



Staff Report to Council - for Direction

Title: Collections Deaccession Report - March 2024

From: Cathy McGirr, Director of Museum and Cultural Services

Date: March 7, 2024

Staff Recommendation:

That the items listed in the “Collections Deaccession Report for March 2024” be approved for deaccession from the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre’s collection.

Report Summary:

Deaccessioning serves a vital role in healthy collections management. It allows the collection to be honed to comply with the collecting mandate of the BCM&CC as well as the collecting plan. Items on the “Collections Deaccession Report for March 2024” are items that were found to be in poor condition, have no known provenance, are not Bruce County related, are incomplete, originally donated as outreach objects, or are collections redundancies.

Background:

The BCM&CC has been addressing its long-term loans with its community partners such as the Marine Heritage Society and the Kincardine Yacht Club. In reviewing the items loaned, it was determined they are simultaneously fulfilling a critical function at both Chantry Island Lighthouse and Kincardine Lighthouse, and are not serving the Museum’s collection by being redundancies, etc. Much of the material loaned to the Marine Heritage Society was donated to the BCM&CC in the early 2000s with the understanding the items would be used as interpretive material in the Chantry Island Lighthouse. All these items are recommended for transfer and make up the bulk of the deaccession list.

Other items within the list are those located during various re-organization projects within Artifact Storage as we strive to optimize the use of storage space.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial/staffing/legal/IT considerations with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

There has been no interdepartmental consultation.

Link to Strategic Goals and Objectives:**Strategic Goals**

There are no direct links to the County's strategic plan.

Link to Departmental Plan Goals and Objectives, if any:

Deaccessioning is an important part of maintaining a healthy collection and a key part of collections management. This directly supports the Museum's Business Plan.

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