

To:	Warden Hicks and Members of Grey County Council
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Title:	Deaccessions from Grey Roots Artefact Collection
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Lower Tier(s) Affected:	All
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Recommendation

1. That Report EDTC-CW-15-21 be received; and
2. That the artefacts identified in the report be disposed of according to the Grey Roots' Acquisition and Deaccessioning Policy; and
3. That any revenue from the disposal of these artefacts be transferred to Grey Roots' Artefact Reserve.

Executive Summary

The items identified for deaccession are attached as Schedule A to this Report.

In order to be collected and maintained as part of Grey Roots' artefact collection, an object should support the mandate of Grey Roots Museum & Archives by having strong Grey County provenance or manufacture, be in good (exhibitable) condition and not be already represented in the collection. Artefacts should be relevant and representative of Grey County in order to remain in the collection and ensure that staff, financial and space resources are optimally utilized.

Background and Discussion

Before the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries instituted museum standards and best collecting practices for Ontario Museums, Grey Roots, like

other museums had few guiding principles on which to base its decision to accept or decline object donations. These decisions were left up to the opinions and preferences of managers, curators, and other staff, and often did not align with the mandate of their institutions. This led to many museums collecting items which are not relevant to or representative of their residents or regions, and a collective lack of storage space due to collecting multiple examples of similar objects.

Over the past 10-15 years, like many other museums, Grey Roots has identified objects which have little or no relevance to its mandate, objects in poor condition that are not suitable for exhibit or research, and those that are well represented in the collection through multiple examples.

The list of items Grey Roots is recommending to deaccession are general items that were donated between 1956 and 2008 that have little or no relevance to Grey County or are over-represented in the collection (multiple examples) including one non-functioning George White steam traction engine (donated 1996) and 41 spinning wheels (donated 1998).

The George White steam traction engine has a boiler that was condemned by the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) in 2009. That year, Grey Roots staff obtained an estimate to repair the boiler at a cost of \$20,340 with no guarantee that the repair would last many years. The cost to replace the boiler at that time was \$49,700. The traction engine has been sitting as a static display piece since that year. Grey Roots has a fully functioning Robert Bell steam traction engine that was restored to working order in 2012. It is stored and on display in the Large Agricultural Storage and Display Building in Moreston Heritage Village and demonstrated at events.

With regard to the spinning wheels, Grey Roots will keep eight that have strong Grey County provenance and those used in Moreston Heritage Village for demonstration purposes.

In order to dispose of these artefacts, staff recommends following Grey Roots' [Acquisition and Deaccession Procedure](#), in order to put forward every effort to ensure that the deaccessioned artefacts remain in the public domain by transferring ownership to a more suitable museum or public institution. Following that, objects not claimed by such institutions except for firearms will be offered via public auction as per Grey County's [Purchasing Policy](#). Since the purchase, sale and transportation of firearms are subject to legal regulation, staff will determine the most appropriate disposition of firearms that are not transferred to another museum or public institution.

Since Grey Roots acquires objects with a view to permanence in its collections, every deaccession/disposal is approached with caution.

Legal and Legislated Requirements

Any transfer or disposition of firearms must be carried out in accordance with the Firearms Act (Canada).

Financial and Resource Implications

This work is part of the collections' staff workplan. Transfers will only be made to non-profit institutions which operate in the public trust, ensuring a level of care for the artefacts in keeping with the County of Grey's expectations. All transportation costs will be borne by the receiving institutions.

Staff estimates that the total fair market value of these artefacts is under \$10,000. Should any of these artefacts be sold, all monies realized from their sale will be used exclusively for the purchase of artefacts as per Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries. Staff recommends that any proceeds be deposited in the existing reserve for this purpose.

