

# *Fairbridge Chapel Heritage Society*

## Summer 2017 Report

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This is a short report on both the use of the chapel during the past few months as well as work already completed or is planned during the next few months..

1. Rapid Heart Pictures, based in Cobble Hill, rented the chapel for \$500 and had a film shoot both inside and outside on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The made for television movie is, at least at this time, called *The Runaway Bride*. It is supposed to be a humorous movie and they also used St. Ann's Church and today will be filming at Mt. Washington. They had the chapel all decorated up with strings of lights around all the very high beams. They did an excellent job cleaning up both the chapel and schoolhouse which was used for costume changes, food and some equipment storage.

The film director and staff wanted to thank the board for allowing them to use the chapel and also appreciated everyone in the community for their kind cooperation.

2. Rob Laboucane, the Miller for Live Edge Design, came down to look at the large maple tree behind the schoolhouse and just could not believe the size of the canopy. He is very interested in at least three sections of the tree and while he could not figure out what he would pay for the pieces at this time would come back and work closely with the fallers so they got the wood they need as well as we get the most money possible. He mentioned there would be quite a bit more wood which could be used as firewood and the society could sell some to those living in the neighbourhood or use it for the chapel basement. He has worked with Libra Tree Service on projects and feels they would be a good choice for doing the job.

Rob also mentioned we would get a good price for fir tree on the chapel property as a saw log due to its size and lack of knots on the lower 20 metres. We want to get this tree down as soon as possible, likely in mid September, while the removal of the maple may have to wait until the fall after the leaves have dropped.

3. Libra Tree Service will be work on jobs around the chapel as soon as we can be slotted into their schedule. Grant will give us advice on the trees above mentioned trees. I will have him remove the plum tree, the Hawthorne tree, two Laburnum trees and a small holly tree around the chapel as well as limb up the cedars around the kiosk, limb some branches overhanging the rear of the chapel and also clean the bell tower gutters and nail on some missing cedar shingles.

4. Ron Price power washed the cement steps and landings around the chapel. There is a need to repair the front chapel steps immediately (prior to the next wedding on August 5<sup>th</sup>) and if possible another area at the rear of the chapel as well as get some prices to do the cement walkway into both buildings. It was recommended we put rebar in the cement since we are still going to need a bucket truck to get to the top of the bell tower from time to time. It is felt this work should be completed *after* we do the tree removal project as mentioned above.

6. All locks to the two heritage buildings have been changed.

7. Armstrong Cleaning & Installation will be installing new gutters on both buildings after the middle of August. Prior to this we are going to kill the moss that is especially extremely thick at the rear of the school house and Chapel. They will need a lift truck to do the top of the bell tower. The new gutters will be larger and with gutter guards.

8. This fall, if time permits we are going to refurbish all three bathrooms in the chapel, acquire a filing cabinet or two store various historic artefacts and possibly remove some things in the chapel basement.

9. Finally, there are a number of ongoing maintenance projects such as painting trim, washing the windows and repairing the kiosk that will be tackled as time permits.

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