

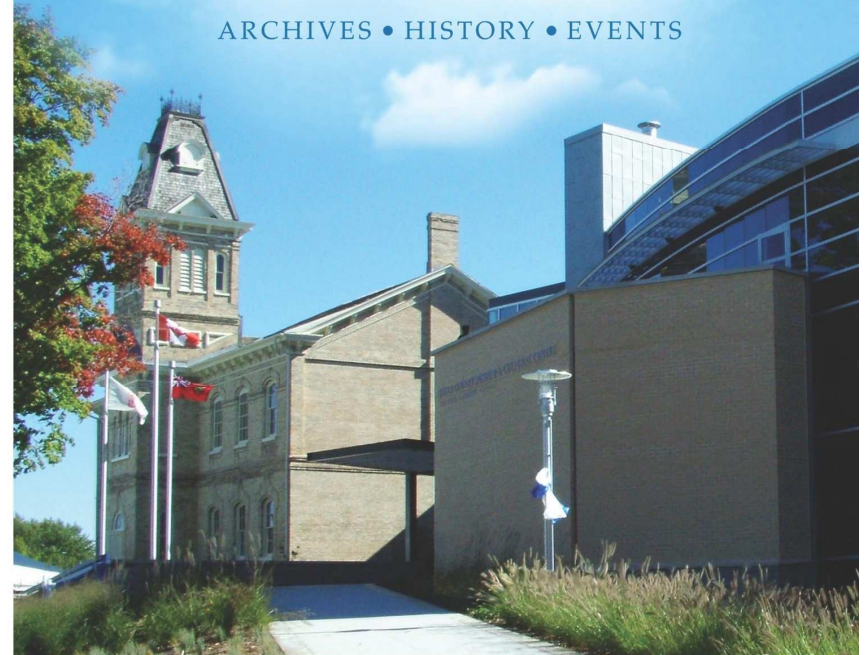
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## Gifts for Today

Like hospitals, universities, colleges, and other museums, the BCM&CC relies on gifts of special significance from private donors to help us fulfill our commitment to preserving our past and interpreting our present, into the future.

Your outright gift, whether it is cash, securities or tangible property such as real estate, will help ensure our current and on-going needs are met. Giving to the Museum during your lifetime can be a gratifying experience, as you see your gift at work every day in our children's programming, our archival preservation, and our exhibits.

## In Recognition of Your Gift

Gifts of special significance will be honoured and recognized throughout the Museum. Any gift may be made anonymously, and will be respected as such. The Museum also respects the privacy of our donors and keeps your personal information strictly confidential.

Where appropriate, the County of Bruce (of which the Museum is a department) will provide a tax-deductible receipt for a current donation. The County is empowered to issue tax-deductible receipts for donations in accordance with Section 110.1 (1)(a)(iv) and Section 118.1(1)(d) of the Income Tax Act. The Museum is a qualified donee for charitable purposes.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors for your commitment to the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, and for providing a legacy gift for our community, its past, present and future.

## "A Gift to Last"

When you plan a donation to be made from your estate, you leave a legacy to the organizations you support now. This ensures that they will continue to do the things that you value about them, when you are no longer present to help.

A planned gift is made after careful consideration of your personal and family needs, and is tailored to fit your current and future financial situations. Planned gifts provide you with significant tax advantages and allow you to support the things you value, while enjoying tax savings that benefit you and your family.

## Making a Planned Gift to the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

Do you live in, and love, Bruce County; or are you a seasonal visitor for whom Bruce County holds all the best memories of family times at the cottage? The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre is part of that picture, too. At the BCM&CC we look after County records and archives, newspapers from our communities, family histories and heirlooms, artifacts and documentation from our agricultural and industrial past – and we do this in perpetuity.

Through a planned gift to our **BCM&CC Legacy Fund**, you will have the opportunity to be part of this commitment from our shared past, into the future. A planned gift will make it possible for you to support the BCM&CC now, and in the future – again, in perpetuity.

# Types of Planned Gifts

## Bequests

Your Will is one of your most important documents. It gives you control over how the assets that you have accumulated throughout your life will be shared with those important to you. Whether it is your family or an organization that has special meaning to you, you will want to ensure that they are provided for according to your wishes. Without a Will, the government will make the decisions for you.

Your estate may include gifts of cash, securities, the proceeds of your RRSPs or RRIFs, real estate or other tangible property, and could also reduce taxes on your final return.

## Gifts of Life Insurance

You may have life insurance, to ensure your loved ones are provided for. Your life insurance can also be used in several ways to make a planned gift to a cause you believe in. Whether it be an existing or new policy, it can provide a significant gift for the future, and tax benefits to you today or through your estate. You can name a beneficiary in your existing or new policy, you can transfer ownership of an existing policy, or you can purchase a new policy on behalf of the beneficiary.

## Charitable Gift Annuity

An annuity is an ideal way to provide a planned gift at a time when you still require the income from your assets. Incorporating a charitable gift annuity in your estate plan will make that possible. It can allow you to give a gift, save tax, and increase your income. A charitable gift annuity will secure a guaranteed stream of income for life while also making a special legacy to an organization that you value.

# Gifts of Retirement Benefits

Your RRSP or RRIF is an easy way to leave a legacy by naming the cause you believe in as the beneficiary. This allows you to make a substantial gift in the future without diminishing your assets today.

## Charitable Remainder Trust

Assets such as cash, securities or real estate can either be left in your will or through a charitable remainder trust. A trust will allow you to make a gift now, receive immediate tax benefits and still continue to receive the income for as long as you and/or your spouse live, or for a specified number of years.

## Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are donations that have tangible dollar value, for example real estate, stocks, bonds, equipment or art. The fair market value of the gift is determined by a qualified party and a charitable tax receipt is provided for the appraised value of the asset. The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre and the County of Bruce's policy is to liquidate all such assets at fair market value at the earliest opportunity.

If you wish to make a donation of an artifact for inclusion in the Museum's collection, please contact Vicky Cooper, Registrar and Collections Co-ordinator. The Museum has an Acquisitions Policy which governs such situations. If we cannot accommodate your donation for any reason, we will do our best to refer you to other institutions where your donation can be received and looked after.