

Extensive UCV exhibit plans coming to life

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

MORRISBURG — After months of research and planning, the St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC) has unveiled its expansive plans for the new visitor centre at Upper Canada Village (UCV).

In the report released on Wed., March 31, SLPC staff outlined themes and interpretative approaches, combined with state-of-the-art multimedia techniques, interactive exhibits, and extensive artifact displays that visitors will experience at the new centre.

"A great deal of thought and research has been exerted by staff and the community to create the new Upper Canada Visitor Centre," said Dave Dobbie, manager of UCV.

Dobbie added that the new visitors' facility will play an integral part in UVC's 50th anniversary celebration in 2011, as well as the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the Battle of Crysler's Farm in 2012 and 2013.

"It's very important to us that we will have a facility where we can showcase these sites and provide our guests with an understanding of their place in history," he said.

Specific storylines that will be used integrally within the new centre have been developed, many of which were discussed dur-

ing open house sessions at UCV in January and February where public input was recorded. SPLC staff and its board members have also worked with the design firm Reich and Petch to determine the best way

to highlight the past of both historical sites.

"We feel very gratified to be working towards establishing new visitor centres so that we can provide Canadians and tourists with a better understanding of the strategic role they played in Canada's history," said Pat MacDonald, SLPC's general manager and CEO.

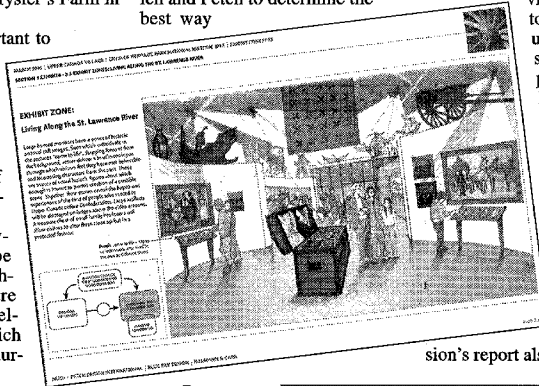
MacDonald spoke of two facilities because the SLPC is also building a new visitor centre at Kingston's Fort Henry.

The commission's report also described the use

of old carriages, canoes, marine-related artifacts, and other large objects that will be incorporated in the new centre as artifacts from the past. Currently, SLPC is looking at possibly relocating the pier light or channel marker, originally from Dickenson's Landing, and placing it closer to the entrance of UCV as a prominent feature.

"This project is by far the largest capital project we have undertaken here at the SLPC," said Gerben Schaille, SLPC's manager of maintenance and operations. "Our maintenance team is very visitor-focused and we look forward to providing assistance and leadership on these projects in any way we can."

Funding for this capital project was allotted in the 2009 Ontario budget, in the form of \$23 million given to SLPC.



'Expect HST increases' township treasurer warns

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG — It could be a tough pill to swallow for Ontario residents this coming Canada Day, when the new harmonized sales tax (HST) is set to kick in province-wide.

With that in mind, Township of South Dundas treasurer Shannon Geraghty has released his report, "Impact of HST on the Township of South Dundas."

puter software, courier and legal services, as well as many more expenditures, said Geraghty.

Recreation to be hit hard

According to Geraghty, the purchases are only subject to GST now, but with the HST, an additional eight per cent Value Added Tax (VAT) will be added to the total price.

Currently, the township's current financial setup does

not track or separate PST paid on purchases. When PST is applicable, said Geraghty, the cost is included in the final expenses. As well, many purchased items already have PST added to the total price, typically done by others within the supply chain, said Geraghty.

Geraghty estimates that the cost of certain items purchased by South Dundas may be reduced, as the embedded tax will disappear.



Convoy time!

Curves in Morrisburg collected 2,031 pounds of food during its annual drive, plus \$80 in cash donations, which were handed over to the Dundas County Food Bank (DCFB) on Thurs., April 1. Volunteers pushed the donations to the DCFB through the Morrisburg Plaza parking lot "convoy style" in carts loaned by Riley's Valu-

Mart and Giant Tiger. Pictured are: Muriel McLean (left), Kathi McAins, Audrey Laframboise, Kristin Lapierre, Geraldine Fitzsimmons, Faye Stewart, Janice Gillard, Carol Barkley, Shariene Gauvreau, Sydney Smith, DCFB chair Brenda Millard, Jane Thibodeau, Barb Wells, and Curves owner Kelly Keeler.



Over 25 years, we have evolved our viewpoint
about design to create extraordinary
moments and opportunities for people to have
experiences that change their understanding
and perspective of the world they live in.

REICH+PETCH

1867 Yonge Street Toronto, ON Canada M4S 1Y5
TEL (416) 480 2020 FAX (416) 480 1881
www.reich-petch.com
info@reich-petch.com