

C. NSM Site Mandates and Topics

MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY

MANDATE AND MISSION

- » To present the stories of Nova Scotia's industrial past, thereby promoting an understanding of how Nova Scotia evolved from an essentially rural colony of farmers, fishermen and craftsmen into a provincial society with a vibrant industrial economy, based on mining and manufacturing.
- » To explain how changing technologies determined the location of communities and the nature of work.
- » To show how industrialization has affected the economic and social fabric of Nova Scotia and the relationships between citizens.
- » To provide explanations as to why Nova Scotia's apparent industrial strength diminished over time, and the different initiatives taken to reverse this reality.
- » To encourage an understanding and appreciation of the province's industrial character today and its potential for the future.
- » To disseminate information and promote the results of modern research about industrial Nova Scotia.

PROPOSED CONTENT

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

I. CONTENT TO MAINTAIN

B. EVOLVING

B.4 Migration, Outmigration, Exodus

- Early 19th Century Immigration: Immigration for employment.
- Late 19th Century Immigration

B.6 Agents of Change

- New Technology: Effects/Experience
- Responses to Deindustrialization

B.7 Understanding Our World

- History and Sociology since 1945

C. EXPLOITING

C.1 Energy

- Animal/Human Power
- Water Power
- Coal & Wood Power
- Steam Power
- Solar/Wind Power

C.2 Resource Development

- Forestry
- Mining
- Oil and Natural Gas

C.3 Industry

- Textiles
- Steel
- Manufacturing Initiatives

C.5 Transportation

- Roads/Vehicles
- Railways

D. RELATING

D.1 Peoples of Nova Scotia

- Indigenous

D.3 War and Defence

- Nova Scotians at War: Nova Scotia's industrial response to war.

D.5 Education

- Mechanics & Nautical Institutes/Trade Schools & Colleges

D.7 Social Equality

- Privilege/Social Circles: Wealth from industry; stories of Nova Scotia's entrepreneurs.

E. LIVING

E.1 Life at Home and Work

- People in the Workplace
- Social Value of the Workplace

II. CONTENT TO ENHANCE

B. EVOLVING

B.7 Understanding Our World

- Scientific Inquiry: 19th - 21st Century: Intellectual curiosity as it related to writing about the economy and industry in the province.

C. EXPLOITING

C.1 Energy

- Hydroelectric Power
- Oil Fired Electrical Power

D. RELATING

D.4 Communications

- Computing/Digital Media

E. LIVING

E.6 Social Development and Organizations

- Unions: Impact of unionization on the fabric of Nova Scotia society.

III. NEW CONTENT TO DEVELOP

A. FORMING

A.1 Geological Formation

- Creation of Mineral Deposits: Present the geological context for mining.

B. EVOLVING

B.4 Migration, Outmigration, Exodus

- Outmigration: 20th Century: Reasons and impact of this major theme in Nova Scotia's industrial history.
- Black Experience
- 20th & 21st Century Immigration

B.5 Response to Place

- Mining Towns, Farming Towns, Logging Towns: Links to geology, waterways, and landscapes.

B.6 Agents of Change

- Human Activity and the Environment: Past impacts, present realities.
- Outmigration Social/Econ. Effects

C. EXPLOITING

C.4 Commerce

- Confederation & National Commerce: National systems of commerce and Nova Scotia's place in the Canadian context.
- Internal Nova Scotia Commerce: Evolution of the provincial economy.

C.5 Transportation

- Aviation

C.6 Environmental Values

- Depletion of Natural Resources
- Environmental Impact
- Endangered Environments/Species
- Air Quality
- Protecting Cultural Resources

D. RELATING

D.2 Governance and Politics

- Better Terms/'Maritime Rights'
- 'Regional Development' since 1945

D.7 Social Equality

- Capital and Labour (incl. indentured)

E. LIVING

E.1 Life at Home and Work

- Places of Community Interaction: Industrial enterprises and social development.

E.2 Communities

- Inland Towns/Villages

E.3 Recreation

- Organized Sports

E.4 Cultural Expression

- Folklore and Celebrations: Stories, literature, art, and music of work.

E.6 Social Development and Organizations

- **Boards of Trade: Place of industrial and related issues in Nova Scotia's economic history.**

CONCLUSIONS

Round out a good overall picture of industrial development with presentation of some of the larger themes such as outmigration, Nova Scotia's place in Canada, deindustrialization, and the social role of work in the evolution of communities. Who was writing about Nova Scotia's economy in the 19th and 20th centuries? What were they saying? And what impact did they have?