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Clarington Public Library Board Statement on the Waverley Place

December 13, 2023—The Clarington Public Library Board has recently been made aware of questions regarding the current and future state of the Waverley Place Museum, formerly known as the Bowmanville Museum, on 37 Silver Street.

"The Clarington Public Library Board is committed to maintaining and preserving the Waverley Place, an important part of our community's built heritage," said Steven Cooke, Chair, Clarington Public Library Board.

The Library Board assumed the operations of the Clarington Museums & Archives on January 1, 2020. The property was closed in March 2020 due to the pandemic and since that time, maintenance and remediation work has been conducted on the Waverley Place property. Such work has included structural stabilization, replacement of woodwork, mould remediation, replacing the log cabin roof, stripping and repainting the potting shed and cosmetic repairs. Some of the restoration work, such as the columns on the porch, is ongoing.

Upcoming work projects in 2024 include railing replacement, masonry, chimney repairs, re-plastering and walkway improvements.

The Waverley Place is open for programs and tours, and is available for rentals for special events, weddings and photography.

Residents who wish to share their passion on Waverley Place are welcome to submit comments directly to the Clarington Library, Museums & Archives at <u>hello@cplma.ca</u>.

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