
*Hammonds Plains
Historical Society*

**HAMMONDS PLAINS
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Sharing Our
Rich History**



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Strategic Plan 2014-19

Introduction:

This strategic plan has been developed by the Board of Directors of the Hammonds Plains Historical Society to provide goals and aims for the society, with the targeted time frame of 5 years.

Background:

The **Hammonds Plains Historical Society** was established in 2010, after a yearlong series of planning meetings of five interested residents in the community, who saw the need to promote the history of the community.

We are a registered member of the Nova Scotia Joint Stocks and have a set of by-laws which outlines our governance. We have an eight member Board of Directors, which meets once a month. Membership to the society is open to any interested individual, with an annual \$10 membership fee.

The society hosts 5 general public meetings per year, each at which a presentation is given on some aspect of local history. During the past two years, our society has initiated an Oral History Project, in which seniors are interviewed (taped) about their memories of growing up in the community.

The society has organized multi fund raising events including the sale of community historical calendars and a spring plant sale.

We have created a web site (hammondsplainshistoricalsociety.ca), which houses information about our society, old community pictures, and several powerpoint presentations that the society has created on a variety of topics (The History of the Hammonds Plains Road, the Hammonds Plains Phone Company, The Mills of Hammonds Plains, the History of the Hammonds Plains School, the History of the Historical Churches in the community).

The society has also forged relationships within the community and have had collaborative connections with the Hammonds Plains Community Center, Upper Hammonds Plains Seniors Group, the local schools, local business, and the Hammonds Plains Remembrance Day Organizational Group to make presentations.

Vision:

To gather, preserve and share the rich history of Hammonds Plains.

Goals:

1. To acquire, maintain, enhance and/or restore real and personal property of significant historical value in Nova Scotia.

<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Action Step</u>	<u>Completion</u>	<u>Statement of</u>
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			Progress
To reach targeted membership of 50 .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advertising on road sign - Promotion at general meetings, web site, newspapers - Hosting meetings at different locations in the community - Use of Heritage Trust as a communication vehicle - Newsletter - Keep an active Facebook page advertising membership - Dedicated BOD member to collect memberships at general meetings 	May 2019	<p><u>May 2016 – On Going</u> Reached target of 50 for 2014-15. As of May 2015 – 53 / As of May 2016 - 52</p> <p>Created new Facebook Page</p> <p>Advertising on road sign is on going</p>
To continue with Oral History Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aim for 10 interviews per year - Priority given to most senior citizens - Apply for a grant for someone to edit videos - Put videos on iCloud - Determine the use of the videos 	May 2019	<p><u>May 2016 – On Going</u> Completed 4 Interviews during 2014-15.</p> <p><u>Completed 1 Interview during 2015-16</u></p> <p>Second external disk drive purchased to put copies of videos on. Decided against putting videos on iCloud, due to cost.</p>
To create an inventory of real & personal property that the society possesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create an inventory tool to complete inventory - To develop a plan to house inventory of artifacts 	May 2019	<p><u>May 2016 – Ongoing</u> An inventory has been completed of resources and equipment. Located in HPHS President's Binder.</p> <p>Signed 5 year (Starting May 2016) commitment to use</p>

			dedicated closet at Hammonds Plains Community Center as storage room.
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2. To publish information, exhibit, display and promote the public awareness and enjoyment of real and personal property & significant historical value in Nova Scotia.

<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Action Step</u>	<u>Completion</u>	<u>Statement of Progress</u>
To have general meetings with presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have 5 meetings per year - Explore social events for general meetings 	May 2019	<p><u>May 2016 – On Going</u></p> <p>Held 5 general meetings during 2014-15 / 2015-16</p> <p>Held open house during February 2016</p> <p>Planned for H P Heritage Days to be held August 2016</p> <p>Moved BOD meetings to Community Center</p>
To do research on Hammonds Plains historical items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To produce a list of topics to be researched - Develop a plan for collection of community pictures - To give one presentation per year to the general meeting, from the resulting research - To produce a published document on a facet of Hammonds Plains history - To seek a grant for a student researcher 	May 2019	<p><u>May 2016 – On Going</u></p> <p>Completed research projects on Foresters Community Hall and Schools of Hammonds Plains during 2014-15</p> <p>Completed research project on Military History of Hammonds Plains during 2015-16</p> <p>Updated list of possible future research projects</p> <p>Created picture files in Drive</p>

