



Director Dan Canuel presents grant to Honey Affleck from FOM



\$5000 to Friends of the Quesnel Museum towards restoration of the Cornish Water Wheel

The Wheel of Time

Funded in part by the Glenn & Loretta Barr Family Fund, the Friends of Quesnel Museum received \$5000 towards the restoration of the Quesnel Cornish waterwheel. At the annual Gala on April 11, QCF Director Dan Canuel presented the cheque to FOM volunteer Honey Affleck.

This project will restore the Cornish Waterwheel which was relocated to Quesnel in 1930 as a memorial to the pioneer miners of BC. During the 1860s Cariboo Gold rush these wheels were used to pump water from deep goldmine shafts. It has become one of the primary symbols associated with Quesnel. In 2014, with the assistance of the Quesnel Community Foundation, the Friends of the Museum commissioned a Conservator, specializing in industrial artifacts, to prepare a conservation and maintenance plan for the heritage displays located in Quesnel's parks and along the Riverfront Trail. Work was begun last year to implement the plan. The next significant artifact that is at risk is the overshot water wheel. Erected in Quesnel in 1930, with core components from an earlier working wheel, this wheel has been restored or rebuilt over the intervening years. According to the assessment the wheel is reaching the end of its lifespan. The conservator provided a long-term solution to rebuild the wheel, incorporating conservation measures to extend the lifespan of this reconstruction and also to restore features that have been lost since it was first erected in Quesnel.

For more information on this project and how it will tie into the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Cariboo Wagon Road, visit website www.friendsofquesnelmuseum.com