



## FOUNDER'S REPORT

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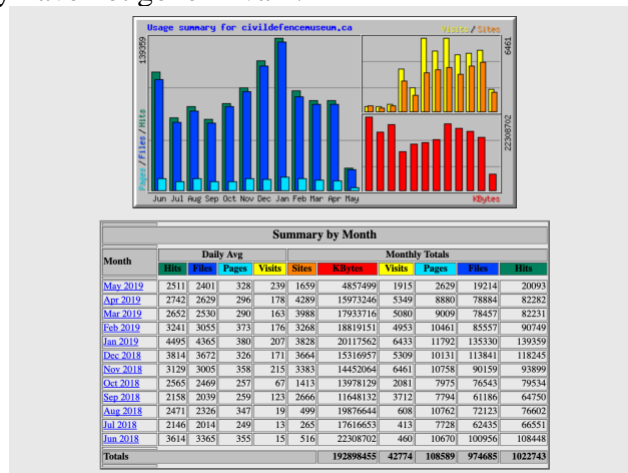
### Far from an ordinary walk in the park!

The Canadian Civil Defence Museum Association (CCDMA) is one amazing historical organization! The CCDMA is one amazing organization because of every single person that is involved and has been involved. I commend everyone's commitment, support, leadership, guidance, criticism and the list goes on. The CCDMA is a very successful organization for the number of years that we have existed. The success of the organization is evident by the number of achievements it has made since conception in 2007.

The seed for the birth of the CCDMA was planted when I discovered the Edmonton Civil Defence Command bunker. The discovery led me to the Edmonton and Provincial Archives where it was made evident that our Canadian Cold War history is unknown and undocumented. It is with this that I realized, I had to do something! I concluded the best solution is awareness and preservation.

I immediately started by building a website and Facebook page to start sharing all these amazing facts, artifacts, and archives to build awareness. It was the former Alberta Aviation Executive Director Tom Hinderks, that said to me one day, awareness is authority and with no awareness you have no authority.

The CCDMA currently has an extremely active website and Facebook page that is a testament to our efforts, proving they have not gone in vain.



The CCDMA also sought ownership of the Edmonton Command bunker for a physical site but challenges with the city proved this to be impossible or not immediately attainable. It was with this challenge we determined, going to the people is our best solution. The CCDMA over the years has had amazing community outreach projects which engaged thousands of Canadians. The community engagement was achieved by attending airshows, school presentations, museum exhibits, Mobile Bus exhibit, Air Raid Siren restorations for municipalities, Air Raid Siren demonstrations, a mobile Air Raid siren display, conducting community Cold War documentary projects and the list goes on. The CCDMA aware of its challenges never let it take hold and asked, what can we do? The CCDMA responded with; let's do what we can do to preserve Canadian History! It is with this mentality that we are who we are today! It is with this mentality that we have the success that we have today. It is with this mentality that we have met and concurred the challenges . The CCDMA has soldiered on and now has been awarded a national heritage site.

It is through the fruits of our labour that the CCDMA has been taken to the national level. The CCDMA in June 01, 2018, obtained the last standing Radar tower in Canada that is able to tell the national story. The achievements of this amazing organization, have been made possible by the directors, members and supporters of the Canadian Civil Defence Museum regardless of any obstruction.

I want to thank everyone for their support because you make it great!

Sincerely,

Executive Director and Founder  
Fred Armbruster



