



A *Key Messages Update* is published monthly and includes items from the Board, Museum Advisory Council (MAC), and the administration. These topics include the highlights and successes of the month, as well as the Board’s perspective on matters of importance. Key Messages for the month are presented under each of the four Strategic Plan Goals. [Subscribe to our Key Messages!](#)

Key Messages of the Month February 2020

Vibrant Spaces & Capital Campaign Committee

- ***Penny Sale Auction:*** The Penny Sale Auction is now open at LE. Shore and will be closed at 4:00 end of day on Saturday February 29, 2020. Many thanks to the community members who have provided donations for this auction. Stop in to the LE Shore today and show your support to the Craigleith Heritage Depot.
- ***Charity Golf Tournament-On Sale Now:*** The Museum Advisory Council is holding a Golf Tournament on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at Cranberry Golf Club. This charity event will support the CHD REEL History Films being produced in 2020. The Scramble game registration is \$150 with a \$50 tax receipt and \$75 for youth 16 and under. Registration is available at the LE Shore and online at our website.
- ***25th Anniversary Gala-Save the Date:*** The 25th anniversary year will culminate with a gala on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at the Blue Mountain Inn—Wieder/Kandahar rooms. The planning committee will be reaching out to community members and businesses who may be interested in purchasing tables or acting as sponsors of the 25th Anniversary celebrations.
- ***Ontario Heritage Designation:*** The Museum Advisory Council would like to remind the community that the Craigleith Heritage Depot is designated as a heritage building (under the name of “Craigleith Station”). Heritage Plaques will be installed in the spring.

Organizational Capacity, By-Laws & Governance Committee

- ***CEO Evaluation Completed:*** The Board completed the annual evaluation of the CEO and commends Dr Saunders on the leadership of BMPL and the role she fulfils with our key relationships with The Town.

- **Board Visits the BMPL Creator Space:** The Board visited the Blue Mountains Creator Space Digital Lab, a partner of BMPL. The Creator Space staffers provided explanations of the types of programs being provided in the creation of digital arts both at the Marsh Street Centre and at L.E. Shore. Due to a lack of space, the video workshops are currently housed in the basement rental at Marsh Street with workshops and the mobile lab and workshops are occurring at the LE Shore branch. Community members may register for training workshops on the various industry standard equipment and then visit BMPL to access the equipment as a part of the alternate collections available for circulation. This partnership is a great way to bring the library maker movement to our community with our current space constraints.

Communication & Strategic Planning Committee

- **Meet the Team:** As part of our effort to provide transparency and accountability to our stakeholders, profiles and photos of our team will be loaded on our [website](#). The first release of information will be the Board Members, and staff, MAC, ACC, and volunteers we will follow during the month.

Service Excellence & Administration

- **Craigleith Heritage Depot Temporary Closure:** The CHD has been temporarily closed due to environmental and air quality concerns since October 24, 2019. Radon Remediation began on February 26th and further renovations of the space will occur following this. The Wi-Fi and book drop are still available in Craigleith, for those who find this more convenient. An [FAQ webpage](#) has been developed and is being regularly updated. This is the primary point of communication as we work through remediation of the facility.
- **REEL History wins Minister's Award for Innovation.** The REEL History Film Series was awarded the Minister's Award for Innovation at the annual Ontario Library Association conference on January 30th. Congratulations to the Craigleith Heritage Depot and our partner, the Mountain Goat Film Inc for winning this very prestigious award. This is a second award for this series, including the 2019 Ontario Museum Association Award for Excellence.