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MURNEY TOWER MUSEUM IS NOW OPEN!

Hello everyone,

On Friday, May 19th, we hosted a private soft opening event to celebrate the museum's 98th operating season with our partners, collaborators, and community members. We welcomed MP Mark Gerretsen, the members of the Kingston City Council, our colleagues and partners from Tourism Kingston, Kingston and Area Association of Museums Art Galleries and Historic Sites. We would like to thank to MP Gerretsen, Councillors and our colleagues and friends from the Kingston tourism and heritage sector for attending our event and celebrating the beginning of our operating season with us. We are truly grateful for such a wonderful and supportive community!



Following the event, we opened our doors to the public on Saturday, May 20th and had a successful opening weekend with an astounding 300 visitors. It was great to see so many enjoy the guided tours and the new exhibits, and leave with a smile on their face. The staff were very excited to share our new audio tour, which seems to be a hit with the public already.



Welcome, Cassandra!

Cassandra Giarrusso (She/They) is a 22-year-old Trans Feminine History Major who obtained her degree from Queen's University in 2023. She is currently pursuing her MA degree at the University of Toronto. Her historical interests primarily lie in the 17th and 18th centuries, particularly the corporate and colonial activities of European powers and their interactions with entities in the Americas, Africa and Asia. Cassandra was a member of the Fort Henry Guard in the summer of 2022 and earned her interpreter's number FHI 22-04 that summer. Cassandra previously worked as an intern at the Murney Tower Museum in the winter of 2022.

Welcome, Luke!

Luke Breault (he/him/his) is a student enrolled in the Concurrent Education program at Queen's University. Luke's area of focus encompasses History and Indigenous studies. He also has a fascination with histories pertaining to the lived experiences of ordinary people. He grew up in Kingston where colonial structures like the Murney Tower and other historic sites have inspired him to study the history of Kingston's development as a city. Luke is very enthusiastic about being a part of the Murney Tower team and looks forward to expanding his understanding of the museum this summer.



Welcome, Matty!

Matty Tofts (they/them) joined the Murney Tower team in May 2023. They are second-year Classics and Gender Studies major at Queens University. Matty was a member of the Queen's University Gender Studies student council and is hoping to continue doing meaningful work by investigating the lost voices throughout history and want to make them heard. This is Matty's first job in the museum community. Since a young child, Matty developed a keen interest in history. As a Kingston resident, Matty is excited to learn more about the history of their hometown and hence learn from and help the museum community grow.

