

# Vision



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## Campaign target within sight

With just over \$300,000 remaining to complete the community's \$2.5-million commitment to the Joseph Brant Museum transformation project, it's a great time to highlight what the new facility is already bringing to the community.

Our greatly expanded Museum opens the doors to an array of possibilities, from exciting travelling exhibits, community events and acting as an exciting gateway to Burlington's vibrant lakefront.

Burlington Museums Foundation has adapted new messaging to reflect this reality.

### Celebrate our past

Discover Burlington's history and growth from a small village to a bustling city.

### Engage in unique experiences

Participate in fun, hands-on interactive experiences.

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From left: John Doyle, past Chair of Burlington Museums Foundation (BMF) and Elaine Scrivener, BMF Chair join Ralph Sprague (The Rotary Club of Burlington North), Nancy Gilbert (The Rotary Club of Burlington), Owen McElhinney (The Rotary Club of Burlington Central) and Jay Thomblison (The Rotary Club of Burlington Lakeshore) in front of the Joseph Brant Museum.

## ROTARY CLUBS' \$76K COMMITMENT

Partnership 'ensures the history of Rotary in Burlington is honoured'

The Rotary Clubs of Burlington have collectively committed \$76,000 to the Joseph Brant Museum Transformation Project over the next five years.

"The Burlington Museums Foundation is thrilled to have Rotary as such a big part of this project," said BMF Chair Elaine Scrivener. "This commitment is a major step forward as we work toward raising the final \$300,000 plus in our \$2.5-million goal.

"We look forward to this collaboration with Rotarians, building on our partnerships within the community."

Jay Thomblison, President, The Rotary Club of Burlington Lakeshore, said his club was excited to support the project. "The history of Burlington, and documenting the importance of Rotary within the city, is something that we

felt was important to document. The Museum expansion enables us to accomplish this.

"We also know that mental health in our community has been affected during Covid, and we felt that supporting cultural programs like the Museum would go a long way in easing these issues by giving people a chance to get out and explore."

Jay noted funding from his club will come largely from its annual RibFest - drive-through events planned for the Canada Day and Labour Day weekends.

Nancy Gilbert, President of the Rotary Club of Burlington, said the Museum project offered the perfect opportunity to celebrate the club's 70th anniversary this year.

"The Club has supported the community of Burlington since 1951, and has contributed *Continued opposite side*

# OUT OF THIS WORLD . . . AT JOSEPH BRANT MUSEUM



**Health in Space** is an exciting new travelling exhibit that will be on display when the Museum is permitted to re-open.

This special exhibit demystifies the health challenges – such as variable gravity, radiation, and isolation – that astronauts face while living and working in space.

Through authentic artifacts and captivating interactive activities, this exhibition will engage visitors to better understand Canada's role in advancing health research. Discoveries in this field will be essential

for the success of future deep-space expeditions, and may also help solve medical challenges on Earth.

Health in Space: Daring to Explore is a special exhibition developed by the Canada Aviation and Space Museum, one of three museums under Ingenium – Canada's Museums of Science and Innovation, in collaboration with the Canadian Space Agency.

For more information visit [www.museumsofburlington.ca](http://www.museumsofburlington.ca)

## ROTARY ... Continued

enormously to the history of the city," said Nancy. "It was fitting that our partnership with the Joseph Brant Museum expansion ensures that the history of Rotary in Burlington is honored and remembered."

Owen McElhinney, President Rotary Central, said the expansion will make the Museum more relevant to the community. "I visited the Museum when it was a lonely house that looked like it had been stranded at an intersection. I love the elevated view and the sleek lines of the new museum façade. It is a satisfying blend of old and new."

Rotary Clubs will be featured in the Burlington Builders section at the expanded Joseph Brant Museum.

Rotary has been important to the Burlington community since 1951 when the first group came together to found a local chapter. Now, with four active clubs Rotarians continue to support the community and beyond in many ways.

Rotary holds a number of annual fundraising events including Ribfest, Lobster Fest and Lakeside a la carte.

"As we look forward to celebrating and thanking our donors, volunteers, and community partners, we do so with the knowledge that the support of the Rotary Clubs in Burlington is a major milestone in getting the community behind this project," said Elaine.

## CAMPAIGN... Continued

### Learn new perspectives

Learn about the past, present and future and gain new knowledge-based perspectives..

### Inspire new thinking

Stimulate your mind with creative thinking, interpretation and reflection.

BMF launched the Capital Campaign in 2009, and received lead donations and pledges towards its goal, construction proceeded and the renewed Joseph Brant Museum opened in September 2019.

Visitations increased, travelling exhibitions were brought in from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Museum of Natural History in New York. During COVID, the Museum

has continued to engage our community in fun, creative and unique learning opportunities for all ages through virtual programming and events.

It is a responsibility of a city to tell its story. Our story starts at Joseph Brant Museum, our community museum.

Its focus of cultural attractions, waterfront park, expansive beach all blend to make Joseph Brant Museum an exceptional destination.

There are many ways you can support the Joseph Brant Museum – visit [burlingtonmuseumsfoundation.ca](http://burlingtonmuseumsfoundation.ca) to learn more.

## LEAVE A LEGACY

In our lifetime, most of us aspire to create a legacy that leaves lasting memories that will be passed down to our children, our families, and in many cases, to the community where we live and work.

The majority of us will never have our name and accomplishments remembered in history books. However, we still need to leave something of ourselves; our experiences, ideas and values in the minds and hearts of others. Leaving a legacy helps complete the circle of life. Talk to your advisor or contact Cheryl at the Burlington Museums Foundation [cherylj@burlingtonmuseumsfoundation.ca](mailto:cherylj@burlingtonmuseumsfoundation.ca) or 289-983-8141 to learn how you can leave your mark in Burlington's history.

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