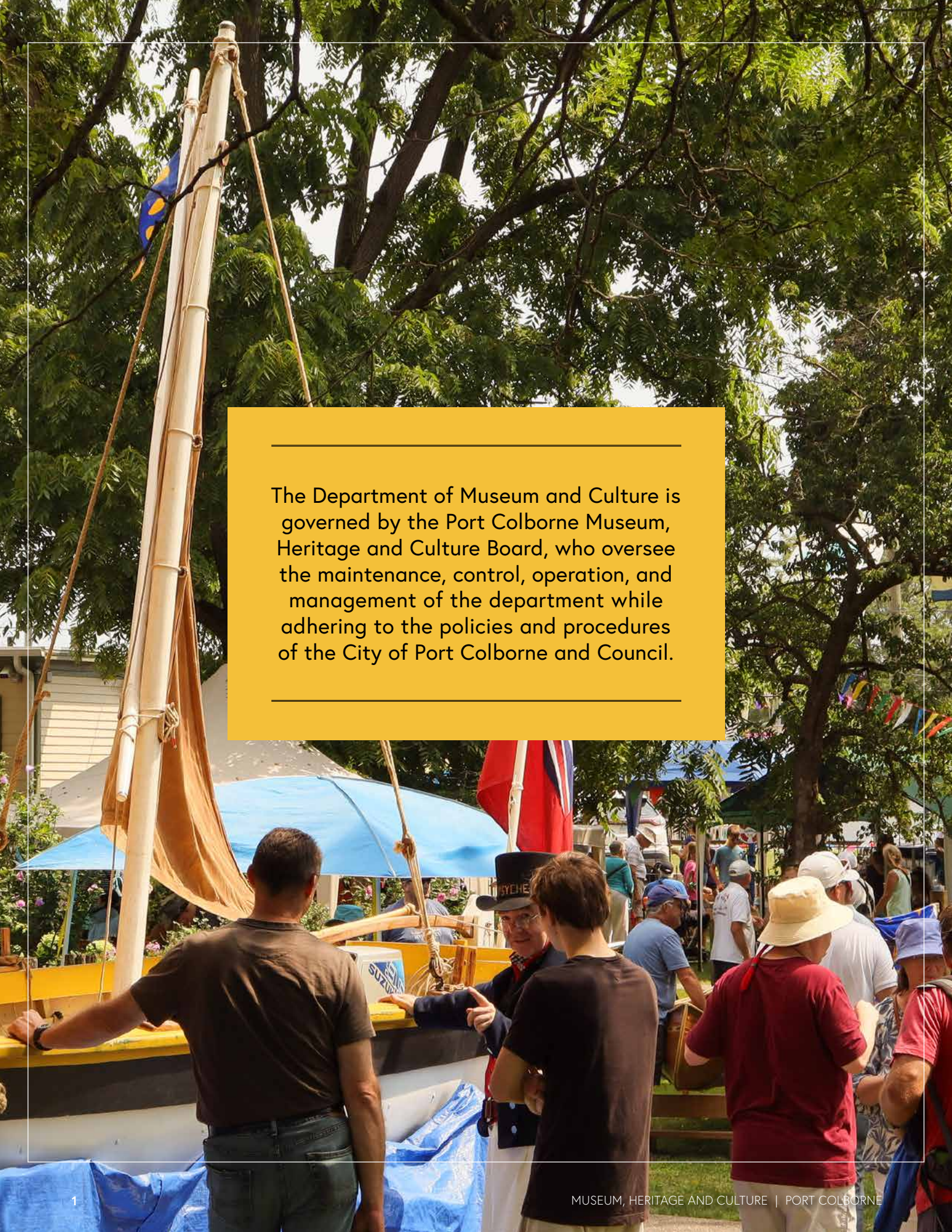


MUSEUM, HERITAGE, AND CULTURE



PORT COLBORNE



The Department of Museum and Culture is governed by the Port Colborne Museum, Heritage and Culture Board, who oversee the maintenance, control, operation, and management of the department while adhering to the policies and procedures of the City of Port Colborne and Council.

More Than a Museum

WHO WE ARE

We are a community-built museum which began as a concept of the residents of Port Colborne in 1974. Through the dedicated efforts of volunteers, community partners, and the dedicated staff of the City of Port Colborne, the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum opened on May 31st, 1975.

Since then, our site has expanded to include a Heritage Village, Marine Park, Arabella's Tea Room, the Captain J.W. Sharpe Heritage Resource Centre, the L.R. Wilson Heritage Research Archives, and the Roselawn Centre and our collection has grown upwards of 26,000 artifacts.



Volunteers are a vital and valuable part of the museum and help us navigate local history. Our volunteers help us carry Port Colborne's heritage towards future horizons and work in every area of our department!

