More Winter than Summer?

During the last few winters one of the Museum's Volunteers used his Snowblower 12-22 times each winter.

During the last few summers this same volunteer used his Lawnmower 10-20 times per summer.

How about you? Do you use your snowblower more than your lawnmower? Yes or No?

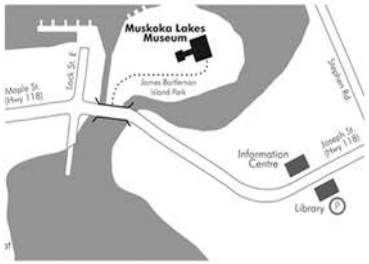
Maybe you're cutting your grass less, and leaving it 'natural' for the bees and other pollinators? Yes or No?

Open From the Victoria Day weekend until Thanksgiving:
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesdays to Saturdays

Noon to 4:00 pm on Sundays

In July and August we are open until 5:00 pm.

Adult admission: $2.50
Seniors and Students: $2
Family: $8
Children under 6 are FREE



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Winter in Muskoka!

During the summer months, when we are open, many of our visitors ask about what it is like in Muskoka during the winter. This summer we're having a display at the museum to try to explain 'Winter in Muskoka'.

If you have an interesting 'Winter story' or other thoughts about winter in Muskoka that you think should be shared with visitors at the museum could you please let us know?
Just e-mail the museum – info@mlmuseum.com -- with your story or idea and we'll see how we can fit It into this summer's 'Winter in Muskoka' exhibit.

How much snow?

Historically Muskoka receives a lot of snow each winter. Do you know what is the average amount of snow that we get in Muskoka *each* winter? In metres is it 2.4, 2.7, 3.3, 4 or 4.5 ?

Do you know what the record is for the most amount of snow in Muskoka in one winter? Was it 4.5 ft, 5.5, 6, 6.7 or 7.6 metres?

Do you know when that record of amount of snow fell? Was it the winter of 1882-83, 1917-18, 1942-43, 1976-77, or 2014-15?

Hidden Valley Ski Hill in Huntsville receives an average of 343 cm of snow each winter. It's usually more than enough for good skiing, but many ski hills in Canada receive more. Do you know which one receives the most – Revelstoke, Mount Tremblant, Whistler, Banff, or Blue Mountain?

Bonus question – what ski area receives the most amount of snow in the world? – Niseko in Japan, Liftopia in Utah, Mt. Baker, Revelstoke, or Gulmarg in India?

How much weight?

Winter clothing is much lighter now, thanks to synthetic man-made materials. Traditionally, winter clothing was made from either wool or animal furs, such as the buffalo coat on display, which weighs over 4 kilograms, (almost 10 pounds). Compare that to just less than 1 kilogram for most winter jackets nowadays.

Some things are better than the 'Good old days'. Modern snow shovels are much lighter and more ergonomic than the old metal snow shovels, which weighed more and were harder to use. Compare the old metal shovel on display to a new plastic snow shovel – which one would you rather use?

Snow has always weighed the same, whether measured in pounds or kilograms. Did you know that shovelling the average driveway in a typical winter involves moving as much as 25 TONS of snow!

Answers from page 2 – 3.3, 5.5, 1942-43, Revelstoke, Mt Baker