

# Fundy Geological Museum Newsletter

Fall, 2009

## Update from Curator's Corner

Ken Adams  
Director/Curator



Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> season of operation, the Museum has welcomed over 350,000 visitors since opening to the public in 1993. The Museum currently provides our visitors with an opportunity to learn about the region's rich natural heritage, including the record of our diverse geological history, Canada's oldest dinosaurs and the Bay of Fundy tides.

Formed in 1989 to develop and operate a museum of paleontology and geology, the Society is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Board of Directors of the Society would like you to invite you to help ensure the long-term sustainability of a major county and provincial resource, Fundy Geological Museum.

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*Tour at Wassons Bluff*

Geological time did not end millions of years ago; it continues to play a role in each of our daily lives. Our geology is the foundation of our dramatic landscape, our natural heritage, and it draws visitors from around the world.

Nova Scotia's natural heritage has played an integral role in the development of the province's cultural heritage and tourism product.

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Haunted Museum  
October 23rd and 24th
- ◆ CGS 20<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
November 8<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Oh Christmas Tree!  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
FGM 16<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary
- ◆ March Break  
Program  
For details on events  
check our web page  
<http://fundygeo.museum.gov.ns.ca>

The Museum's exhibits and programs are based on the region's rocks, fossils and minerals, including agate, amethyst and some of Canada's oldest dinosaur skeletons. While these are recognized as "icons" in their own right, we believe we have an opportunity to more fully interpret the role of the region's geological past in the development of another icon, the Bay of Fundy.

The Fundy Geological Museum is operated by the Cumberland Geological Society.

The Nova Scotia Museum Heritage Division has completed an Interpretive Master Plan that articulates this relationship. The Museum has been re-examining its role in the interpretation of the province's story to identify opportunities to renew and re-brand our programs, exhibits and services.



Plateosaurus (similar to local dinosaurs)

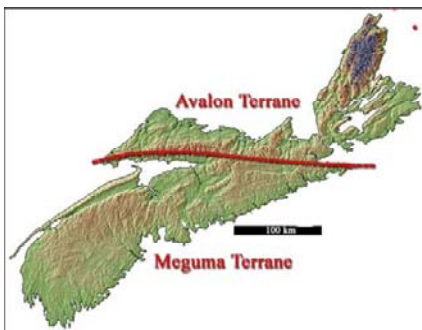
Although approximately 22,000 visitors are attracted to the Museum each year, it is recognized that our own future depends on the continued promotion of our region as a destination. We strongly believe that the county's rich natural and cultural heritage-related products have shown considerable growth over the past sixteen years, including the designation of the Joggins Fossil Cliffs as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the opening of Cape Chignecto Provincial Park's Eatonville facility in the summer of 2009.

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## Exhibit Renewal

The renewal project has been undertaken in partnership with the Cumberland Regional Economic Development Association and the Nova Scotia Museum's Heritage Division. We have been working to achieve this vision for a number of years. The re-branding project has now reached the stage where the services of a design company have been obtained to design, fabricate and install a renewed exhibit gallery and to develop new programming. It is anticipated that the installation of the new exhibits will be completed in early 2010, prior to the summer season.

Refreshing the Museum's interpretive plan will enable us to build on our "unique selling points", highlighting two of the region's icons: the Bay of Fundy tides, and Canada's oldest dinosaurs. We believe that there are opportunities to introduce elements that are not explored in the existing gallery, to enhance the connections between our museum and related heritage sites, to complement and support the stories told by our partners, and to differentiate our own product.



*"The Ebb and Flow of the Fundy  
Tides have sculpted the  
landscape to expose fossils,  
rocks and minerals from our  
forgotten past"*

**YOUR SUPPORT IS IMPORTANT TO US**

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**Membership Cumberland Geological Society**

Adult \$ 10.00 \_\_\_ Family \$ 25.00 \_\_\_

Society membership benefits include 10% discount in Gift Shop, invitation to Annual General Meeting, free admission to Museum and special events such as DINO DAZE

**Nova Scotia Museum Pass\*\*\***

Adult \$ 42.00 \_\_\_ Family \$ 82.00 \_\_\_

\*\*\* Includes membership in Cumberland Geological Society and provides free admission to all Nova Scotia Museum sites which are currently charging an admission fee

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[fundygeo.museum.gov.ns.ca](http://fundygeo.museum.gov.ns.ca)