



Media Advisory

Clarington Museums & Archives to Re-Open Sarah Jane Williams Heritage Centre

September 1, 2020 —Clarington Museums & Archives is pleased to re-open the Sarah Jane Williams Heritage Centre to the public for pre-booked research appointments and self-directed tours of the Sarah Jane Williams exhibits as of September 14, 2020.

For those who enjoy exploring Clarington's rich history or are beginning to research their own family trees, restored access to this valued community resource is much anticipated. The Museum closed all locations as of March 14, and staff teams are eager to resume service.

Through the closures, the Museum offered a take-home activity kit in lieu of their annual Canada Day Celebration and launched the Clarington COVID-19 Memory Survey. The survey has attracted responses from members of the community as an avenue to document, and potentially one day share, their experience of the COVID-19 pandemic in Clarington.

When the Sarah Jane Williams Heritage Centre re-opens, the interactive family-favourite activity space ClaringTOWN will not be available and in-house programming continues to be suspended because of the pandemic. Members may book appointments to complete research or take a self-directed tour of the Clarington At Work Exhibit.

Waverley Place remains closed as it undergoes structural restoration work to the flat roof, front porch, and other minor areas indoors. Access to the grounds may be limited as the restoration project is underway.

"We are eager to resume our role documenting, preserving, and supporting our community's local history and genealogy, especially during this unprecedented time," says Linda Kent, CEO of Clarington Public Library, Museums, and Archives. "We are pleased that the restoration project for repairs to Waverley Place will ensure that this important historic building can be appreciated for generations to come."

To book an appointment, please contact the Clarington Museums & Archives via email (info@claringtonmuseums.com) or phone (905-623-2734).

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