



GATINEAU VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE DE LA VALLÉE DE LA GATINEAU

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## A River Runs Beneath Us – The Paugan/Opwàgan Albums

Speakers - Don Kealey and Marc Cockburn

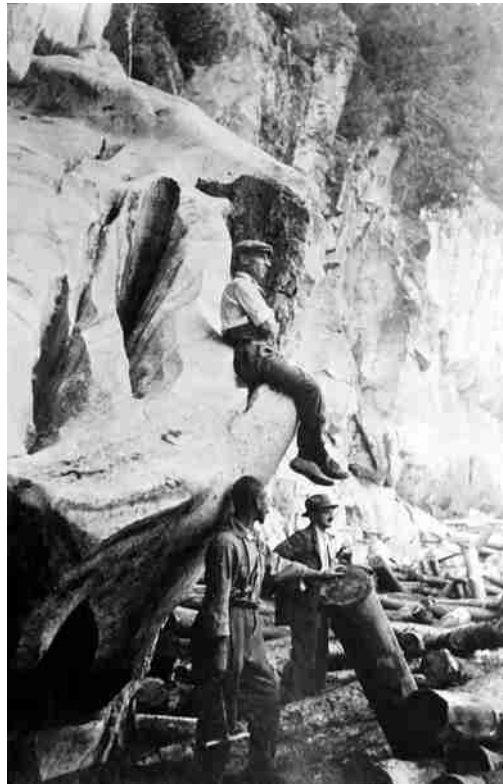
Tuesday April 25, 2023 at 7:00 pm  
St. Michael's High School, 26 ch. Principal, Low, QC

"Everybody's talking about something frightening and exciting. Somebody's going to build a dam. Right here. And the falls will disappear."

These words from the title character in Brian Doyle's *Mary Ann Alice* expresses the child-like wonder and anxiety about the looming natural and social upheaval that would soon change life forever when the Paugan/Opwàgan Dam was built in 1926-28.

Don Kealey and Marc Cockburn will present a series of rare photos, maps, documents, and aerial photos drawn from the McCord Museum, Hydro Quebec Archives, the GVHS, and the NAPL to illustrate how the Gatineau River appeared and changed during the 10 years leading to the construction of the Gatineau Power Co. Power Dam, and how it affected the lives of local farmers and vacationers in the area.

Don Kealey is the well-known local author of *Low Municipality - Reflections of the Past*. Marc Cockburn, the Past President of the GVHS, has done research and presentations on the flooding of the lower Gatineau River.





### New Board Member

GVHS is seeking a new Board member to fill a one-year vacancy.

The Board needs a variety of skills, with a strong emphasis on media expertise, administration skills, governance experience, teamwork, as well as those connected to local heritage organizations and other diverse communities. The Board

of Directors meets monthly and Directors are expected to serve on at least one committee (archives, website, communications, program, publications) and serve the organization in other capacities.

The Nominating Committee is accepting applications until April 16. Interested individuals should submit a brief written statement about why they want to serve on the Board of GVHS to [info@gvhs.ca](mailto:info@gvhs.ca).

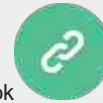
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### ~ Welcome to our New Members ~

John Calvert, Ottawa ON  
Fiona Hennessy, Chelsea QC  
Wayne Houlzet, Dorval QC  
Robert & Janet Watt Lafleur, Chelsea QC  
Stephen Legault, Gatineau QC  
Jeff Stubbins, Ottawa ON



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Website

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### •Pat Evans Archives•

Chelsea Library  
downstairs

Monday - 10-12  
Wednesday - 1-3

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### Coming Events



June 3 ~  
Kitigan Zibi  
Traditional  
Pow Wow

Late June ~ Launch of volume 49  
~ *Up the Gatineau!*

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Watch the slides from Past President  
Marc Cockburn's AGM presentation on  
Feb. 22, 2023 - [click here](#)