



**Leona Woods
Past President
January 23, 2023
Municipal Grant Application**

OUR REQUEST

- An in-kind grant for the use of the Concert Hall for our monthly meetings from January to April and September until November 2023 to accommodate our members, and guest speakers while allowing for social distancing.
- Projected cost \$1800 plus security \$527.94 for a total of \$2327.94

About Us

- Established in 1981
- Registered charity
- Approximately 110 members
- Average attendance at monthly meetings which began in person in March, 2022 is about 100 members and guests per meeting.

Growing our membership

We continue to reach out to increase our membership by:

- Advertising on Facebook, Cobourg Yesteryears, Living and Loving Cobourg, New Amherst Residence group
- Placing brochures in various locations around town
- Using showcases from time to time in the library and Victoria Hall
- Running a trivia night membership drive
- Offering a free guest pass to members to use to bring a friend to a meeting

Currently

- We began meeting in person in March 2022 with a talk by Canadian author and creator of the Murdoch Mystery Series, Maureen Jennings, which was attended by well over 100 people.
- We held our AGM in April 2022 and heard Dan Buchanan speak about the rumrunners.
- The meetings for Sept – Nov featured Ted Barris talking about the Battle of the Atlantic: Gauntlet to Victory, Tom Cruickshank's presentation on the scandals and skeletons in the closets of heritage houses in Northumberland County, and Janet Kellough's discussion of her historical fiction (mysteries) and use of accurate facts and characters.
- Each of the meetings was attended by over 100 members and guests.

Mission

- To promote an interest in and provide information about the history of Cobourg and beyond: people, places and events.
- Encourage the preservation of our historical, archeological and architectural heritage.

How do we do this?

- Monthly meetings
- Website www.cdhs.ca
- Monthly newsletter: “Historically Speaking”
- A table, display and book sale at the Cobourg Market
- Presence in parades, and any meetings of like minded organizations.

Members and Guests



Please Join Us

- Annual fees: Students \$10, Adults \$30,
Family \$50 , Guests \$5,
Corporate \$60.
- We intend to continue meeting the fourth Tuesday of each month in person. We no longer Zoom. The meetings begin at 7:30 preceded by a social at 7:00 p.m.

Tentative Programme for 2023

January	Peter Delanty: History of the Ontario Car Ferry
February	Randy Barber: Winston Churchill, Life and Accomplishments
March	Karin Wells: More than a Foote: Canadian Women You Should Know About
April	Roger Litwiller: HMS Cobourg
May	Trivia Night
Sept – Nov	TBA (New programme year 2023/2024)

A privilege

- Victoria Hall is a perfect place for the Cobourg and District Historical Society to meet.
- It is accessible, and has audio visual capabilities that our speakers use.
- With the grant that you provide, we are able to meet in a National Historic Site, steeped in local history, a centre piece of Cobourg's Heritage.

In kind

- Our request is for an in kind donation of space in Victoria Hall, the concert hall \$1800, and security \$527.94 which is a total of \$2327.94.
- We will adapt to whatever set up exists in the hall from a previous event so as not to make additional work for staff.
- We look forward, with your support of our in kind municipal grant request, to being able to hold our Cobourg and District Historical Society meetings in the Concert Hall in 2023.
- Thank you.