

LUNENBURG ACADEMY FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR END DECEMBER 31, 2025



Lunenburg Academy
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ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

D. Bruce Hebb, President

Dear Members and Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to share this annual report with you and take the opportunity to reflect on a successful year thanks to our volunteers, partners, and supporters.

I was expecting, and hoping, to be able to report that the roof repair work had been completed. In fact, the repairs were not undertaken in 2025 as the bids for the work were far in excess of the estimated cost. More detail on the situation is available in the Property Committee Report. Suffice it to say that the Foundation is working closely with the Town to ensure the needed repairs are completed as soon as possible. These repairs will require a large financial contribution by the Foundation, but this work represents the very heart of our mission to care for, preserve, and restore the Lunenburg Academy, National Historic Site.

Throughout the year, we have considered a number of different ideas for raising funds to help us carry out our mission. These included hosting events such as a large gala, to expanding the role of the Foundation by positioning the Academy as a world-class centre for education. During discussions around these ideas it became clear that it was time to undertake a formal look at what the role of the Foundation should be going forward. To that end, we have engaged the services of a consultant, 21FSP Advisory Inc., to update the Foundation's strategic plan. We will be reviewing our current strategic directives of ensuring financial sustainability, increasing visibility and brand awareness, and ensuring excellence in Board governance. Our hope is that this effort will help us plot a course for the next 3 – 5 years to maximize the Foundation's ability to care for our amazing building. We were able to undertake this work thanks to a grant from the Nova Scotia Government, i.e. the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage. I would like to extend my thanks to the Province for supporting us in this much-needed effort.

I am pleased to report that we had another busy and successful year for visits to the Heritage Classroom. Over 4500 visitors from all over the world stopped by to remind us how special this building, and its history, really are. I would like to extend my thanks to all of the Classroom volunteers who gave their time to share their stories and make the visitor experience so much more engaging.

I want to take a moment to recognize and express my gratitude to the members of our Board of Directors. Our members include Jamie Ernst - Treasurer and Secretary, Naomi Jewers - Vice President, Jane Ritcey, Roxie Smith, Monica Moriarty, Kathey Powers, Jessie Grigg-Farquhar, and David Hirtle, as well as Alison Strachan who has been appointed by Town Council to serve as its representative on our Board. A special thank you to Nancy Howard, our Operations Manager, whose dedication and hard work have been essential to keeping our daily operations running smoothly, and who has been an enormous help to me since the departure of our Executive Director. I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to Allan Richards for his ongoing dedication and attentive care of the Academy in his volunteer role.

I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each donor for their unwavering support. Together, we are preserving our cherished building as a lasting symbol of heritage and culture for generations to come. While every gift is deeply appreciated, we especially want to acknowledge the remarkable generosity of the anonymous matching donors who stepped forward for Giving Tuesday this year. Their contribution sparked a substantial increase in donations, profoundly advancing our initiatives.

I also want to extend our special thanks to our government funders at all levels, including Heritage Canada, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage, Parks Canada, the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MoDL), and the Town of Lunenburg. Together, we are ensuring that our 'Castle on the Hill' remains a lasting symbol of heritage and culture for generations to come.

As we look ahead, the Board remains committed to preserving the legacy of the Lunenburg Academy. We will continue to manage our resources responsibly, support initiatives that advance our mission, and work closely with our community to ensure the Academy remains a treasure for years to come.

Warm regards,



Bruce Hebb
President, Lunenburg Academy Foundation

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 2025:

Jamie Ernst, Treasurer, Lunenburg Academy Foundation

The Foundation ended 2025 with Net Assets of \$1,204,020 as is shown in the year end financial statements prepared by Belliveau Veinotte. Of this, \$434,976 is held in endowments with principals restricted by the donors. Most of the Foundation's cash and assets are managed in an investment account at National Bank Financial.

The investment decisions are made by the Investment Committee.

For the year ended December 31, 2025 the Foundation had a deficit from operations of \$15,654 and an overall surplus of \$ 175,956 including all realized and unrealized investment transactions.

Total unrestricted donations for the year were \$42,834, and restricted donations were \$69,785. Investment income for the year was \$55,243. The Foundation continues to rely heavily on grants and investment income to fund various parts of its operations. During 2025, the Founda-

tion received grants from various Federal and Provincial agencies.

The Foundation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions as part of its revenue recognition policy, as such there is a Deferred Contribution Related to Capital Assets of \$176,554 noted on the balance sheet which represents the grants applied specifically to projects that have not yet been completed.

