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Re: Permission for the Grimsby Museum to use a quote from *Brampton Heritage Times* in an online exhibit in the Digital Museums Canada website. Story is titled, *Sweat Equity: Grimsby Homebuilding Co-operative 1953-1956*.

Dear Harsh,

In regards to our conversation, I would like to inform the Heritage Board of Brampton of the use of a quote from the *Brampton Heritage Times* 2016 Newsletter.

This request comes with apologies for not contacting you previous to the inclusion in our exhibit which will be launched later this year on the Digital Museums Canada: Community Stories section. <https://www.communitystories.ca/>

The quote is from Carl Finlay an original builder on Marysfield Dr. The story in the newsletter is titled *Wildfield and the First Housing Cooperative in Ontario*.

The quote (in italics) with an introduction reads:

The Family Home Builder Co-operative Ltd built 14 homes on Marysfield Dr. on one and two acre lots in the village of Wildfield near Brampton.

Carl Finlay noted in his 2016 article for *the Brampton Heritage Times*, “The group created a system of drawing straws to determine which home they would live in, and this was done to ensure that people put equal amounts of work and effort into each home. Families occupied the houses in order of need, and those with many children took the first available dwellings.”

Although the exhibit focuses on the Hamilton families who built in Grimsby, it also tells the story of the roots of the co-operative movement in Nova Scotia and its expansion to the homebuilding co-ops in Ontario. The *Brampton Heritage Times* article enriched our understanding of the Ontario groups like the Parkdale to Wildfield group and it is noted in the Acknowledgements page as is the Finlay family who also provided photos to us.

We will notify you when the exhibit is launched and perhaps you can alert your heritage community to this remarkable Ontario story. Thank you.

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