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

- Tours
- Programs
- Cataloguing and Conservation
- Archives
- Annual Events
- Arabella's Auxiliary
- Gardening

More Than a Museum

WHAT WE STRIVE TO BE

Our mission is to serve Port Colborne's residents and visitors by preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting the arts, histories, and cultures of Port Colborne and Humberstone.

We continuously strive to embrace and embody the values of:



ACCESSIBILITY



ACCOUNTABILITY



COLLABORATION



ENGAGEMENT



INNOVATION



INTEGRITY AND RESPECT



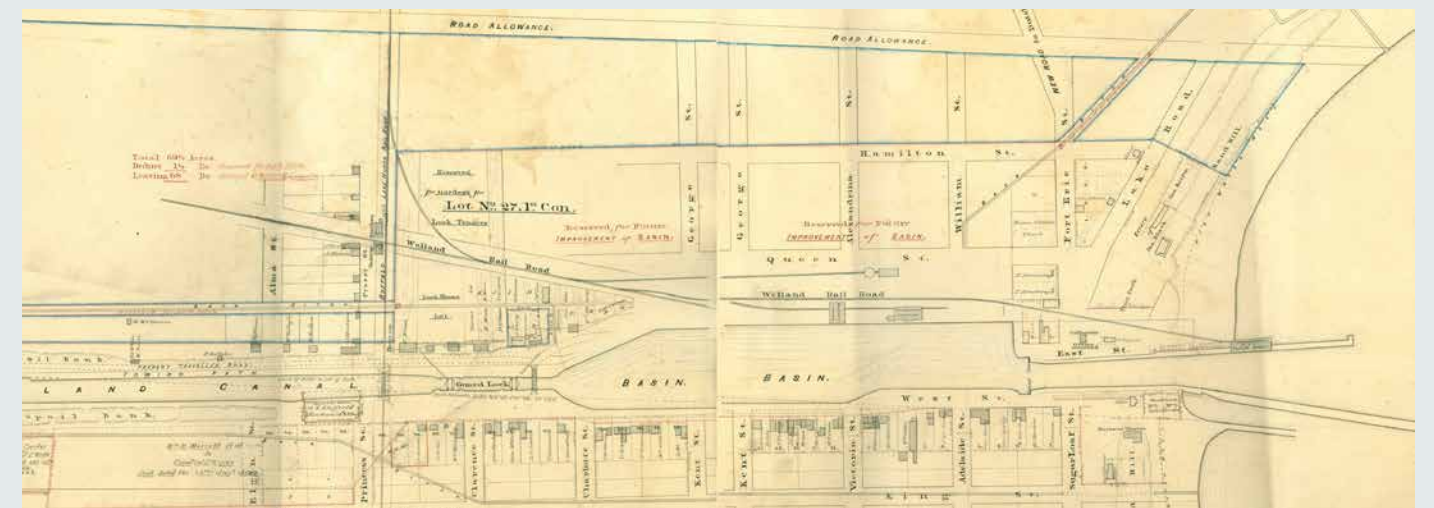
RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Marine Heritage

WHERE WE ARE

Port Colborne is located at the southern terminus of the Welland Canal on the shore of Lake Erie. Its foundations as a community are based on the development of the marine industry, and the importance of the waterways.

As a marine museum, we showcase this significant history through the collection, preservation, and interpretation of marine artifacts.



Our Grounds

MARINE PARK & HERITAGE VILLAGE

Visit our grounds where heritage buildings are set among majestic trees and historic gardens. Take a stroll along the pathways, admire history in the marine park, and enjoy the shade in the memorial pavilion during your picnic lunch.



MARINE PARK

Wheelhouse

Anchor

Lifeboat

Marine Exhibit Lighthouse

Ship Propeller



HERITAGE VILLAGE

Carriage House

Log Schoolhouse

Graf Weaving Shed

Sherk Log House

Blacksmith Shop



Williams House

This Georgian Revival style home was built by John and Maria Judith Williams on property once owned by canal founder William Hamilton Merritt. It was bequeathed to the city by their daughter, Arabella Williams, in 1950. This building serves as the main exhibit space for the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum.



Arabella's Tea Room

Arabella's Tea Room was conceived in 1977 when community members started a Museum Auxiliary to operate a volunteer-run Edwardian-era Tea Room to support the work of the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum.

Volunteers of the Port Colborne Museum Auxiliary dedicate their time each season to baking fresh biscuits, serving tea, making jam, and running annual events like Arabella's Pie Social and the Grand Old Christmas Festival.



IMPORTANT DATES:

TEA FOR TWO:

During the first week of June, patrons can enjoy two servings of tea and biscuits for the price of one.

SHOPPER'S WEEK:

During the first week of December, patrons can enjoy Arabella's specialty Christmas Pudding and Caramel Sauce for a limited time.



