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## MUSEUM EXPANSION OPENS!

Joseph Brant Museum is finally open to the public, and as visitors have already discovered the new facility is an exciting, dynamic experience for young and old.

Dan Lawrie, the first major donor to support the Burlington Museum Foundation's \$2.5-million fund-raising drive, who was on hand for the Sept. 15 opening day, said he is proud to be part of a "major attraction for the Burlington waterfront."

"I couldn't be more pleased to see how it has all come together," said Dan, adding the variety of displays provides an opportunity for young people to discover details of our heritage, and to learn about the people who made the city what it is today.

Funding for the \$11.4-million museum expansion project came from three levels of government based on the Foundation's commitment to raise money from local businesses and residents. Although the new museum is now open, the Foundation continues its drive to reach its funding commitment, said Chairman John Doyle.

"We couldn't be happier with what has been created, but we still need support from our community to complete the funding for this exciting project. Please visit our website to see how you can contribute, and welcome our many ambassadors who are out in the community working hard to take us to the finish line."

In addition to the Burlington Builders Gallery, which features families and individuals who have made significant contributions to the community over the years, the facility will feature a Donors' Wall at the entrance to

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*Burlington Mayor Marianne Meed Ward is joined by Burlington Museums Board Chair Larry Waldron in declaring the expanded Joseph Brant Museum open to the public.*

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The Burlington Gallery takes visitors back through time.



The Brant Inn story comes to life in stunning displays.



Joseph Brant artifacts highlight his contributions.



Donor Dan Lawrie with Burlington Museums Foundation Chair John Doyle.



The Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame exhibit opens on Oct. 6, the first of major exhibits to come.

The Builders Gallery features leading Burlington families.



Kids love the interactive Burlington Steam Zone.

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acknowledge those who have helped bring the project to life.

"This is a great way for businesses, individuals and families to be recognized for their commitment to what I believe is the most exciting waterfront project Burlington has seen," added John, noting all donors will be invited to a private unveiling when the wall is completed.

The expansion project has added 14,000 square feet of exhibition space on the street level, with an elevator that carries visitors to the rooftop greenspace alongside the Joseph Brant house sitting high overlooking the lakefront.

The project goal was to create a state-of-the-art museum space where local artifacts can be displayed to tell the story of Burlington. The space is also designed to attract world-class traveling exhibits which could not be housed in the original museum.

Burlington Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, who cut the ribbon on opening day along with Burlington Museums Board Chair Larry Waldron, said construction of the museum is a testament to the many people who worked hard over many years to make it happen.

"It really did take a whole city working together to create what we are seeing today."