



AMNB ALERT

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REPORT ON NON-PROFITS RELEASED



Claudette Bradshaw to speak at AMNB conference
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On September 13th the Community Non-Profit Task Force Report was released. The Report highlights an extensive number of problems that face non-profits in the province as they try to fill the gaps and provide essential service for their communities. In addition to stressing the complexity of the issues facing non-profits, the Report provides over 100 action points that together could make a significant

difference for the sector. The Report calls for a “government wide action plan” to be released as early as March 15th, 2008 as well as for the creation of a stand-alone agency dedicated to government/non-profit relations. Chairing the taskforce was the Hon. Claudette Bradshaw, who the AMNB is proud to announce will speak at our upcoming Edmundston conference.

NEW FUNDING AND GRANT PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The federal government has announced new funding in support of community festivals. \$18 million in total will be available to groups or institutions organizing festivals and events that focus on supporting local culture, history, art and heritage or commemorating the anniversary (100 years or more) of an event or a significant local person. The first deadline for applications is October 31st ; information can be found on the Department of Canadian Heritage webpage.

ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE 2007

Registration for our annual meeting and conference is still open! The location for this year’s event is the City of Edmundston, at the Château Edmundston from October 18th through 20th. A conference registration form can be found with your copy of the newsletter. Also be sure to read the letter from



Heritage Branch included to see what funding opportunities are available for conference attendees. Don’t miss out on this chance to meet with colleagues and friends and to take advantage of the educational opportunities that our conference committee has assembled.

EXTRA NOTES FROM YOUR AMNB CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

This is to clear up any confusion regarding tables or kiosks for the upcoming conference. Kiosks will be available at two locations. First is the Château Edmundston, for the duration of the conference, available at a fee of \$150. Second, tables are available at our official opening and soirée at Saint Basile at no cost. If your organization

would like to bring any promotional material such as brochures, a table will be set up for this purpose. Please contact us if you intend to have a kiosk at the conference as space is limited.

For more information, contact amnb@nb.aibn.com, or our office at 506 643 7666

Thank you

VILLAGE HISTORIQUE ACADIEN LAUNCHES

NEW DISPLAY

Opening ceremonies for historic station

The Village Historique Acadien has added a new feature to its period recreation services. The fully restored Irving service station that was purchased and relocated to the Village officially opened on September 16th. The display depicts a style of

service station that was prevalent in southeast New Brunswick through the 1920s and 30s. This exhibit is a step forward in the Phase II initiative for the Village Historique Acadien which seeks to provide interpretive services and representation of the Acadian community in the 20th century.



Our 11th Prime Minister, Bennett
photo credit Canadian Archives

NEW R.B. BENNETT CENTRE

*Albert County to Host
Commemorative Site for 11th
Prime Minister*

The Albert County Historical Society received financial assistance from the Federal and Provincial governments in order to construct the R.B. Bennett Commemorative Centre at the Albert County Museum. This \$1.39 million project

will honour our 11th Prime Minister, R.B. Bennett, born and raised in the town of Hopewell Cape, Canada's sole Prime Minister hailing from New Brunswick. The project will encompass refurbishment of 7 buildings, the construction of the R.B. Bennett Library and Archive, as well as a statue and park.

POST-SECONDARY REPORT RELEASED

Report suggests big changes for small schools

The second report to be released in September was the province's Commission Report on post-secondary education. The report has drawn protest especially in the Saint John area for a proposal to overhaul the university and community college system. The proposal suggests disassembling the

New Brunswick Community College system and merging it with smaller universities or satellite campuses to create polytechnic institutes. The report, which deals with many outstanding issues such as student debt and accessibility to education, also suggests \$50 million dollars in new spending and a cap on allowable student debt.



QUACO MUSEUM RENOVATIONS

The Quaco Museum has reopened after renovations and revamping. The Hon. Stuart Jamieson, Minister of Tourism, was the guest of honour and officially reopened the Museum to the public. The renovations were made possible through a grant from the Crabtree Foundation and the Regional Development Corporation, Province of New Brunswick. The Museum is proud to once again welcome visitors.

