



MERRICKVILLE  DISTRICT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Charities Directorate
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To whom it may concern,

Update of Objectives Wording in Constitution/Articles

The Merrickville and District Historical Society has existed since 1965. Our constitution/articles document has not been significantly updated since incorporation. As we make changes to meet the requirements of the new Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act, we are proposing to update some wording in our objectives without changing the purpose of the organization. Below we are providing you with the objects in the 1965 constitution and our draft 2024 revised objectives for your review and advice in order for Merrickville and District Historical Society to maintain our charitable status with CRA .

Objects in the 1965 Constitution

“The objects of the Merrickville and District Historical Society are:

- a) To create, foster, and maintain interest in the history of Merrickville and District;
- b) To furnish and operate the Blockhouse Museum in Merrickville,
- c) To assist in the preservation of other historical buildings, monuments, and sites, including the supervision of the maintenance of the McGuigan and Collar Hill Cemeteries by Village of Merrickville-Wolford, and such other cemeteries as the society decides to restore,
- d) To promote the dissemination of information and the discussion of historical topics of interest.

Draft Objectives for 2024 Constitution/Articles

The objects of the Merrickville and District Historical Society are:

To identify, promote, and support in the preservation, restoration and maintenance of historical buildings, structures, sites and artifacts important to the history of Merrickville-Wolford and surrounding area for the benefit, enjoyment and education of the public by:

- a) researching, cataloguing, and preserving historical documents and artifacts related to the history of Merrickville-Wolford and surrounding area;
- b) furnishing historical documents and artifacts for the Blockhouse Museum in Merrickville;
- c) disseminating historical information through hosting events, displays, exhibitions, performances and programs offered by the Society;
- d) producing educational materials and developing public awareness of the history of Merrickville-Wolford and surrounding area through lectures, printed media and electronic media;
- e) Promote and assist the creation and preservation of historically accurate and appropriate cairns and statues.”

You will note that in 2024 draft objectives b) above that the Merrickville and District Historical Society will no longer operate the Blockhouse Museum but will continue to provide and maintain historical documents and artifacts in the Blockhouse Museum. The recently activated Merrickville-Wolford Museum Municipal Services Board will operate the Blockhouse Museum

We look forward to hearing if this letter is sufficient for the Charities Directorate to accept the proposed draft objectives, and if not, the process you will require for us to complete for your acceptance.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary

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