

LACOMBE MUSEUM RECEIVES FUNDING FOR MICHENER HOUSE MUSEUM REIMAGINATION PROJECT

Lacombe, Alberta - The Lacombe & District Historical Society (LDHS) is pleased to announce the successful applications for matching funding from the City of Lacombe and Lacombe County totaling \$83,702.00 (\$41,851.00 respectively) for the Michener House Museum Reimagination Project.

These investment streams, coupled with funding received earlier in 2023 from Alberta Government Ministry of Culture's Community Facility Enhancement Program (\$25,000.00), Community Initiatives Program (\$3,653.00), and the Department of Canadian Heritage at the Government of Canada's Canadian Cultural Spaces Fund (\$42,000.00), will allow LDHS to continue the work restoring the historic site, while reimagining the gallery spaces within it.

"We're grateful to the City, County, Province, Federal Government, and our community sponsors/partners for supporting this project. Our dedicated team is working to make the Lacombe Museums, particularly the Michener House Museum, more relevant by creating immersive and inclusive exhibitions, enhancing infrastructure, and ensuring accessibility, all while preserving this vital historic site." – Melissa Blunden, Executive Director of LDHS.

During summer season of 2023 the interior of the Michener House Museum was closed to the public to allow for work to commence on restoring the 1918 addition to its original state, including opening previously drywalled doorways to improve accessibility and visitor flow; repairs to HVAC and installing electricity throughout both the 1918 and 1894 spaces. This stage of the project is nearing completion and the exhibition design and implementation stage is gearing up for this winter. Plans are in the work for a spring 2024 grand re-opening of the site.

For more information on the Michener House Museum Reimagination Project, please follow the Lacombe Museum on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, or LinkedIn or visit the website at www.lacombemuseum.com/reimagined.

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2020 Virtual Tour of Michener House Museum available [here](#).

History of Michener House Museum available [here](#).

About the Lacombe Museum

Located in Lacombe, AB, the Lacombe Museum is operated by the Lacombe and District Historical Society and operates three buildings: The Michener House Museum, the former Grace Methodist Church parsonage and birthplace of populist Governor General Daniel Roland Michener; The Blacksmith Shop Museum, the oldest operational blacksmith shop in Alberta; and the iconic Flatiron Building Museum in downtown Lacombe.

More information about the Lacombe Museum can be found at: www.lacombemuseum.com

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