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Former Burlington Mayor Rick Goldring says it's exciting to see construction of the Joseph Brant Museum expansion proceeding on time and on budget. Inset, former Tourism Minister Eleanor McMahon.

the Joseph Brant Museum expansion will allow the community to "celebrate who we are, and honour the people in our community who have helped make it what it is today."

"It's also an opportunity for economic development through tourism. As former Tourism Minister, I have a unique understanding of how tourism can grow the local economy and this project will have a significant impact."

Rick says this is especially true because the expanded museum will attract world-class travelling exhibitions that will draw visitors from across the province and beyond.

Eleanor says she is delighted the expanded museum will help preserve and honour our indigenous history. "There is significant archival material that deserves to be seen and protected. Joseph Brant is the founder of Burlington, and many people are not familiar with the significant role of indigenous peoples in our history. The expanded museum will protect these materials in a climate-controlled environment."

John Doyle, Chair of the Burlington Museums Foundation, says he is pleased that the former Mayor and MPP are joining the effort. "Both Rick and Eleanor were big supporters of getting the government funding we needed to get this project off the ground. Both have been promoters of the project for a long time, and we are so pleased they have volunteered to help us bring the campaign to a successful finish.

"If you are contacted by Rick or Eleanor, I urge you to set aside time to learn more about this exciting community project."

## COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN TARGETS \$500K

Rick Goldring helped bring the long-awaited Joseph Brant Museum expansion project to fruition during his eight-year term as Mayor of Burlington.

Eleanor McMahon, former Tourism Minister and Liberal MPP for Burlington, was instrumental in securing the provincial funding that enabled the project to move forward as a partnership between all three levels of government and the local community.

Both Rick and Eleanor are continuing their personal commitment by joining

the Burlington Museums Foundation Community Campaign to help raise the final \$500,000 toward the community's \$2.5-million commitment for the \$11.4-million project.

"This is a sensational project that will become a lasting legacy for the people of Burlington, one that will encourage and foster greater connectivity with our past," says Rick. "Our waterfront is probably the best on Lake Ontario, and this project is definitely going to enhance its appeal."

Eleanor says she got involved because



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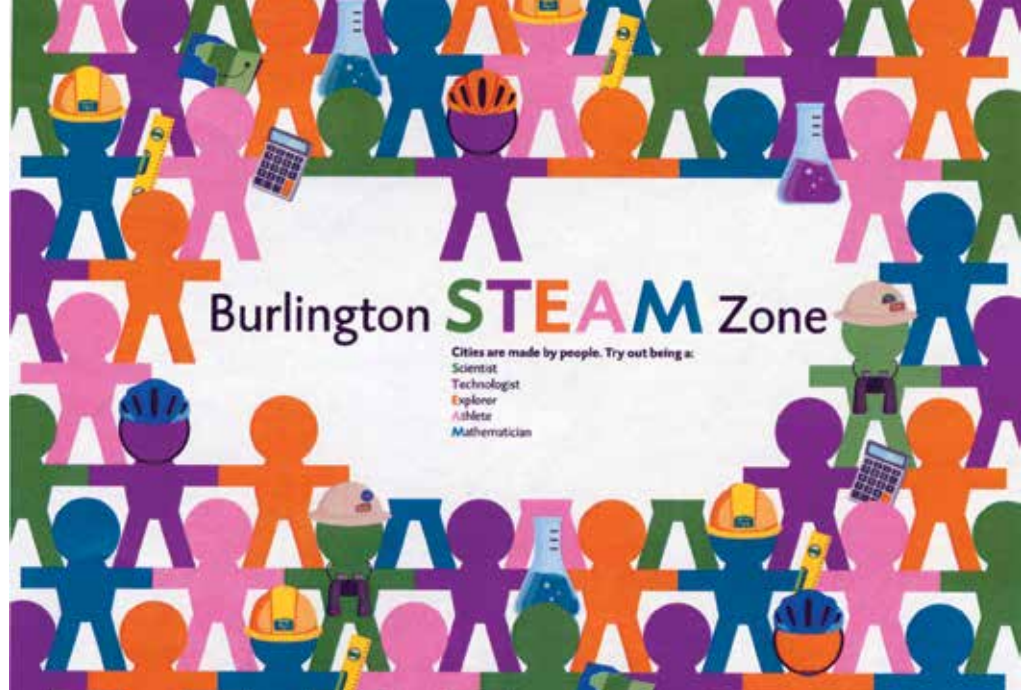
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## NEW DISCOVERY GALLERY BRINGS HANDS-ON FUN FOR KIDS

*By Barbara Teatero, Director of Museums*

Over the last few editions of Vision, I have told you about the overall plans for Joseph Brant Museum, and spent some time sharing with you detailed plans for the Burlington Gallery and the Costume Gallery. As we speak, the walls are going up and the galleries are really starting to take shape. In my mind's eye, I can see it all coming together.

I'm truly excited to share the fun times awaiting children and adults like me when they visit the Discovery Gallery or Burlington Steam Zone. This gallery is where children can really engage with hands-on activities. I know you will want to have your photo taken with one of our characters - maybe you will pick Craig, Cam, Kim, or Barb!

Cities are made by people! In the Discovery Gallery - Burlington STEAM Zone - children can try being a scientist, a technologist, an explorer, an athlete and a mathematician.

As a scientist or a technologist, children will be challenged to put tubes and ramps together on the wall, and make a maze to get their ball to the Burlington Canal Lighthouse. If it doesn't work the first time,



*Hands-on experiences are what the Burlington Steam Zone is all about.*

children can make a new path and try again!

As an athlete, children will learn about Burlington Olympians, The BIG Games, and even Canada's biggest All-Santa race. Youngsters will peddle their way to interesting places in Burlington, and learn about them as they go. The race to the Burlington pier is on!

For budding mathematicians, children can try their hand at making a bridge or a beacon by putting the light pegs into the board, or they can design their own building! I wonder how many light pegs it will make to construct the Burlington Skyway or the Burlington Canal Lift Bridge.

On our life-size labyrinth game, children will move their ball from Joseph Brant Museum to Ireland House to Joseph Brant Museum through the streets of Burlington.

The Museum is scheduled to open this summer!