Total operating expenses for the year of \$242,505 were below the previous year's. The expenses of the Foundation are prone to large fluctuations annually based on the contributions the Foundation may make in any given year.

I can confirm that all CRA and HST filings by the Foundation are up to date. Shauna Miller, of Every Penny Counts, is responsible for the day-to-day accounting for the Foundation.

It was a privilege to welcome Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage, DAVE RITCEY to the Academy's Heritage Classroom in 2025.

In September 2025, Lunenburg Academy Foundation President Bruce Hebb and then-Executive Director Deborah Rent were pleased to welcome MLA Susan Corkum-Greek and Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage Dave Ritcey to the Academy's Heritage Classroom.



PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Bruce Hebb, Chair, Property Committee

Our primary focus in 2025 has continued to be the repairs to the deteriorated Academy roof. The roof has experienced leaking for several years, and the shingles are approaching the end of their useful lives. Repair work for the roof was tendered by the Town in late May. Unfortunately, the bids were significantly over the budget, so it was not possible to proceed with the repairs in 2025. The Town directed the engineering consultant to modify the tender to identify a reduced scope of work that included only the critical work that needs to be done in the next year or so. This reduced scope included replacement of the modified bitumen membrane at the base of the towers, which is believed to be the cause of the leaks, as well as replacement of the shingles on the north and west sides of the roof.



In January of 2026, the reduced scope was tendered by the Town. The tender also included a request for optional pricing for the additional work needed to complete the full scope of work as tendered in 2025. The new bids for the full scope of work once again far exceeded the estimated cost, but one of the bids for the reduced scope was slightly less than the expected total cost. I can report today that, at its March 10th meeting, Town Council approved moving forward with the reduced scope, so the reduced scope repairs will be going forward in 2026.

Once the roof repairs have been addressed, we will have to turn our attention back to the foundation repairs. The mortar joints are deteriorating and the foundation has experienced some leaking during significant rainfall events. This will only get worse over time as the joints deteriorate further.

The design documents for the repairs are complete and a tender package is available to be re-issued. Hopefully, this work can be carried out in the next few years.



The Board is currently working on creating an outdoor display for the Academy bell. The bell was restored several years ago, and has been in storage since then. The Town has agreed to install a suitable concrete base near the southeast corner of the property adjacent to the area that now includes a walkway and benches. Our hope is that this will be completed and the bell will be available for all to enjoy by early summer of 2026. My thanks to Board members Kathy Powers and Alison Strachan for spearheading this effort.

A longer term project that we still want to eventually undertake is the Lot Development Plan. The Lot Development Plan was created as the final step in the recent restoration work. This project would upgrade the Academy property to accommodate new uses, to maximize pedestrian and vehicular flow, and complement the architectural and historical significance of the Academy. While implementation of the Lot Development Plan will probably not be undertaken for several years, the Foundation is revisiting the Plan to determine what changes would be desirable to consider since its original envisioning. The Foundation has contracted the original creator of the Plan, Upland Planning + Design, to undertake this update. That work is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2026. We have been able to undertake this work thanks to a grant from the Federal Government through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA). I would like to extend my thanks to ACOA for supporting us in this effort.

If you would like more information on any of these projects, please feel free to reach out to us. We welcome any comments and feedback.

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

Dear Members, Supporters, and Alumni,

The past year has been one of continued momentum and meaningful progress for the Lunenburg Academy Foundation. With Town Council's approval to proceed with a reduced scope of roof repairs, preparations are now underway for work scheduled to begin in 2026. As indicated in the Property Committee Report this next phase will address key areas of concern, including replacement of the modified bitumen membrane at the base of the towers—believed to be the primary source of ongoing leaks—as well as replacement of shingles on the north and west sides of the roof.

This work represents an important and immediate priority for the Foundation. In the months ahead, we will be launching a focused fundraising effort to support these repairs—building awareness, engaging new and existing supporters, and creating opportunities for our community to play a direct role in protecting the Academy. With work set to begin in 2026, the coming year will be critical in building the momentum and resources needed to move this project forward with confidence.

We would like to recognize the lasting impact of Tom Hayes, whose leadership of the Next Century Capital Campaign resulted in an extraordinary \$1.5 million raised in support of the Academy. This achievement has played a significant role in building the strong investment portfolio that supports our work today, and we remain grateful for his enduring support and commitment to the Foundation.

