



**News release
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**March 30, 2024 - Invitation from the Brome County Historical Society
to our special event *Our Streams. Our History.***

Knowlton, March 21, 2024 – The Brome County Historical Society invites the general public to a screening of Étienne Benoit's two most recent documentaries, *L'étonnant ruisseau North Branch* (2023) and *La p'tite histoire du ruisseau Westover* (2022), on Saturday, March 30, 2024, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Centre Communautaire Lac-Brome (270 Victoria Street, Knowlton). The documentary filmmaker and Brome County Historical Society archivist Anne-Marie Charuest will host the event, which is open to all, as the documentaries are subtitled in English. The event is free of charge. Voluntary contributions are welcome. Produced with financial assistance from the Brome-Missisquoi MRC's Pacte rural and the Comité de sauvegarde du bassin versant du lac Davignon, these two films are the latest in a tetralogy on the history of Brome County's streams.

These documentaries present interesting facts about the waterways, historical content and excerpts from interviews with local residents and experts. They contribute to the narrative of Brome County's history, a mandate that the Brome County Historical Society has been fulfilling for over 125 years.

The story of our streams

It was in 2020, when Étienne Benoit became a member of the Comité de sauvegarde du bassin versant du lac Davignon, that this project was born. He was surprised to learn that little was known about the Lac Davignon watershed, which at 215 km² is much larger than Lac Davignon, which is only 2 km² in size. So, he set off on an adventure, camera in hand, to discover the waterways of the watershed. "I've set myself the mission of discovering the waterways of our watershed, camera in hand, in order to raise awareness of them. I believe that this approach can create a sense of belonging within the community and help to better protect them," says Étienne Benoit.

By his own admission, the project was supposed to take a few weeks. But over the course of almost four years, he met passionate citizens and collaborators such as Anne-Marie Charuest. Self-taught, he learned to film, produce and direct documentaries. The result will fascinate viewers: beautiful images punctuated by anecdotes that reveal the rich history of Brome County. What's more, this project led to the renaming of a wrongly identified stream to *Westover Creek*, in honor of a pioneer family.



The Brome County Historical Society

The Brome County Historical Society was founded in 1897 to preserve important artifacts and archives associated with historic Brome County. Its Lac-Brome Museum holds a Fokker DVII, a German biplane from the First World War, the only one in the world with its original livery. The BCHS has some 375 active members. For more information: www.lacbromemuseum.ca

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