NEW ROSS DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY



Members' Meeting | Agenda

Wednesday September 11th 2025 | 6:30 PM Learning Centre, Ross Farm Museum

We begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki (MEE-MA-GEE), the traditional, ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

1. Meeting Opening

- 1.1. Land Recognition
- 1.2. Welcome, Meeting Purpose (Information sharing, no special resolutions, explanation re voting cards)
- 1.3. Introduction of Honoured Guests
- 1.4. Appointment of Chair for Meeting
- 1.5. Approval of Agenda
- 1.6. Q&A at end of each Section.

2. New Ross District Museum Society (NRDMS) Directors

- 2.1. How Society Directors are selected
- 2.2. How Society Executive are selected
- 2.3. Recent History
 - a) Accomplishments
 - b) Challenges
 - c) These past 10 months
- Retiring Directors Chris Atwood, Gerald Keddy, Jackie MacDonald
- 2.5. Continuing Directors Janet Larder, Judy O'Leary, Evelyn White, Dana Veinotte
- 2.6. Introduction of Interim Director Appointments to be ratified/voted by members, 2025 AGM
 - a) 2025-03 Interim Appointment NRDMS Special Meeting 2025-03-27
 - b) 2025-09 Interim Appointments NRDMS Special Meeting 2025-08-28
- 2.7. Section Q&A

3. 2025 AGM Agenda, so far

Tentatively, late October

- 3.1. Typically includes Chair's Report, Treasurer's Report, Executive Director's Report
- 3.2. Special Resolutions requiring member vote, including to change by-laws, require 21 days advance notice. 2025 AGM will include at least three by-law changes, if carried effective beginning from AGM date:

a) Membership Rights and Responsibilities Section:

• Item 1 and 1a) insert that Society Full Members' voting rights begin after 6 months of membership. Note: existing new members will be "grandfathered in".

b) Directors Section:

- Item 17: The number of directors shall be nine (9).
- Item: New Item 37 inserted: Society Executive (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) will be staggered over three years (so three do not leave at the same time).
- 3.3. Appointment of new Directors (ratify or vote, depending on whether applications received exceed vacancies)
- 3.4. Section Q&A

4. Directors' decisions related to Society membership

- 4.1. 2025 annual membership fee increase, AGM to AGM with 2-month grace period, benefit change
- 4.2. Lifetime memberships grandfathered in, not in by-laws, no longer offered
- 4.3. Requirement to show ID confirming proof of residence when paying for full membership
- 4.4. Are you on our membership list? Have you paid your membership fees for 2025? Did a third party sign you up as a member and pay your membership fees?
- 4.5. Pending: Requirement to RSVP for 2025 AGM with email address to receive meeting documents (preferred) or make arrangements to pick up printed documents.
- 4.6. Section Q&A.