



Dartmouth Heritage Museum

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Board Recruitment – Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society

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The Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society is a non-profit, community run organization that operates the Dartmouth Heritage Museum at Evergreen House and Quaker House, and oversees 40,000 artifacts relevant to the history of Dartmouth. The museum has two full-time employees, and six seasonal/contract employees. Our Mission is to use storytelling to inform the public and strengthen community bonds. Our programming will help frame an understanding of past choices, present circumstances, and future possibilities.

The Dartmouth Museum Society was formed in 1961 by community members wanting to promote awareness of local history in the region. Members of the Dartmouth Museum Society, concerned with the demolition of many of the sites of historic significance in and around the then City of Dartmouth, lobbied the municipal and provincial governments to establish a community museum. The Museum itself was established in 1967 as a Canadian Centennial Project by the City of Dartmouth and was set up at 100 Wyse Road. In 2002, the Wyse Road location was condemned and demolished; soon thereafter the Museum headquarters moved to Evergreen House and the main collection was moved to storage. Today, the Halifax Regional Municipality and the Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society continue collaborating to deliver quality interpretation and educational programming to the community. While HRM owns the collection and both Historic Houses, the Society, as an independent non-profit association, develops, manages, promotes, operates and administers the properties and the collection.

DHMS is at an exciting time in its history and is seeking enthusiastic, dedicated, and passionate community members to shape its future. New board members will bring a depth of experience across a range of skill-sets, including planning, administration and fiscal management. We are open to any level of volunteer experience or expertise. People with accounting expertise, community development knowledge or a background in communication are encouraged to volunteer. Expectations include attending DHMS board meetings that are held at least 6 times per year, reviewing documents and attending events. A monthly commitment of approximately 5 hours can be expected.

Expectations

- Provide oversight on all aspects of the DHMS including financial matters
- Contribute to decisions about the DHMS's strategic and operational direction
- Participate in other activities based on expertise and interest, such as community outreach, communication, fund development and public relations
- Willingness to share skills and expertise, connections and networks to support the DHMS

You can find more information on the activities of the DHMS at our website:

<https://www.dartmouthheritagemuseum.ns.ca/>

Those interested in volunteering please send a CV or resume and a brief expression of interest to board@dartmouthmuseum.ca



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The DHMS values diversity and is committed to improving access to community history for groups that have faced barriers to access due to discrimination. We encourage those who identify as members of equity-deserving groups to self-identify in their expression of interest. We are seeking to increase representation of historically excluded groups on the board, including Indigenous people, Black Nova Scotians, people from other racialized communities, Francophones, people with disabilities, those from Two Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities, and Neurodivergent people.