources they have available e.g. staff with experience in certain areas e.g. displays, marketing, preservation, fund raising that could assist the museum

- Enlist the support either through financial, labour or material donations via community partners

- Partner with other museums and historical agencies for the effective locations of items that are surplus to the museum's collection or receive items that would be better located at Komoka Railway Museum

In closing, this review and suggestions are needed for the long term commitment to the Komoka Railway Museum's continued growth of railway history through the growing of the number of younger volunteers; growing of financial strength; and building stronger community ties and partners.

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Help sustain our Canadian rail history. Thank you for your input and interest.

**FALL HOURS**

The Komoka Railway Museum is now open weekly on Saturday's from 9 am to 12 noon until December 5, 2015.

Invite your friends and family to come and explore a part of our Canadian railroad history.

**FROM THE STORES DEPT.**

A very generous donation of good quality coal was received last month that had become surplus to another enterprise, the usual miscreants were put to work shovelling and stacking. Next job will be to put it through the screens as it is in several different sizes, the largest chunks being broken to accommodate different fireboxes and shovels. The civil engineers development office have a coal crusher and grader on the drawing board. More anon.

**FROM MOTIVE POWER**

Another locomotive is expected for trials in the Spring, a 4-6-0 recently acquired but not steamed for some time although in excellent condition.

**FROM THE TRAFFIC DEPT.**

The 2016 timetable should be out by the end of this year. It is intended to leave the month of August open for special occasions. First steam being raised around May 24 weekend all being well with the track bed which has been known to have drainage problems when the ice melts.



Jim Walker, 519- 472- 6255, has his HO North American/ Canadian RR for sale. The layout is round the walls of a 10' X 10' basement room. There are multitracks with over 30 RR cars. Contact the Walker's for further details

**Visit the link below to see the latest on the St. Jacobs & Aberfoyle Model Railway**

Visit <http://www.stjacobsmodelrailway.com/>

**Visit the link below to see the Toronto Railway Museums hours**

Visit <http://www.trha.ca/news.html> to learn more!

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

For more details check out website with all the shows listed on it, check out the link below

<http://www.collectorshows.ca/>

## **TOY & COLLECTIBLES SHOWS**

November 22, 2015 Kitchener Collectibles Expo

December 13, 2015 Woodstock Toy & Collectible Show

December 20, 2015 Ancaster Collectibles Extravaganza

## **MODEL TRAIN SHOWS**

November 1, 2015 Kitchener Model Train and Show

November 29, 2015 Brantford Model Train and Show

## **NOSTALGIA & SMALL ANTIQUE SHOWS**

November 15, 2015 Woodstock Nostalgia Show and Sale

November 22, 2015 Kitchener Collectibles Expo

December 6, 2015 Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale

## **FLAT FILE DRAWER CABINET NEEDED**

Do you have or know of where we can obtain the following at no or little cost?

The Komoka Railway Museum is in need of a flat file drawer cabinet  
to store larger items in e.g. maps, blueprints etc.

Contact Dan Oatman at [danoatman@gmail.com](mailto:danoatman@gmail.com) or 226-973-5202

***Submissions due by November 23, 2015 for December 2015 newsletter***

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