



Community Call for Committee Members

Are you looking for a way to get involved and give back in the community? Consider joining one of our Standing Committees! The London & Middlesex Heritage which operates Fanshawe Pioneer Village, is currently recruiting to fill vacancies on our Black Histories Advisory, Community Engagement, and Planning and Policy Committees. These are Standing Committees which undertake research, gather input and deliberate on choices and alternatives that result in recommendations to the Board of Directors for their consideration and approval. They interpret and take actions to implement policy within their areas of focus, and the Museum’s approved Strategic Implementation Plan and annual budgets.

To ensure Committee composition has the best possible leadership environment, preference will be given to candidates that broaden the diversity of the Committee, ensuring representation is reflective of our community, and enables the London & Middlesex Heritage Museum to retain the competencies relative to the work of each Committee. We are seeking individuals who have non-profit, business, marketing, communications, fundraising, financial, insurance, IT, agricultural, construction or architectural expertise, or those who are passionate about culture, local history, heritage conservation, or education.

Time Commitment: Standing Committees of the London & Middlesex Heritage Museum are appointed for a 3-year term, and typically meet 5-6 times each year, as scheduled. Meetings are generally 1 to 1.5 hours long, and are held either in-person or on Zoom, depending on the time of year. Committee members could expect to spend additional time reviewing meeting materials, or occasionally doing volunteer tasks to support the work of the Committee. Meeting agendas and packages are shared by email a week before the meetings, and minutes are shared following meetings to keep everyone informed.

Committee Areas of Focus		
Black Histories Advisory Committee	Community Engagement Committee	Planning & Policy Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures that the African Methodist Episcopal Church is authentically interpreted, and provides guidance on sharing more local Black Histories throughout the Heritage Village Black History programming content and special events Review of Black Histories Interpretation Guide Committee Succession Planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on how the organization connects and engages with the community Museum Public programming, events and interpretation Education programming Community Outreach activities Marketing, promotion and communications Organizational branding Volunteer program Development of Community Engagement strategies Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging initiatives Committee Succession Planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on key elements of Museum operations Museum mandate review Museum Policies & Procedures Artifact and Collections Management Exhibition Plan Museum Operating Policies & Procedures Maintenance, Buildings and infrastructure Capital Projects Health & Safety Review of Annual Scorecard – Department Operating Plans Committee Succession Planning

More about the London & Middlesex Heritage Museum:

The London & Middlesex Heritage Museum is a non-profit, charitable organization incorporated in 1991, governed by a thirteen-member Board of Directors, and located within Fanshawe Conservation Area. The Museum operates Fanshawe Pioneer Village which began as an open-air museum in 1959 as part of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority. The Heritage Village is comprised of 34 original and replica buildings that tell the story of the founding and settlement of the City of London, and the rural development of Middlesex County from 1820 to 1920. We are also working to share the story of how this settlement impacted Indigenous peoples of this area.

In addition to the living-history Village, the Museum also includes a modern Visitor Centre, which acts as our administration building, with a gallery space and storage area for the significant collection of material culture the community has donated and entrusted the Museum to steward for future generations.

The Museum strives to be “Where the Past is Present” by sharing histories, connecting communities, expanding understanding, and inspiring conversation. We offer living-history demonstrations, exhibits and displays, curriculum-connected and group education programs, outreach programming in the community, facility rentals, seasonal and special events, and also engage an active and involved volunteer core.

OUR VISION

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OUR MISSION

The London & Middlesex Heritage Museum creates opportunities for communities to connect by remembering, sharing, and stewarding local histories. Through its collection, buildings, landscapes, and programming, the Museum brings history to life adding vibrancy to the community, deepening understanding of the past, and building a sense of belonging.

Visit our website [Fanshawe Pioneer Village- Where the Past is Present](https://www.fanshawepioneervillage.ca) or see our Strategic Implementation Plan [Strategic Implementation Plan \(squarespace.com\)](https://www.fanshawepioneervillage.ca/strategic-implementation-plan) to learn more.

How to Apply to become a Committee Member:

Applications to join one of our Standing Committees can be made by submitting a letter of interest that shares information about your relevant background and experiences, and which committee of the three Standing Committees you are interested in joining. (Black Histories Advisory Committee, Community Engagement Committee, or Planning and Policy Committee)

For more information, or to apply - please contact:

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Applications are encouraged to be submitted before **May 21, 2024**, however the Community Call for Committee members will remain posted until vacancies are filled.

All applications will be vetted by the Board's Administration & Finance Committee who will assess the qualities of potential Committee Members and identify the background, skills, knowledge and experience needed to fill current Committee vacancies. The Committee recruitment process recognizes the need to be representative of, and reflect the communities the Museum serves as part of an ongoing strategy to be relevant to our diverse community.