			<p>Gave presentation on History of Schools in Hammonds Plains (2015)</p> <p>Gave presentation on Military History of Hammonds Plains (2016)</p>
To distribute HPHS newsletter at general meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote the newsletter by putting on web site, e-mail to members and give out at meetings - To explore annually items to include in newsletter 	May 2019	<p>May 2016 – On Going</p> <p>Promotion of newsletter continues. Newsletters will be uploaded to Facebook page</p> <p>Made a list of future newsletter items. Members were asked to donate articles for newsletters</p>
To develop a semi-permanent display outlining HPHS goals and Hammonds Plains History (Strategic Development Initiative – Provincial Grant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To create a display board presentation consisting of the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A short history of the community • Pictures outlining past glimpses of the community • A Did You Know section? • A section dedicated to our community’s link to the forestry industry • A section dedicated to our past schools • A section on the Chesapeake Blacks who came to settle in our community and then created their own heritage within the community - To develop partnership with local groups (ie. schools) so to have 	May 2019	<p>May 2015 – Completed</p> <p>Strategic Development Initiative Grant received</p> <p>Display boards created</p> <p>4 New Display Posters were created during 2015-16</p> <p>Presentations completed during 2014-15:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 5 presentation at Hammonds Plains Consolidated - Girl Guide presentation - Presentation at Tantallon Library as part of talk series

	avenue to make presentations		(General History) Presentations completed 2015-16: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Girl Guide Presentation - White Hills Long Term Care Presentation - 2 Presentations at Tantallon Library as part of talk series (Road & Mills)
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3. To work in conjunction with other groups, individuals and organizations who share goals in common with this society.

<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Action Step</u>	<u>Completion</u>	<u>Statement of Progress</u>
To create a systematic plan for communication of society information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review web site annually - Determine use of road sign - Review communication options annually - Make presentations to local schools annually (Target a grade level) 	May 2019	<p><u>May 2016 – On Going</u> Web site was reviewed annually</p> <p>Guidelines were established for Road Sign</p> <p>Presentation made to Grade 5 students at HPCS</p>
To host a community event that targets the goals of the society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan an appropriate event - Identify community partners - Do a cost analysis of the event - Involve membership in the planning of the event - Facilitate event 	May 2019	<p><u>May 2016 – On Going</u> Hosted an Open House at Hammonds Plains Community Center – February 2016</p> <p>Plans were establish to host an activity table at Hammonds</p>

			Plains Heritage Day – August 2016
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4. To seek governmental assistance of any nature including municipal, provincial and federal government agencies to further the objectives of the society and to coordinate in affiliation with and assist any such agency including the goal of the society.

Strategy	Action Step	Completion	Statement of Progress
To apply for federal, provincial and municipal grants , for specific HPHS projects	To plan for and apply for grants for the following projects, on an as need basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Video Editing for Oral History Project - Plan for storage of artifacts - Obtain a scanner (to copy pictures) - To publish a historical document - To seek a Student Researcher, to research community information. 	May 2019	<p>May 2016 – On Going</p> <p>Community Grant received from Matt Whitman for to purchase portable scanner (\$300).</p> <p>Plan was developed to secure closet space at Hammonds Plains Community Center for storage. 5 year contact signed to use dedicated closet space for storage, beginning May 1, 2016.</p> <p>Community Grant money received for purchase of chairs to be used in Board Room of Community Center.</p>

5. To obtain funding from the public at large through direct gifts or various fund raising techniques to achieve the goal of the society.

Strategy	Action Step	Completion	Statement of Progress
To organize fund raising projects so to target a goal of 10 Thousand dollars over a 5 year period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To annually plan and propose fund raising needs for the coming year - To organize and 	<p>Updated annually</p> <p>May 2019 – Completion</p>	<p>May 2016 – On Going</p> <p>Ran canteen at Haunted Hallow during 2014-15 – Raised \$442</p>

	facilitate fund raising projects - To involve membership in the actual fund raising initiatives	of \$10 000 total	At August BOD Meeting, it was decided to reduce target fund raising to \$1500 per year.
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