L.R. Wilson Heritage Research Archives

The Archives provides a climate-controlled, accessible place for researchers looking for information on the history of Port Colborne and the area, including Humberstone Township, Humberstone Village, Petersburg, Stonebridge, and Wainfleet.

Our research collection includes documents, photographs, maps, newspapers, files, and books.

You can visit the Archives' Research Room to find out information on local history such as people, properties, businesses, the Welland Canal, and much more.

SEASONAL PROGRAMS



CEMETERY TOURS (*SPRING*)



URBAN HISTORY WALKING TOURS (*SUMMER*)



SPEAKER'S SERIES (*FALL*)



The Roselawn Centre

Roselawn has been a landmark in the Southern Niagara Region since it was built by Levi Cornwall in 1860. It is situated in a lovely garden setting along Port Colborne's Fielden Avenue and displays many characteristics typical of the Second Empire style.

The Department of Museum and Culture works with community partners to feature local artist exhibitions, hands-on workshops, special events and community programming.

Together, we work with the Friends of Roselawn Centre, a not-for-profit volunteer advisory board that facilitates arts and cultural events in the community at the Roselawn Centre.



RENT WITH US:

The Department of Museum & Culture offers rental space at both the Roselawn Centre and the L.R. Wilson Heritage Research Archives.

Annual Events



ARABELLA'S PIE SOCIAL AND HISTORY FAIR

Last Sunday of May from 12-4 pm.

Enjoy an afternoon on the beautifully blooming grounds of the Museum while experiencing traditional skills displayed in the heritage village from spinning, blacksmithing, printing, and more! Then, stop in at Arabella's Tea Room to enjoy a delicious slice of homemade pie and beverages.



CANAL DAYS MARINE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday & Sunday, 11 am-5 pm of the August Civic Holiday weekend.

Celebrate Port Colborne's marine heritage at the Museum, a family-friendly place for old-fashioned fun. Model ships, activities for kids, heritage demonstrations, and historical displays make the museum a can't miss destination for everyone!



GRAND OLD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

First Sunday of December from 12-4 pm.

Enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas complete with carriage rides, carollers, pioneer activities, warm chestnuts, Christmas shopping, and Santa Claus!



Exhibiting Local History & Culture

Explore Port Colborne's heritage and culture through exhibits highlighting marine history, local industry and trade, agriculture, local artists, people, and more.

Exhibits are featured in all of the spaces below:



WILLIAMS HOUSE GALLERY

ROSELAWN CENTRE



CARRIAGE HOUSE

MARINE EXHIBIT LIGHTHOUSE



GRAF WEAVING SHED

CAPTAIN J.W. SHARPE HERITAGE RESOURCE CENTRE



Educational Tours and Community Programs



SETTLERS OF PORT COLBORNE

Transport into the past with a tour of the Heritage Village accompanied by hands-on activities using traditional tools to learn about Port Colborne.

HANDS-ON HERITAGE

Join us each summer for a series of historical pastime workshops on the grounds of the museum and Roselawn Centre. Three workshops are run each summer, with past activities including weaving, decoupage, natural dyes, blacksmithing, stained glass, and more!

GROUNDS TOURS

Guided on-site tours of the museum exhibit galleries, Heritage Village, and Marine Park are available from May to December by appointment.

URBAN HISTORY WALKING TOURS

Want to learn more about the interesting people and places of Port Colborne? Guided walking tours of local neighborhoods are offered by archives staff members annually or by appointment.

Available Tours:

West Street

Main Street

Tennessee Avenue

Grow With Us

BECOME A MEMBER!

As a member of the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum, you'll receive museum newsletters quarterly, invitations to members-only events, advance notice of special events, and a 10% discount at our museum.

Type of Membership	Price	
Senior/Student (<i>annual</i>)	\$5.00	
Individual (<i>annual</i>)	\$8.00	
Family (<i>annual</i>)	\$10.00	
Life Patron (<i>lifetime membership</i>)	\$100.00	

Become a member on-site or online! Visit us during open hours to become a member or click on the membership tab on our website to fill your form in online.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Your support is vital to our exhibits, tours, programs, and workshops, both in-person and online. You help us care for, study, and share the collection to tell the stories of our diverse communities.

Donations can be made in person, over the phone, or through our Canada Helps profile.



Visit Us

Programs and research are available outside of regular hours.



Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum
280 King Street
Port Colborne, ON
May 1–December 20, 12–5 pm daily



Roselawn Centre
296 Fielden Avenue
Port Colborne, ON
*May–December, 1–3 pm
Wednesday–Saturday*



L.R. Wilson Archives
286 King Street
Port Colborne, ON
May–December, 1–5 pm on weekdays



Arabella's Tea Room
61 Princess Street
Port Colborne, ON
June 1–September 30, 2–4 pm

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