During the 2025 fiscal year, the Foundation received \$151,122.30 in charitable contributions. This includes individual donations, a bequest of \$69,784.92, and a generous \$50,000 anonymous gift designated specifically to support the upcoming roof repairs. This early investment in the project provides meaningful momentum as we begin to build toward our broader fundraising goal.

At present, the Foundation is operating without a Chair of the Fundraising Committee. As we enter this important phase, we recognize the opportunity to welcome new leadership and invite individuals with experience and a passion for the Academy to connect with us and help guide these efforts.

We continue to be encouraged by the dedication of our alumni and supporters. Annual gifts, memorial donations, and planned giving remain vital to our long-term sustainability. In particular, bequests and estate gifts reflect a deep and lasting connection to the Academy, ensuring that its legacy will endure for generations to come.

As we look ahead, the need—and the opportunity—to invest in the Academy has never been clearer. With the continued support of our community, we are confident in our ability to meet this moment and ensure the preservation of this remarkable building for future generations.

On behalf of the Lunenburg Academy Foundation, we extend our sincere thanks to all who contribute to this important work. We welcome those who are interested in supporting the upcoming roof repairs or becoming more involved in our fundraising efforts to connect with us in the months ahead.

Preserve the Past. Inspire the Future.

Leave a legacy that safeguards Lunenburg Academy for generations to come.

Your estate planning can be more than a legal document—it can reflect your values and support future generations. By including a bequest to the Lunenburg Academy Foundation, you help preserve one of Nova Scotia's most iconic landmarks.

The Lunenburg Academy Foundation is committed to the care and restoration of the historic Lunenburg Academy. Your support helps maintain this architectural treasure as a vibrant centre for education, culture, and community. Adding the Foundation to your estate plan is a straightforward process. Work with your legal or financial advisor to ensure your gift reflects your wishes and supports the Academy's lasting legacy.

Get in Touch

To learn more about leaving a bequest, contact us at ed@lunenburgacademyfoundation.com. Thank you for considering a gift that helps safeguard our shared heritage.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Monica Moriarty, Investment Committee Chair

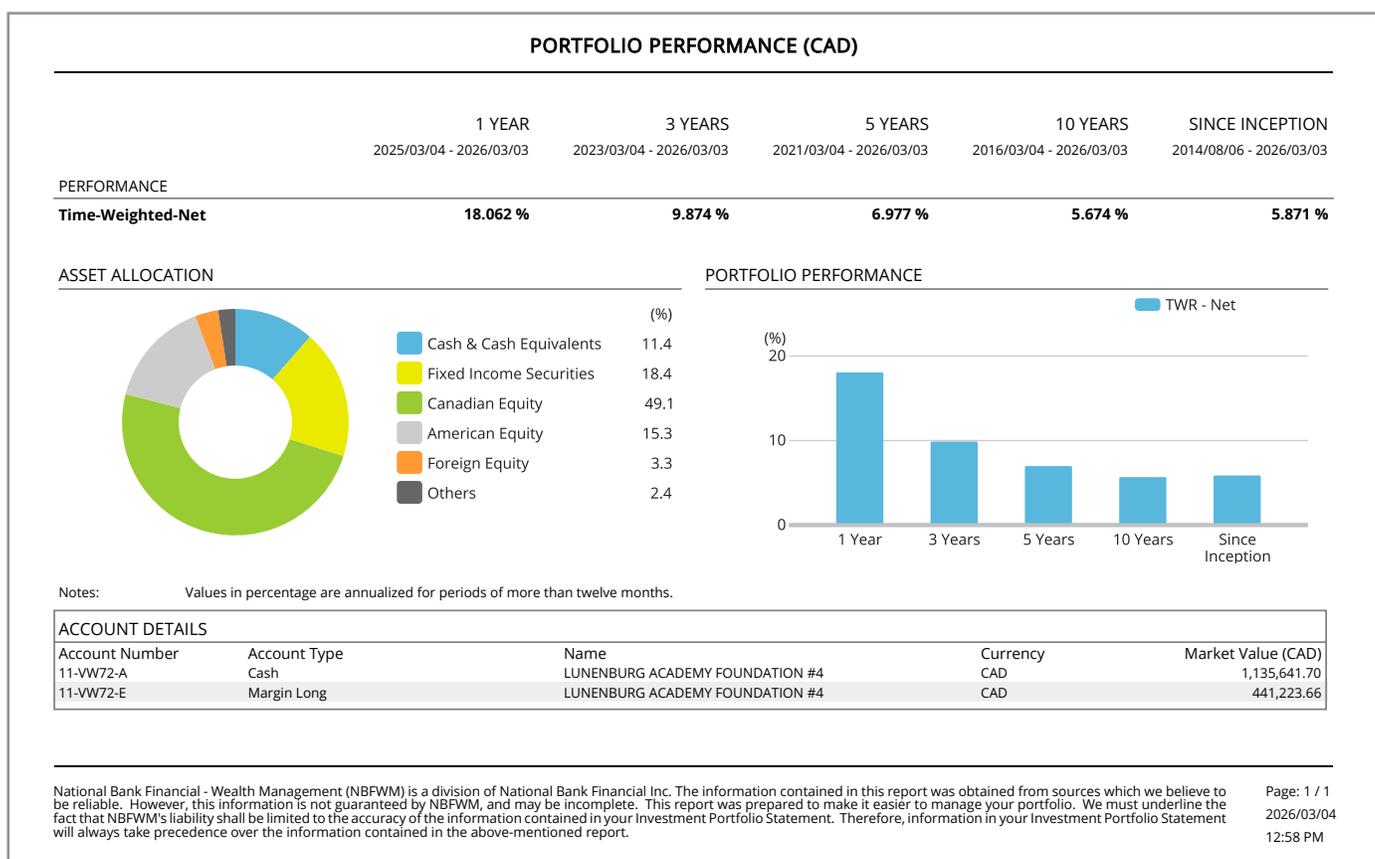
The Foundation's investment account continues to be managed by the Glynn-Wilson team at National Bank Financial (NBF) since 1990s. Members of the Investment Committee include Graham Eisenhauer, Jamie Ernst, Melanie Comstock, Tom Hayes and myself as Chair. Monthly and quarterly statements for the fund are provided to LAF and reviewed regularly.

