



Media Release

Joseph Brant Museum Transformation celebrates partnership, groundbreaking

Burlington, Ont.—Oct. 13, 2017—A group of First Nations' dancers led the celebration today as three levels of government broke ground for the construction to transform Joseph Brant Museum.

The current Joseph Brant Museum is a 1937 replica of the house Mohawk native Joseph Brant, Thayendanegea, built on a 1798 Crown land grant. A modern addition to the museum will be built into the grassy area under the current museum.

The expansion by contractor Aquicon Construction, on behalf of the City of Burlington, will add more than 12,000 square feet to its current size. This will allow the Joseph Brant Museum to become a cultural destination and a place to host national exhibitions and the collection of artifacts.

The current 5,000-square-foot museum will be expanded to provide barrier-free space for gallery displays, interactive programming, the storage of collections and community outreach.

Quick Facts about the Joseph Brant Museum Transformation

- Total square footage of expanded site: 17,000 square feet
- Construction will take 18 months, depending on weather
- The total project amount is approved at \$11.4 million, which includes a contingency fund and allows for cost increases due to a winter construction period. Funding includes:
 - \$2.9 million from the City of Burlington
 - \$4.5 million from the Government of Canada
 - \$1.5 million from the Province of Ontario
 - \$2.5 million from the Joseph Brant Museum Foundation
- The museum has 25,000 artifacts and receives about 18,000 visitors a year. The new space will meet all the display and security criteria to attract national travelling exhibits.

About Joseph Brant

Joseph Brant, Thayendanegea, lived from 1742 to 1807. In 1798, the Mohawk and British captain was granted 3,450 acres at the head-of-the-lake (Burlington Bay) by King George the third.

Quotes

Karina Gould, Minister of Democratic Institutions, MP for Burlington

“The Joseph Brant Museum is an important space in our community that provides a window into Burlington’s rich cultural past and early foundations. Cultural spaces like the Joseph Brant Museum allow Canadians to have greater access to our arts and culture. I look forward to watching the progress of the construction of the new facilities. “

Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and MPP for Burlington

“Ontario’s rich and diverse cultural heritage gives our communities identity and character, and it enhances our sense of place and pride in where we live. Conserving our cultural heritage reflects what we value about our past, what we have learned from it and what we want future generations to know. The Joseph Brant Museum has managed to encompass all of that, and more.”

Mayor Rick Goldring

“The Joseph Brant Museum transformation will help us to celebrate the important history of our First Nations’ people, including Burlington founder Joseph Brant (Thayendanegea), as we transform into a major exhibition and heritage centre, adding to the wonderful cultural spaces that exist along Burlington’s waterfront.

This project is a great example of collaboration between the city, our federal and provincial partners, the Burlington Museums Foundation and our community.”

Links and Resources

- www.museumsofburlington.ca
- www.burlingtonmuseumsfoundation.ca
- www.aquicon.com



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APRIL 16, 2010

JOSEPH BRANT MUSEUM
100 WATER STREET, BURLINGTON, ONTARIO
BURLINGTON, ONTARIO

Architect: AQUICON
City of Burlington
Burlington Museums Foundation
Date: 04/16/10
Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"





DAYTIME VIEW
JOSEPH BRANT MUSEUM, BURLINGTON
APRIL 16, 2015



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