



## Spring 2020

*Due to COVID-19*

*The museum will not be open until further notice.*



Board Members for 2020 L to R

BR- George Muller, Sandy Hope, Wally Dick, Fred Pepin, Laurie Griffiths, Mike McVAY, John Bekkers, Mike Prangnell

FR-Tony Wheeler, Syd Pickerell (Vice Pres), Hilary Ruffini, Henry Schaafsma, Karen Long (President), Shelly Broeckx, Grace Muller

*Hello to all BC Farm Museum members and supporters.*

We encourage you to stay safe at home and check in on family, friends and neighbours by phone or social media to make sure they are okay and if they are in need of any food, medication or essential services.

The Board of Directors have had to make some tough decisions amidst the trying times we are currently experiencing with the COVID-19 virus, starting with the unfortunate cancellation of our Spring Potluck. Thank you to the Fort Langley Lions Club for their understanding and a special thank you to Shelly for organizing the Spring Potluck and Mick for helping contact everyone who RSVP'd.

Also, we postponed our Spring Clean up and the April 1st opening of the museum. We look forward to rescheduling these dates as soon as it is possible as this is a special social time that the museum members and guests look forward to.

As far as the operation of the museum, we held a Special Director's meeting on February 29th to discuss the future of the museum and to bring some consensus among ourselves and our members. A motion, put forward by Grace was passed that the BC Farm Museum Association Board of Directors not sell the property and buildings owned at the current location on King and Queen Streets in Fort Langley and that the Board actively explore options for improving and expanding the Museum maintaining its home base at the current location.

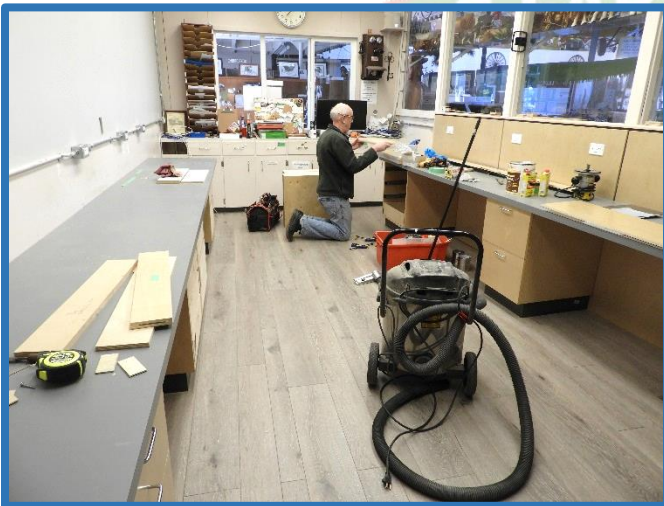
There have been a number of additional Development Committee members, with Mick staying on as Chair and they will be researching, assessing and addressing current, short-term and long-term improvements projects and expansion options that are in the best interest of the BC Farm Museum Association.

We are very grateful for the support from Fred and Maureen Pepin who have established the **Pepin Family Charitable Account** for the purpose of BC Farm Museum Exhibition Development and Museum Expansion. This account earns interest yearly for us and remains in the control of the Pepin family. Thank you!

We will keep in touch and please visit our BC Farm Museum website and Facebook page for museum updates.

Take care and stay healthy.....Karen Long

**MEMBERSHIP DUES are payable in November prior to the AGM**  
**At only \$10 per year it is the best deal in town that provides access to a local volunteer organization bringing pioneer heritage to the greater community.**  
**Mail it in or drop by the museum office any Monday morning - have a coffee and a chat too.**



Clarence put in many hours of work building the new office desks and drawers.

Part of the office update work crew



This winter the main project was an extensive one. It was time to update the look of and improve the work area in the office. A plan was formulated and Clarence took charge of the project getting help from a volunteer crew. The room has new floor, a paint job and custom desks and drawers. It is a light and airy space now that will encourage members to put in time 😊. At the close of the 2020 season, more updates will take place to the entry of the main building. At this point we have moved a few items around to make the entrance more open and inviting. It is hoped the Gift Shop will also get a makeover and new items.



Karen Long presenting Deb Dolton a certificate of appreciation for her work as our previous recording secretary. There were other presentations as well for members that put in long hours and as we all know, Wally is a staple at the museum either in the shop or greeting visitors. Our volunteers are all important to us - no matter what you contribute it all adds to the total effort to keep this much loved community and Provincial landmark viable and open to the world.





## Around the museum with our volunteers

- ✚ The covered wagon has returned to the Museum and sits on Queen Street
- ✚ The guys in the workshop are repairing a 1926 Fordson
- ✚ The 1020 tractor is being worked on in the shop, body work and Carb and governor repairs are also being done
- ✚ Harry and Murray have looked after the grounds during the museum closure shoveling snow and cleaning up wind fall
- ✚ Cullen Diesel donated 3 - 45 Gal drums of Antifreeze, tractors

and small engines were topped up

- ✚ Picked up 3 plowshares from Avenue Equipment
- ✚ Hilary continues to update the membership list. She requests that if you take membership details that all the info is written on the receipt in a legible manner to make for easier recording.
- ✚ Show Wagon and 2 hand carts getting repaired
- ✚ Mike P cleaned up Photo Boards belonging to Aldor Acres and returned them
- ✚ Grace added up the volunteer hours to a total of over 10,000, Bill Forrest put in 345 hrs working on digital exhibition / interactive stations. Bob McPherson put in hours working on electrical projects and Laurie Griffiths put in 260 hours working on preservation of artifacts
- ✚ A new program for Orientation of new members has been developed by Grace and we will update the membership with dates once we are open

The BC Farm Museum is a member of the Langley Volunteer Bureau. To celebrate 2019 #GivingTuesday, Langley participated in #LangleyGives which provided an opportunity to promote volunteering for our Langley organizations.

We went to visit and take pictures of volunteers sharing the message #ShowTheLove #ShareTheLove. Thank you to the BC Farm Museum members for spreading the word!



The guys in the shop enjoy camaraderie and a little horse play to keep energized. And have fun. This does not interfere with the task at hand and good work is done here every Monday and sometimes on Thursday too. If you would like to join this crew, please come into the museum on Monday or call for contact info for Wally or Laurie.



Laurie and Mike P put their thinking caps on and used muscles and a few other volunteers to help move items out of or to a new location in the entrance. We hope you will come to see what has been done once the museum is open.

**Stay informed about activities at the museum  
by looking at our social media sites**

Website ([www.bcfma.com](http://www.bcfma.com)),  
Facebook Page ([BC Farm Museum](#)) and  
Twitter ([@FarmBC](#))  
Social media is important to us!



Watch for a new date for the VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION  
After all this distancing is over - you will be eager for something to do!  
We'd love to have you join our TEAM!

**SUMMER BARBEQUE**

**Watch for a future date for this fun event honoring volunteers,  
supporters, and neighbors!**

**BC Farm Museum Endowment Fund**

**THANK YOU** to the persons who contributed to the BC Farm Museum Endowment Fund this year. You have raised the capital in this Fund to almost \$21,000!! Yearly interest provides steady income and enables us to advance our purpose over the long term. Donations to this Fund - which is administered by the Vancouver Foundation - is *the gift that keeps on giving*. The capital stays in the Fund producing interest income in perpetuity! For more detailed information.

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**The garden boxes have been cleaned up by Syd and Janice,  
we look forward to seeing them in full bloom.**

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