The overall return on LAF investments in 2025 was remarkable at 17.1% last year. This is the highest rate of return since inception as the TSX had its best year in decades and Canadian stocks outperformed over the year. However, global political and economic changes along with interest and inflation will continue to impact

markets and there is still no breakthrough in Canadian-US trade negotiations.

As GICs come due, we will continue to move funds to the Unified Investment fund which has a solid history of high returns.

The chart below outlines our asset allocation targets and the annual valuations of the LAF portfolio as of March 4 2026. In addition to this amount of \$1,577,865 there is \$136,527 in the High Interest Savings Account which includes a transfer of \$99,496 in January to support operations.



Thanks to Graham, Melanie, Tom and Jamie for their invaluable support on the Investment Committee.

Monica Moriarty,
Investment Committee Chair, Lunenburg Academy Foundation

ALUMNI REPORT:

Roxie Smith, Alumni Ambassador

Honouring Our Heritage

The Heritage Interpretive Classroom remains a treasured space for alumni, families, and visitors to explore the Academy's rich history. Access to attendance records dating back to 1895 continues to spark curiosity and nostalgia.

This year, we were especially grateful for:

Sheila Hellstrom's badge from the National Defense College, donated by her family and close friend Major Karen Breeck. Sheila, class of 1953, became the first Canadian woman Brigadier General in the Canadian Forces.

A watercolour of the Academy by former teacher Betty Whalen, which will be available as cards in the Heritage Classroom

The Heart of Our Community: Volunteer Alumni Ambassadors

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated Volunteer Alumni Ambassadors, who generously give their time to preserve and share the Academy's story. Their enthusiasm and commitment are essential in keeping the history of our beloved 'Castle on the Hill' alive.

We are fortunate to have had a devoted team of volunteers for the 2025 season, including Alumni Debra Gowan, Gail Hayes, Rosalie Osmond, Valerie Rowlands, Deanna Zinck, Andrea Zwicker, Peter Zwicker, and Allan Richards. Their dedication has been instrumental in ensuring the smooth operation of the Heritage Classroom.

Each volunteer brings their unique perspective, enriching the experience of visitors by fostering connections, deepening understanding, and inspiring curiosity about our shared heritage. We are truly grateful for their passion and generosity.

We are always eager to welcome more enthusiastic individuals to our team. If you have a love for history and a desire to contribute, we would love to hear from you!

Student Engagement

Our classroom welcomed students from Bluenose Academy, Pentz Elementary, and two Pre-Primary classes. Highlights included:

- A French version of Heritage Classroom Bingo with Mme. Marchand's Grade 5/6 class.
- Pre-Primary graduation ceremonies, complete with certificates and photos.
- Hands-on learning about historical school rules and cursive writing on the chalkboard, delighting students of all ages.

