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Exciting times for Joseph Brant Museum

By Barbara Teatero, Director of Museums

Exciting times for Joseph Brant Museum is an understatement. The construction is going well and the building is really starting to take shape. A week ago, Kimberly Watson and I, along with the project team, stood on what will be the green roof. In my mind's eye I can see people enjoying the gardens and the spectacular view. I've joked that once the grass is in, I can have my Sound of Music moment (sans singing!).

We are waiting anxiously for the Brant House to make its last move to its new foundation. On October 5, the Brant House was rotated and is now ready to be placed on the new foundation.

As the construction continues, concurrently our staff team, along with Kubik and Reich+Petch are developing the interpretive plan.

Located inside the Brant House, the **Burlington Builders Gallery** will bring to life the stories of our community builders; it will be a place where young and old can learn first hand about Burlington's rich history.

In the new Museum we will have three brand new galleries. I'll tell you more about each



The Brant House is in position to be moved onto its permanent foundation at left, putting it atop the expanded museum with access at street level.

gallery in future editions of Vision, but for now, some hints. One gallery will focus on the history of Burlington, starting with Joseph Brant/Thayendanegea and the controversy surrounding Brant. Other topics that will be explored are early industries; immigration; and, shipping; the railways; and industrial development.

The 1940s unfolded with Canada embroiled in World War II. Burlingtonians joined the Canadian forces in unprecedented numbers. At home, civilians supported the troops in every way they could. Burlington was put on the national map when the CBC began airing live entertainment from the Brant Inn every Saturday night. The Inn was the pride and joy

of Burlington. A second gallery is devoted to exploring the '40s, '50s and '60s, and one of the highlights will be a runway that features costumes from the Brant Inn era, complete with big-band music.

The third gallery, specifically designed for young visitors, will present children with concrete problems that require hands-on solutions. They will be invited to interact with engaging activities that help them to solve changes, see results and make Burlington their own.

I can't wait to tell you more, and our entire team can't wait to welcome you to the new Joseph Brant Museum.



By John Doyle
Chair, Burlington
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It's been a busy fall fundraising season so far with numerous presentations to individuals, service and

business clubs by the Burlington Museums Foundation.

I am encouraged at the overwhelmingly positive response, which gives us confidence that the community will help us reach our total fundraising target of \$2.5 million by the end

of 2018. As the project continues to progress at an exciting pace, we are just \$700,000 away from success.

I want to thank everyone who has welcomed us to speak including the Rotary Clubs of Burlington and Central Burlington as well as the Burlington Business Executive Network. We appreciate your overwhelming positive support.



Coming up on **Wednesday, October 17 at 5:00pm** we will be joining the Art Gallery of

Burlington in hosting a Burlington Chamber of Commerce **Business After 5** event. I invite members to bring a guest to learn more about the museum expansion.

I think you'll be surprised at the scope of this project, and what it means for the community and our lakefront.

Be sure to check out the museum site while you're there. The Brant House should be ensconced in its permanent location overlooking Lake Ontario by that time.

Thank you for being a friend of the museums.

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Preserving family history



The Hogarth family from left: Chris, Peter (deceased), Greg, Diana, Murray (deceased), Geoff and Tim.

Hogarth family support keeps Pioneer success story alive for future generations

The storied history of Pioneer Petroleums, founded by Murray Hogarth in 1956, will be enshrined in the expanded Joseph Brant Museum as part of the family's ongoing support of the Burlington Museums Foundation.

"Our family has become involved as a contributor through the Community Builders Initiative," says Geoff Hogarth, one of five sons of Murray and Diana Hogarth. "The museum is a great repository for us about the legacy and story of Pioneer Petroleums, a greater Hamilton and Burlington business success story."

The Hogarth family likes the fact that Pioneer will be part of the physical museum as well as its new digital platform, allowing future generations easy access to the history of Pioneer and the Hogarth family.

Murray Hogarth opened his first Pioneer station on Upper James Street in Hamilton and built it into one of Canada's leading independent gasoline and convenience retailers, pioneering innovations such as automated car washes, and creating multiple spin-offs that included companies

like Pioneer Cleaners, Pioneer Pools and the Pop Shoppe.

Murray passed away four years ago, and the company was later sold to Parkland Fuels of Red Deer, Alberta. The Hogarth family remains involved in the business as Parkland's single largest privately held shareholder.

Geoff notes he was first exposed to the Joseph Brant Museum as a Boy Scout. "We visited the house there next to Joseph Brant Hospital. I can remember thinking, wow this is very cool that this is the house that the first citizen of Burlington ever lived in.

"Fast forward into my early 50s and I was approached to sit on the board of the Burlington Museums Foundation which I did."

As a Board member, Geoff has been involved in efforts to raise funds and friends for the Joseph Brant Museum expansion project.

Visit the Burlington Museums Foundation YouTube Channel to see interview with Geoff Hogarth.