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Kilties Centenary Exhibition Come to Touchstones

Nelson, BC (February 4, 2019): There cannot be anything that evokes Scotland more than the sound of a Pipe Band. It's this sound, along with the kilt-clad members of the Kootenay Kiltie Pipe Band that will usher in the opening of *Kiltie Band: 100 Year Celebration*. The exhibition curated by **Jean-Philippe Stienne, Archivist and Collection Manager at Touchstones Nelson: Museum of Art and History**, opens in **Gallery B on March 2 at 2 pm** and features photos and memorabilia from the museum's archival collection.



Visitors can expect a fascinating look back at the rich history of Nelson's own Highland Games - which were an annual fixture for 50 years - see photographs from Burns' Night celebrations, parades and public events from the archives and admire the uniforms and instruments.

photo: Clan Johnstone, 1920

In 1919 members of Clan Johnstone met in Nelson and founded the Kootenay Kiltie Pipe Band. The oldest pipe band in the BC Interior has been bringing a taste of Scotland to the Kootenays ever since. With around 15

per cent of people in Canada being of Scottish descent, this exhibition showcases how Scottish culture continues to play an important and colourful part of the wider community.

The parade begins at 2 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 51 (402 Victoria St) and continues down to Baker Street, then down Ward Street to Touchstones, where the exhibition is showing until May 19, 2019.