



REVELSTOKE RAILWAY MUSEUM

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REVELSTOKE, BC – National Volunteer Appreciation Week found the folks at the Revelstoke Railway Museum gathered around good food, with musical interludes, and an abundance of gratitude. The Volunteer Appreciation Evening and Annual General Meeting of the Revelstoke Heritage Railway Society marked the eighteenth year of volunteer activity at the museum and twenty-three years with the Revelstoke Heritage Railway Society.

Forty volunteers and staff were recognized with Certificates of Appreciation and mementoes acknowledging their volunteer contributions. In the past year a core group of approximately 25 active volunteers has donated over 2500 hours. The total number of volunteers at the Revelstoke Railway Museum is over 60 and growing.

Exciting future projects like the spring cleanup, track installation and new educational programs have the volunteers looking forward to using their expertise and furthering the museum's mission of education, enlightenment and inspiration of present and future generations.

Interest is high among the volunteers and the community regarding the track installation project to bring the SD-40 #5500 diesel engine, the robot car and the double plow onto the museum's grounds this spring. The annual spring cleanup of the museum is being held Wednesday, April 27, volunteers welcome.

Following dinner, the AGM was well attended with many of the volunteers included as voting members of the society. One recommendation by the Board of Trustees, a motion to amend the by-laws and create a new lifetime membership category, was passed.

Ernie Ottewell was recognized as one of the first lifetime members at the meeting. Among other things, he played a key role in transporting and restoring the #5468 steam engine, now showcased at the museum, from where it was housed in Montreal. Ernie continues to bring the museum to life explaining the workings of steam powered locomotion. Ken & Kay Magnes were also honoured by lifetime memberships and an official presentation will be conducted in the near future.

The event was catered by Mountain Meals. Denis Severino of the Revelstoke Folk Music Society entertained with his acoustic guitar throughout the dinner.

For more information please call 250-837-6060 or email railway@telus.net. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities feel free to visit the museum and complete a volunteer form.