

# East Beaches Heritage Wing News

## St. Clements Heritage

Preserving our community's heritage — one story at a time



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Hello from the East Beaches Heritage Wing! Our summer season has just begun. We are looking forward to seeing all the visitors and hearing all the stories they will share. We've had a great start to our season so far, having over 2,000 people visit so far. We've had people come in from all over parts of Quebec, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Ontario, Alberta, and Manitoba. We've also had people who have traveled far, such as Indiana(USA), Germany, London England, and Miri Malaysia. Many of our visitors expressed so much interest, said they will be back for more and bring friends and family. This year we welcome back our summer student Interpreters Whitney Patzer and Richelle Recksiedler. Thank You to the Manitoba Metis Federation, National Trust Canada and RM of St Clements, for making it possible to have Interpreters.

### COME FOR A VISIT!

*Open Daily May-Oct*

*10am-6pm*

*Fridays 11am-7pm*

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## East Beaches Heritage Wing Exhibits

Our aquariums are such a big attraction and draw people in. In our water's edge display we have a few snails, some frogs, minnows and three painted turtles: Tina, Turner, and Sparkle. In our Lake Winnipeg's deep display we have some pickerel and saugers. There are live minnows added to the tank by children in the area who catch them and bring them to us, but they do not last long because the fish are hungry! Come check out our aquariums and see Lake Winnipeg species up close!

The first nation/metis/first settler's display receives many compliments and people especially like the Hudson's bay blanket, and the wood background of the display. Ask one of the heritage interpreters what the lines on the Hudson Bay blanket are for! Interviews with people from the area discussing hunting, fishing, gathering, farming, and mink ranching are displayed on a television and offer a glimpse into the lives of those who lived in the isolated area of the East Beaches during this time.

Our model train in the Grand Beach diorama is a favourite of all visitors young and old! The diorama offers a rough idea what the beach looked like in the years from 1920-1950. People are interested to find out that we have some original pieces from the



Grand Beach station. They enjoy looking through the digital photo albums that display pictures of the East Beaches history and can't wait until the new kiosk is up and ready to go!

There is no admission fee as it is by donation. The donations help to maintain the museum. We are always looking for more stories of family experiences of the area and pictures of past history.

## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

We would like to thank all the donors for the contributions that have made the Heritage Wing possible, and the great success that it is. People enjoy the displays and sharing a piece of their own history from the East Beaches with the interpreters.