



Monthly Digest  
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# Upcoming Property Committee Presentation

Dear Friends,

The giddiness that came with publishing/receiving the 1<sup>st</sup> **FOMOS Newsletter** has probably worn off for most of us by now, but fear not - this, our 2<sup>nd</sup> issue, promises more of that intoxicating blend of relevant information and entertainment. Read on to discover if we fulfill that promise.

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THIS MONTH'S  
TOP STORIES

## Zoom Meeting

Audio only

With video



FOMOS presenting to the Property Committee

# EXCLUSIVE SNEAK-PEEK OF OUR PROPERTY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

This month's big story is that - with only 2 meetings remaining before the summer break - FOMOS has requested, and been granted, standing at the next Central Manitoulin Property Committee meeting. Because she's done such a great job on previous presentations, all-around awesome board-member Alison McAllister will be our voluntold presenter. The presentation objective is to provide the Committee with an update on our activities and let them receive answers to their questions in real time. Now, on to the promised sneak-peek at some of what Alison will be addressing:

- ★ Business Plan - developing the financial component (arguably the most important aspect from township's perspective) has ground to a near-halt as our consultant, ostensibly for Covid-related reasons, has not been permitted access to the building
- ★ Extension - in consideration of number of Covid-related obstacles we are facing, and which complicate bringing the planning portion of our project to fruition, we will be requesting an 8-week extension to the original Old School sentencing date

The Property Committee will meet via Zoom on **Tuesday, May 11 at 19:00**. We strongly encourage our 200+ (yep, you read that right) friends and members to attend. To get your Zoom link/phone number, contact Patricia Mader at [centralmc@eastlink.ca](mailto:centralmc@eastlink.ca) or 705-377-5726 x 25. Be there or be square!

## We need professional help

Actually, we have it already it and, while still a fledgling organization (with grand ambitions), we have come a long way in a very short period of time and would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the invaluable support Kae Elgie, Richard Longley, both of [The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario](#) (ACO) and Rob Leverty of the [Ontario Historical Society](#) (OHS) continue to provide. We could not have covered a fraction of this distance, were it not for these folks' patient guidance and broad expertise. As a recipient of this newsletter, you're probably interested in architecture and local history, and might enjoy a visit to the ACO and OHS websites to learn more about the vital role each organization plays in the preservation of invaluable, manifest local history throughout our beautiful province.

# Other stuff we think you'd like to know about

Although it's been mere months since our inaugural meeting, we've already

- ❖ won the [Reprive](#)
- ❖ had our first and VERY successful fundraising campaign (Please email [Jim Smith](#) to reserve your own copy of these [beautiful, collectible medallions](#))
- ❖ applied for our first grants and charitable status
- ❖ joined a couple of umbrella organizations
- ❖ published a website
- ❖ signed up more than 200 individual members
- ❖ received regular media attention, most recently in the [OHS Bulletin](#)'s April issue

Not a single one of these many accomplishments would have been possible without you, our friends, and our amazingly talented, creative and dedicated volunteers. Below are just a few examples of all that they contribute:

## **OUR MEMBER-SHIP CAPTAINS**

The ladies who (wo)man the M/S FOMOS membership-rudder, are truly navigators of the highest rank. Their persistence, dedication and conviction is the *entire* reason we already have such an impressively large, and growing, membership (did we mention that we have 200+ members?) - we are so very grateful for them and their skills in charting our growth course.

## **PUTTING MS. MANNERS TO SHAME**

Well, doing so would of course be rude, but we do have volunteers who rival Ms. Manners' talents when it comes to putting their best, most compassionate and exquisitely polite feet forward. These wonderful ladies make us look good by seemingly effortlessly ensuring that we heed all common conventions for appropriate organizational conduct. Their efforts are deeply appreciated and more valuable to us than perhaps they know.

★ Erin-blythe, Fay, Karen, Lynda and Pat: We couldn't do this without you!

## **TECHIE-SCHMECHIE NOT SO MUCH**

Judy and Horst - relative newcomers to the island, but foundational FOMOS members - along with Jean, have put countless hours into redesigning our website, ensuring that it not only is pretty and informative, but also easy to navigate and up-to-date. A huge thank you to all 3 as they put the finishing touches on our site and continue the somewhat tedious but very important task of keeping abreast of all things tech-related. Although this new design is not yet up, it *is* just around the corner, so keep your eyeballs trained on [www.mindemoyaoldschool.ca](http://www.mindemoyaoldschool.ca)

### **WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING?**

- You can access all FOMOS Board Meeting Minutes by clicking [here](#), nifty eh?
- We recently joined Gigit to assist us with fundraising - stay tuned!
- Is it party time yet? Why YES, yes it is! To, not so proverbially, “appreciate two birds with one set of binoculars”, we think a very casual summer gathering (ideally in person, but on-line if necessary) is just the ticket to thank everyone and to let our long, long, long covid-hair down a little. So this is our call to action to you, keepers of all the good party secrets (we’ve been to your parties, so we know you’re out there!) just waiting for the right event to bust out your inner event-planner. Please get in touch, we need you.

## Members are the FOMOS heart

As always, we encourage you to reach out to us if you have any questions or suggestions or if you would like to volunteer and/or become a member. Memberships are still a steal at \$10/single or \$20/household and a great way to show your support.

We hope everyone sees the light at the end of the Covid-tunnel - a light that, fingers crossed, will let us all see each other when once again we congregate on our spirited island.

From the bottom of our hearts: We can’t wait!

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