

# MURNEY NEWS

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Happy August everyone!

Isn't it crazy to think that the season is almost over and the museum is getting ready for its closing season? Since our opening on 20 May, we welcomed about 9,000 people into the museum. During this time we met with wonderful visitors from all across Canada and around the world who got a unique opportunity to explore the tower and get insights into the unique history of Kingston. In addition to site visits, we also offered 10 field trips, 4 special tours, and 3 special events to provide further engagement with the museum. Taken together, these events engaged more than 300 people and they were a huge success! As we approach the end of the 2023 summer season, we would like to thank our wonderful visitors for making this summer so memorable. While we will be closed for site visits after 4 September, our work will continue behind closed doors. This fall will witness special field trips, guided tours, and a Halloween event - and all will be announced here!



## Princess Street Promenade



On 5 August, the Murney Tower Museum participated in the Princess Street Promenade, a special festival that welcomes 100+ businesses and community groups for a day of family fun and discovery. In our booth, we showcased selected artifacts from our collection which offered insights into the 19th century life in Kingston. We also engaged family groups with our special craft activities, which recreated military hats and medals that used to belong to the soldiers who lived in the tower. The event was a huge success with more than 150 participants. We would like to thank everyone who visited our booth and made the event memorable!

## DOORS OPEN Kingston

On 26 August, we joined a city-wide Doors Open event, which brought together Kingston attractions and museums including the Pumphouse Museum, St. Gorges Cathedral, Military Communications & Electronics Museum, Frontenac Country Schools Museum, Museum of Health Care, the Marine Museum, and the Perth Museum. This special community event allowed visitors to discover, explore, and encounter the spaces, places, and stories that shape the communities of Kingston and the Area. We were overjoyed to see over 300 curious people walk through our doors during this event to explore our site and discover the unique history of the tower.



## Professional Development Workshop

On 24 August, our Manager and Curator, Simge Erdogan O'Connor facilitated a special professional development workshop offered by the Kingston and Area Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites. In her presentation, Simge provided insights into improved accessibility design in museums and revealed how museums, regardless of their size, focus and location, can develop accessibility tools and strategies to create more equal, inclusive, and welcoming spaces. Simge also offered unique insights into our audio tour project, which was developed in 2022 to increase access to individuals living with disabilities.

## CHALLENGES & STRATEGIES