Relevant Consultation

- Internal – Grey Roots, Finance, Tourism and Economic Development, Communications, Legal Services
- External –

Appendices and Attachments

Schedule A – Items Identified for Deaccession

Schedule A

OBJECT ID	OBJECT NAME	PLACE OF ORIGIN	MADE	CONDITION
1956.016.002	Seeder, Hand Seedbox	Unknown	Unknown	Fair
1957.001.002	Cane	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1957.002.049	Spike	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1957.011.002abc	Watch, Pocket	London, England	"Tomson London" & Alex Troup Watches & Clock Maker"	Fair
1960.053.001	Parasol	Unknown	Unknown	Poor
1960.054.001	Model	Ontario	Chalmers, James B.	Fair
1961.031.008	Eyeglasses	Unknown		Poor
1962.055.010abcd	Pot, Glue	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1963.037.001	Hat, Top	Unknown	Unknown	Poor
1964.024.001	Piano, Square	Boston, Mass.	Emerson Piano Co.	Far
1968.074.001	Settee	Unknown	Unknown	Fair
1969.091.001	Wringer, Clothes	Toronto?	The T. Eaton Co. Limited Canada	Good
1970.052.005	Harrow	Unknown	Unknown	Fair
1970.096.186	Knife, Hay	Unknown	Unknown	Fair
1971.120.080ab	Coffeepot	England	Wm. Adams & Sons	Fair
1972.019.113	Cap, Boudoir	Unknown	Unknown	Fair
1972.097.008	Chisel, Ice	Unknown	Unknown	Fair
1973.015.001	Piano, Upright	Oneonta, NY	McCammon	Good
1973.114.001	Revolver	Britain	Webley	Good
1973.114.002	Holster	Britain	Finnigans Ltd.	Good
1974.025.002abcd	Chopper, Feed	Toronto	Wilkinson Plough Co.	Good
1974.083.023abcde	Crib	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1975.052.001	Motor, Outboard	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Elto Outboard Motor Co.	Fair
1976.021.002	Cap, Bottle	Collingwood, Simcoe Co.	Potts Bros. Dairy	Fair
1976.022.001	Bucksaw	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1976.147.001	Bullet	Unknown	Winchester Repeating Arms Co.	Good
1976.153.001	Bullet	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1977.035.002	Blouse	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1977.053.001	Bucksaw	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1977.083.001	Blouse	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1978.019.001	Chopper, Feed	Brantford, Ontario	Cockshutt Plow Co. Ltd.	Good
1978.057.001abc	Vise, Woodworking	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1979.085.002	Digger, Post Hole	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1981.002.001	Ornament, Christmas Tree	Unknown	Unknown	Good

1981.060.004	Ornament, Christmas Tree	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1981.060.005	Ornament, Christmas Tree	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1981.060.006	Ornament, Christmas Tree	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1981.169.001ab	Cushion	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1982.022.115	Bucksaw	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1982.039.002	Holder, Bag	Unknown	Unknown	Fair
1982.090.001	Blouse	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1987.015.010	Clevis	Unknown	Unknown	Fair
1987.023.005ab	Rein, Driving	Unknown	Unknown	Fair
1989.024.001	Motor, Outboard	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Elto Division, Outboard Motors Corp.	Fair
1991.016.001	Wheel, Spinning	Middlesex County, Ontario	Glendillen, Elijah	Fair
1991.041.001	Engine, Steam Traction	London, Ontario	George White & Sons Ltd.	Fair
1991.052.002	Pistol	Chicopee Falls, Mass.	J. Stevens A&T Co.	Good
1992.025.006	Blade, Windshield Wiper	USA	Anco Rainmaster	Good
1992.027.054	Box	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1992.045.002	Torch	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1994.042.003	Grindstone	Unknown	Unknown	Fair
1997.026.001	Derringer	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1998.028.014	Ornament, Christmas Tree	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1998.028.015	Ornament, Christmas Tree	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1998.028.016	Ornament, Christmas Tree	Unknown	Unknown	Excellent
1998.030.001ab	Wheel, Spinning	Burghaslach, Germany	Diller, Wilhelm	Good
1998.030.003	Wheel, Spinning	Bavaria? Germany?	Unknown	Good
1998.030.004abcde	Wheel, Spinning	Bavaria? Germany?	C H Happes/ C.H. Kappes	Good
1998.030.005	Wheel, Spinning	Norway	Unknown	Good
1998.030.007	Wheel, Spinning	Ireland?	Unknown	Good
1998.030.008	Wheel, Spinning	Reproduction	Kirk, Harry J.	Good
1998.030.010	Wheel, Spinning	India	Unknown	Fair
1998.030.011ab	Wheel, Spinning	India	Unknown	Good
1998.030.012	Wheel, Spinning	Anatolia, Turkey	Unknown	Good
1998.030.016	Wheel, Spinning	Manitoba	Made-Well Mfg. Co.	Good
1998.030.017	Wheel, Spinning	New Zealand	Unknown	Good
1998.030.018	Wheel, Spinning	Acton, Ontario	Mr. Rognvaldson	Good
1998.030.019	Wheel, Spinning	Manitoba	Sedore, William	Good