These visits connect past and present students, bringing the Academy's history to life.

Alumni Highlights

Just a few of the many highlights from the latest edition of *The Scribbler*, the Lunenburg Academy Alumni Annual Newsletter—explore the full issue to discover even more stories!

- Class of 1953: Reunion lunch at the Dockside on October 1st with Mona Miller Knickle, Charlotte Heckman Dewling, Gilbert Berringer, Philomene Arenburg Baker, Barbara Cook Gerhardt, Ruth Creighton Taylor, and Doris Daughinee Witherall. Roxie Lohnes Smith ('59) was the official photographer. Barbara, Doris, and Philomene celebrated their 90th birthdays this year.
- Class of 1955: Sandra Veenstra shared joyful memories catching up with classmates.
- Gilbert Berringer ('53): Visited Lunenburg with family and attended the reunion luncheon.



A Lasting Legacy

We are deeply grateful to alumni who have included the Foundation in their estate plans. These thoughtful gifts ensure the Academy's history and heritage are preserved for future generations.

We invite all alumni to stay connected—share your stories, visit the Academy, and explore ways to contribute. For memories, donations, or bequests, contact: administrator@lunenburgacademyfoundation.com

Check out our digital archive of past Seagulls!

Revisit the days at Lunenburg Academy from 1935 to 2010, including the special 100th anniversary edition spanning 1895 to 1995, head over to <https://www.lunenburgacademyfoundation.com/yearbooks>. Simply select the desired year and utilize the 'search' feature to look up names (and more!).

GOVERNANCE REPORT:

Naomi Jewers, Chair, Governance Committee

At the Lunenburg Academy Foundation (LAF), strong governance underpins everything we do. Our Board of Directors is responsible for the development, maintenance, approval, and revision of governance policies that guide the organization's operations, staff, volunteers, and board members.

Why Policies Matter

Policies help LAF to:

- Establish clear organizational standards
- Set expectations for professional and ethical behaviour
- Support strong staff-board relationships
- Ensure best practices in management and operations
- Maintain compliance with legislation
- Reduce the risk of legal issues

How Policies Are Developed

All LAF policies are::

- Created in response to identified needs
- Issue-oriented and aligned with LAF's mission, vision, and values
- Written in plain, clear language
- Developed with input from staff, volunteers, management, and board members as appropriate, and outside experts as required.
- Compliant with applicable regulations and statutes
- Assigned an effective date and reviewed periodically or when legislation changes
- Accessible to the board, staff, and volunteers
- Monitored annually by the Governance Committee

Policy Review and Amendments

- Employees interested in developing or revising operational policies discuss proposals with the Chair, Governance Committee.
- Board members proposing new governance policies or amendments bring them to the Board of Directors for consideration.
- Draft policies are circulated to relevant stakeholders for input before final approval.
- All updates and amendments are approved by the Board, ensuring alignment with LAF's mission and regulatory requirements.

Ongoing Oversight

The Governance Committee leads the review of all policies. Committee members leverage their expertise to evaluate and refine policies, and their recommendations are presented to the Board for approval. This process ensures that LAF's governance remains current, effective, and aligned with best practices.

Governance Committee Chair:

Naomi Jewers

Committee Members:

Monica Moriarty, Alison Strachan

Board of Directors:

Bruce Hebb, President & Property Committee Chair;

Naomi Jewers, Vice President & Governance Committee Chair;

Jamie Ernst, Treasurer & Corporate Secretary;

Jessie Grigg-Farquhar, Heritage Classroom Chair; David Hirtle; Monica Moriarty, Investment Committee Chair; Kathy Powers; Jane Ritcey; Roxie Smith; Alison Strachan

ABOUT LUNENBURG ACADEMY FOUNDATION:

Incorporated in 1981, Lunenburg Academy Foundation (LAF) has operated for decades with the mandate of the Care, Preservation and Restoration of Lunenburg Academy.

With the Heritage Interpretive Classroom, the LAF now plays a greater role within the realm of heritage and cultural attractions. Located on the main level of the Academy the Heritage Classroom has seen impressive numbers of visitors over its 4 years in operation.

This interpretive site addresses a growing demand for public access to this iconic, architectural gem. The Heritage Classroom tells the story of the evolution of education in Nova Scotia through the 19th and 20th centuries, and of

the school's integral place within the community during that period.

