

## C. NSM Site Mandates and Topics

### McCULLOCH HOUSE MUSEUM

#### MANDATE AND MISSION

- » To present the life, career and contribution to Nova Scotia of Thomas McCulloch, minister, writer, scientist and educational reformer.
- » To introduce the story of Scottish settlement in Pictou County and to interpret the significant contribution of the Scots, in particular immigrants from the Lowlands of Scotland, to the development of Nova Scotia.
- » To use the garden and surrounding property to encourage exploration of its natural history.

#### PROPOSED CONTENT

\*Note: Topics are drawn from the NS Interpretive Master Plan Content Framework.

#### I. CONTENT TO MAINTAIN

##### B. EVOLVING

###### B.2 Birds, Fish, and Animals

- Diversity of Birds and Fish: Inland, Coast, Sea
- Diversity of Mammals

###### B.4 Migration, Outmigration, Exodus

- Early 19th Century Immigration: Arrival of Lowland Scots
- Late 19th Century Immigration

###### B.7 Understanding Our World

- Scientific Inquiry: 19th - 21st Century: Thomas McCulloch as a scientist, writer, collector, and educator.

##### D. RELATING

###### D.1 Peoples of Nova Scotia

- European: Gaels

###### D.2 Governance and Politics

- British Colonial Government
- Responsible Government
- Minority Rights and Governance: Relationship of Thomas McCulloch to governments.

###### D.7 Social Equality

- Privilege/Social Circles: Thomas McCulloch and the educated class in Nova Scotia.

#### E. LIVING

##### E.1 Life at Home and Work

- Gender Roles and Home Life
- Places of Community Interaction: Thomas McCulloch's social circle and visitors.

##### E.2 Communities

- Coastal Towns/Villages: Pictou in the 19th century.

##### E.4 Cultural Expression

- Architecture: Evolution of the house.
- Literature/Poetry/Drama: Thomas McCulloch's writings and influence.

##### E.5 Social Development and Organizations

- Health Care: Medical practices in the age of Thomas McCulloch.

#### II. CONTENT TO ENHANCE

##### A. FORMING

###### A.5 Biodiversity

- Life Forms and Ecosystems: Thomas McCulloch's studies.
- Species Diversity
- Ecosystem Diversity

##### D. RELATING

###### D.5 Education

- Higher Education: Pictou Academy and Thomas McCulloch's role in early Nova Scotia.

#### D.6 Religion and Spirituality

- 'Non-Conformity': Definitions, using Thomas McCulloch as an example of the limitations of influence.
- Religious Affiliation: Importance in the 19th century.

### III. NEW CONTENT TO DEVELOP

#### D. RELATING

##### D.4 Communications

- Newspapers/Magazines

### CONCLUSIONS

Use the property to cross over Thomas McCulloch's scientific interest as a scholar with the natural world as found on the site. Discuss in greater depth the story of the Pictou Academy in the context of other institutions of higher learning and the role of religious affiliation.