

Press release
For immediate release



The Brome County Historical Society moves forward with its museum expansion Lac-Brome Museum capital campaign launched

Knowlton, October 10, 2025 – The Brome County Historical Society (BCHS), announces the launch of its major 2025-2026 capital campaign, **Lac-Brome Museum: Living History**, with a goal of \$3.7 million. The Federal Government is supporting this campaign with a grant of \$2.2 million or 60% of the total amount, under the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program, leaving BCHS to raise additional \$1.5 million.

"The expansion of the Lac-Brome Museum is a pivotal step in ensuring the museum's survival as a key cultural institution in the Eastern Townships. The Brome County Historical Society will be able to enhance its offerings and attract more visitors. The museum currently lacks the space to host larger exhibitions and events. Plus, we need more space that is equipped with appropriate climate control conservation, security and technology," said Director general, Denis Piquette.

Expansion of the Lac-Brome Museum

The proposed project involves the construction of a sustainable, zero-carbon, two-story building with a total area of approximately 560 m² (6,000 ft²). This new building, which respects the historic character of the other buildings, will significantly increase the space allocated to temporary and permanent exhibitions, allowing the museum to be open year-round and host public events. On September 2, the construction project and the architectural design were approved by the Town of Lac-Brome municipal council and construction is expected to begin in early 2026 and finish in Spring 2027, in time for the BCHS 130th Anniversary celebration.

"We can't rely only on celebrating the past, but we must create history for the future. Our museum has 6 buildings from the 1800's, which require costly attention and will also use campaign funds. We have 2 buildings from the 1900's and the new building will bring us into the 21st century. "It will serve many needs – most importantly a space not only for museum exhibits and events but a meeting place for the whole community! We invite all citizens to become Museum members and to utilize this new dynamic cultural space" added Elizabeth Wirth, President of the BCHS Board of Directors.

Make a donation!

To make your donation, please contact the BCHS at 450-243-6782, ext 1, or email us at info@bchs.ca. Donations, as well as obtaining BCHS information, can also be done via our website www.lacbromemuseum.ca,

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

Information: Annie Jolicoeur, 514 231-5818, jolicoeurduffar@gmail.com