



LUNENBURG ACADEMY FOUNDATION 'UNDER THIS ROOF' CAMPAIGN

Preserving Lunenburg's "Castle on the Hill"

Protecting this National Historic Site matters to all of us.

For more than 130 years, Lunenburg Academy has stood majestically overlooking the UNESCO Town of Lunenburg as one of Canada's most iconic heritage buildings. The Academy opened its doors in 1895, and is recognized both nationally and internationally for its architectural and cultural significance and continues to serve as a vibrant public gathering place for learning, arts, music, culture, tourism, and community life.

After decades of exposure to the elements, significant roof restoration work is now underway to protect the long-term future of the Academy.

From a heritage preservation perspective, roof deterioration is one of the most serious risks to any historic structure, as water infiltration can quickly threaten irreplaceable heritage materials, historic timber framing, and other character-defining elements. Timely intervention helps prevent significantly greater restoration needs while protecting the long-term integrity of the building.

This restoration project represents a proactive investment in preserving and protecting one of Canada's most important heritage landmarks — *ensuring the Academy remains safe, vibrant, and publicly accessible now, and for generations to come.*

The Restoration Project

Total Project Investment

\$2.3 million

The work will be undertaken in 2 phases:

Phase 1 — will address the North & West sections of the roof

Phase 2 — will address the South & East sections of the roof

This project is in accordance with heritage conservation best practices by addressing the most urgent risks first while planning responsibly for future restoration stages.

An Extraordinary Giving Opportunity

Thanks to a generous **3 times matching commitment up to \$150,000**
(deadline: Sept 1st)

***Every gift goes
four times as far.***

\$1,000 = \$4,000

Why Does Heritage Restoration Cost More?

Heritage Craftsmanship

The Academy's mansard roof and towers are clad in traditional cedar shingles installed by hand using historic methods. Each shingle is individually laid in overlapping courses to withstand severe coastal weather conditions.

Specialized Heritage Expertise

The project is being completed by Roof Tile Management (RTM), a leading heritage roofing specialist with extensive experience restoring historic structures across Canada.

Hidden Modern Protection Systems

Beneath the traditional cedar shingles, modern waterproofing membranes are being carefully integrated to protect the historic structure while preserving the Academy's original appearance.

A Shared Responsibility *This project is about more than a roof.*

It is about stewardship, heritage, community pride, and protecting a landmark that defines Lunenburg's skyline and identity. Through this restoration, the Academy will continue standing proudly above the UNESCO Town of Lunenburg as a symbol of community, culture, and connection.

Give today and quadruple your donation.



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