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"GREETINGS FROM COLEMAN AND COBALT"

NEW HISTORIC COBALT PARK

June 8th, 2007 was groundbreaking day for the Teck Cominco Prospect Park and the Keevil Walking Trail. Kea Barker, Chief Communications Manager for Teck Cominco, joined with MPP David Ramsay, Mayor Andre Belanger, Councillors Gino Chitaroni and Ken Ashick, and Melissa Ruddy, General Manager of the Historic Cobalt Corporation, at the starting site at the Cobalt Train Station. The project is expected to be completed by September.

THE HERITAGE SILVER TRAIL –

Spring inspection is now completed and maintenance and repairs are underway. Site #6 "The Nipissing 96 Minesite" is still the favourite target of vandals. The hoistroom and headframe tower doors were forced open and damaged. Signage repairs and restoration are underway at site #7, "The Nipissing Hill Lookout". The Public Works crews of Coleman and Cobalt continue their co-operation with access road maintenance and brushing.

COBALT ROCKS –

2nd annual event, July 27-29th. A family fun event that combines the thrill of competition and the spirit of adventure, includes a rock and mineral show, car rally, poker run, underground tours, theatre, field trips, horse shoe tournaments, rock collecting, displays and sales, and many more. Entry forms and general admission buttons now available at the Cobalt Classic Theatre, Welcome Centre, Silverland Inn, the Tri Town Chamber of Commerce and online at www.cobaltrocks.ca

DR. WILLIAM HENRY DRUMMOND POETRY CONTEST

Open to children and adults in English, French or Patois. Deadline is November 1st, 2007. All entries to be sent to the Cobalt Public Library, P.O. Box 170, Cobalt, Ontario, P0J 1C0. For further information call (705) 679-8120 or email cobaltlibrary@ontera.net

FROM HISTORIC COBALT CORPORATION

To quote Donald R. Lindsay, President and Chief Executive Officer of Teck Cominco Ltd - *"We are pleased to be a partner in the initiative to create a world-class heritage tourism destination in Historic Cobalt."*

We at H.C.C. are also pleased to be a partner in this creative effort. The gift of \$300,000.00 from Teck Cominco will create a mining themed playground and a heritage walking trail that circles Cobalt Lake. In addition, David Ramsay, MPP presented a cheque for \$500,000.00 on behalf of Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. This grant was made through the Rural Economic Development Program (RED) which invests in community-based projects that will support sustainable rural economies. The intent is to develop a tourism destination that will strengthen the local economy.

Cobalt Mayor, Andre Belanger, was very pleased – *"This project will help our Town to promote itself as a world-class Mining Heritage Tourism Destination. This will enhance community employment and attract new business."*

"A vision starts with a dream; ours is to operate Historic Cobalt as a major tourism destination; it is slowly unfolding"—Melissa Ruddy, H.C.C.

FROM PRESIDENT VIVIAN –

When returning your membership card for 2007 add on the name and address of any former Cobalter who you feel might be interested in getting our newsletter. We are currently investigating the possible acquisition of the Coniagas Dynamite Shack as a new addition to the Heritage Trail.

HAILEYBURY HERITAGE MUSEUM –

Rededication of Museum Building donated by Richard James Fleming and unveiling of wall mural in honour of P.M. (Paddy) Fleming, pioneer businessman of Haileybury, Saturday, July 21st, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.