

**SHELburne HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**VISION, MISSION AND MANDATE STATEMENT**

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**VISION**

The vision of the Shelburne Historical Society and the Shelburne County Museum is to inspire curiosity in, and generate enthusiasm for, the history of Shelburne County and provide the facilities and resources to learn about it.

**MISSION**

- To preserve and promote the rich and continually evolving heritage of Shelburne County.
- To operate and sustain Shelburne's Museums by the Sea to serve the local community, the province and visitors from around the world.
- To promote an interest in Shelburne County's history, facilitate research, and provide programs that stimulate interest, satisfy curiosity and encourage public participation.
- To play an important role in the economic, cultural and social life of the Shelburne County community.
- To expand and enhance our knowledge of the aboriginal inhabitants of Shelburne County, the Black and White Loyalists who came to Shelburne in 1783, and all the others who have lived and worked in the County.
- To interpret and explain the traditional and modern fishing heritage of the towns and harbours of Shelburne County.
- To document, illustrate and interpret the dory building and shipbuilding industries of Shelburne County.
- To record the industrial and commercial history of the Town of Shelburne.
- To create or promote the creation of interpretive markers identifying and celebrating important places and persons in Shelburne County.

**MANDATE**

- To ensure the operation and sustainability of Shelburne's Museums by the Sea which serve the local community, the province and visitors from around the world.
- To recognize that equity, diversity and inclusion are essential to the Society's success. Actively seek and encourage diversity and inclusion in board membership, staff and volunteers, and business and community partnerships in order to accurately reflect the Shelburne County community.
- To create an environment that welcomes the diverse thoughts, ideas, perspectives and backgrounds of all Nova Scotians.
- To collect, preserve, catalogue, interpret and display artefacts, documents and photographs relevant to the history, culture, industries and landscape of Shelburne County.
- To operate and maintain a safe, accessible venue for the display and interpretation of the Museum's collections that strives to adhere to current museum standards and best practices.
- To improve access to and maintain an archive of historical documents and printed material that can be consulted by those interested in learning about the history and culture of Shelburne County.
- To preserve and promote the historical buildings entrusted to the care of the Shelburne Historical Society: the Nairn House, the Coyle House, the Cox Warehouse and the John Tottie Store.
- To assist in the continued development of skills and knowledge of the staff and volunteers at Shelburne's Museums by the Sea.
- To continue working with local businesses, cultural, tourism and historical organizations to promote Shelburne County as a unique destination, impart the mission of the Society and Shelburne's Museums by the Sea to residents and visitors, and provide a gathering place for the community.
- To generate income from all sources to support the mission of the Society and ensure the financial stability of the Society and its holdings.