1998.030.025	Wheel, Spinning	Strathroy, Ontario	Solomon Dell	Good
1998.030.026	Wheel, Spinning	Canada?	Unknown	Good
1998.030.027	Wheel, Spinning	Quebec	Heureux, J. L.	Good
1998.030.028	Wheel, Spinning	Korea?	Unknown	Good
1998.030.029abcd	Wheel, Spinning	Western Europe	Unknown	Fair
1998.030.033	Wheel, Spinning	Bavaria	Unknown	
1998.030.034	Wheel, Spinning	Saskatchewan	Unknown	Good
1998.030.035	Wheel, Spinning	Ireland?	Unknown	Good
1998.030.036	Wheel, Spinning	United States?	Unknown	Fair
1998.030.037	Wheel, Spinning	Quebec	La Compagnie Desjardins	Good
1998.030.061	Wheel, Spinning	New Glasgow, Nova Scotia	Nute, J. H.	Fair
1998.030.062	Wheel, Spinning	Quebec?	Morin, C.	Good
1998.030.068	Wheel, Spinning	Quebec?	Unknown	
1998.030.076	Wheel, Spinning	Denmark	Nicholaisen, P. C.	Good
1998.030.077	Wheel, Spinning	Nova Scotia	Mr. McIntosh	Good
1998.030.078	Chair	Tideswell, Derbyshire, England	Hunstone	Good
1998.030.080	Wheel, Spinning	Middlesex County, Ontario	Glendillen, Elijah	Good
1998.030.082	Wheel, Spinning	Ontario?	Lucas & Lyons? Justin Wait & Moorehouse?	Good
1998.030.083	Wheel, Spinning	Unknown	Unknown	Fair
1998.030.084	Wheel, Spinning	Quebec?	Unknown	Fair
1998.030.085	Wheel, Spinning	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1998.030.086	Wheel, Spinning	Quebec	Unknown	Good
1998.030.087	Wheel, Spinning	New Zealand?	Unknown	Good
1998.030.088	Wheel, Spinning	Ontario	Glendillen, William	Fair
1998.030.089	Wheel, Spinning	Reproduction of Korean	Kirk, Harry J.	Good
1998.030.095	Wheel, Spinning	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1998.030.097	Wheel, Spinning	Unknown	Rispin?	Good
1998.030.098	Wheel, Spinning	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1998.030.118abc	Wheel, Spinning	Reproduction	Kirk, Harry J.	Good
1998.030.130	Wheel, Spinning	Acton, Ontario	Rognvaldson?	Good
1999.027.001	Rope	Unknown	Unknown	Good
1999.034.001	Sweep, Animal- powered	Unknown	Unknown	Fair
1999.039.001	Vise	Unknown	Unknown	Fair
2004.022.001	Wheel, Spinning	Unknown	Unknown	Fair
2008.004.004	Chest, Tool	Unknown	Unknown	Fair
2008.015.003	Scythe	Unknown	Unknown	Good