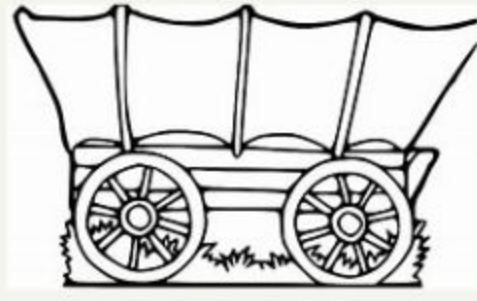


Past to Present: History of the FRIENDS of Waterloo Region Museums

Waterloo Historical Society (WHS) founded. Early curators of the region's history, first archives, artifact collection and museum.



1912

1953

WHS approves Dr. A.E (Dusty) Broome's vision to create a living museum

Ontario Pioneer Community Foundation (OPCF) founded.

1956

1957



Doon Pioneer Village's official opening with a barn raising.

Agreement for the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) to own village land (60 acres) and OPCF to construct, operate, and maintain Doon Pioneer Village.

1957

1960

Official Opening of the original Museum building.

GRCA and Municipalities partly share financial responsibility for DPV; OPCF continues to own collection and operate DPV.



1971

1983



Region assumes ownership of DPV. The OPCF continues to play a supportive, fundraising, and advisory role.

The Region sets 1914 representation and changes DPV's name to "Doon Heritage Crossroads".

1985

1993

Foundation's formal name change from OPCF to FRIENDS of Doon Heritage Crossroads.

New Museum Building built; site named Waterloo Region Museum and Village renamed Doon Heritage Village



2010

2012



Foundation's formal name change to FRIENDS of Waterloo Region Museum.

First Agreement between Region of Waterloo and FRIENDS to formalize relationship.

2018

2023

FRIENDS mandate expanded to include Schneider Haus and McDougall Cottage