During this past year, we have not had a dedicated Board Member to organize a full schedule of coach tours. However, we did manage to stage one outing, which ran on May 17, 2017.

On that day, we travelled to our neighbouring city of Brantford to visit the Woodland Cultural Centre, a museum and art gallery whose purpose is to provide Ontarians and others with exposure to the art and culture of our First Nations people. A tour of their facility was followed by lunch, on site.

After lunch, we transferred to the Sanderson Centre in the downtown area, to enjoy a performance of the Voices of Showtime, a vocal group who ran us through the songs of the 40’s, 50’s and 60’s.

Coach tours are becoming increasingly more expensive to run and it is difficult to find volunteers willing to spend the time required to do the organizing. As well, the creation of these tours exposes the UWRA to considerable financial risk; the budget for each trip reaching several thousand dollars. Careful consideration by the UWRA Board is needed regarding the future of these activities.

Respectfully Submitted,

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