



**Sustaining Partner Dwayne Sales from Go-fer Disposal presents grant to James Douglas from WHS**



**\$4000 to Wells Historical Society for furnace replacement in the Wells Museum**

### **Preserving the Past**

Funded in part by the Brian & Ann Rankin Fund, the Wells Historical Society received \$4000 for the replacement of the furnace in the Wells Museum. At the annual Gala on April 11, Sustaining Partner Dwayne Sales presented the cheque to WHS volunteer James Douglas.

The Wells Historical Society, incorporated in 1972, has been instrumental in the preservation of the streetscape of the original company town of Wells and the history of the mining community from 1933 to the present. Its purposes are: to gather and preserve information, records and objects of educational, historical and cultural value associated with the area; to establish and maintain a museum for the purpose of preserving, recording and exhibiting for public enjoyment such material; to promote the preservation and documentation of the built environment and heritage sites of Wells and area.

In the 1990s the Society completed a plan which guided heritage preservation for the community (before incorporation), completed as-found drawings and assisted with facade improvements on several buildings, and assisted with the implementation of a Development Permit Area for heritage preservation. In 1999 they restored the original Island Mountain Mine Office to be the new museum for the community. The mid-efficiency propane furnace installed in the museum in 1999 (second hand at that time) can no longer be repaired and must be replaced. This is the first grant awarded to the Wells Historical Society and QCF is proud to partner with them for this project.

For more information on the Wells Historical Society, visit [www.wellsmuseum.ca](http://www.wellsmuseum.ca)