



Staff Report to Council - for Direction

Title: Collections Deaccession Report - August 2024

From: Cathy McGirr, Director of Museum and Cultural Services

Date: August 1, 2024

Staff Recommendation:

That the items listed in the “Collections Deaccession Report - August 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 - August 2024” are items that were found to be in poor condition, have no provenance, are not Bruce County related, are incomplete, or are collection redundancies.

Background:

Collections continues to analyze the collection to be aligned with the collecting mandate and the collecting plan. Medium and large artefacts are currently at full capacity, and many must be stored off-site. The focus of this list is medium and large objects stored at offsite storage, which were assessed and found to be collection redundancies, in poor condition, incomplete, lacking provenance or are unrelated to Bruce County. These objects include furniture, appliances, food processing equipment and agricultural implements.

Other items on the list were flagged during data-cleaning, research and other collections management activities within the collections database and were found to be unrelated to Bruce County.

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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