Capital projects for the Academy have been supported by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), Parks Canada, the Province of Nova Scotia, Town of Lunenburg, and the Lunenburg Academy Foundation with over \$6 million in investments in the repair and restoration of the Academy since 2015.

With a strong, collaborative approach, LAF has worked with the Town of Lunenburg and federal/provincial funders to leverage support for these projects.

Our Academy:

A proud past. A modern purpose. A vibrant future.

Today, the Academy's tenants and programs reflect both its rich heritage and its evolving role at the heart of our community. Workshops, concerts, ceremonies, and gatherings fill the halls with life, thanks to the many businesses, organizations, and partners who call this cherished landmark home.

Meet the businesses and organizations that bring the Academy to life:



The Lunenburg Academy of Music Performance
– An internationally recognized music program with a vibrant year-round concert series.



Susan Corkum-Greek's constituency office
– a centre of activity for residents calling on our MLA for support and advice.



South Shore
Regional Centre for Education

The South Shore Regional Centre for Education's Pre-Primary program – Serving local families through early education and literacy. Our newest Alumni :)



South Shore Public Libraries

The South Shore Public Library, Lunenburg Branch –

residents access this library 7 days a week for book borrowing, internet connectivity and robust programming.



Atlantic Canada Language Academy –
Offering immersive English programs for international learners.



Lunenburg Walking Tours is the newest resident to the Academy and can be found on the main floor. Their tours start at the 'Castle on the Hill' Academy grounds and follow a gentle downhill route to the vibrant working waterfront, shops and restaurants.

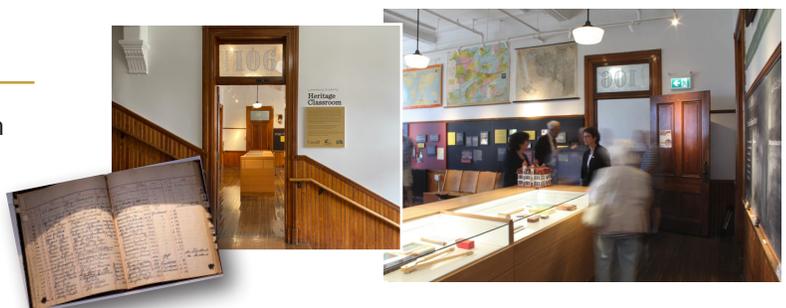


The South Shore Genealogical Association –
a dedicated group of researchers, historians and volunteers help residents and visitors keep the stories of families in Lunenburg County alive.

The Heritage Classroom Museum – A fully restored 19th-century classroom and interpretive exhibit that welcomed nearly 10,000 visitors last year.



Class Afloat – a world class training program for students from around the world who spend an academic year at sea travelling the world while learning to sail a Tall Ship.



DONOR RECOGNITION (2019–PRESENT):

We gratefully acknowledge the following donors whose generosity has supported the Lunenburg Academy Foundation.
Gifts are recognized by cumulative giving level.

\$500,000 and above

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\$200,000 to \$499,999

Gail (Fox) Hayes & Family

\$100,000 to \$199,999

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HISTORY:

In 1983, the Academy was Lunenburg's first structure to be recognized as a National Historic Site of Canada



The Lunenburg Academy is one of the town's most cherished structures. Designed by noted architect Harry H. Mott and built by local craftsman Solomon Morash, the Lunenburg Academy accepted its first 650-plus students on 7 November 1895. It was a state-of-the-art facility of its time, with a central heating and ventilation system that provided comfort to the Academy's three floors. Its six classrooms per floor were flooded with natural light from its large windows. Calling the pupils to class was the 656-pound bell made by the Lunenburg Iron Company.

Just as it was for the hundreds of students travelling throughout Lunenburg County, the Academy is a grand introduction to Lunenburg. Sited on one of the peninsula's highest points, the three-story Academy increases its prominence through its four towers and ornate mansard roof details. These are continued to the other levels and accentuated at the building's entrances. The Academy is still very much the 'Castle on the Hill' today that it was for generations of Lunenburgers.

The Academy is the best-preserved remnant of the prestigious academy system of education in Canada, and most of the interior is unchanged from its original appearance. The building's wood construction is significant, not only because it continues Nova Scotia's architectural traditions, but also because it reflects the local preference for wood construction and the design aesthetic of the Second Empire style.

In 1983, the Academy was Lunenburg's first structure to be recognized as a National Historic Site of Canada, and is also a designated Provincial and Municipal Heritage Building. It closed as a school in 2012, and is currently owned by the Town of Lunenburg, who are supported in their conservation efforts by the Lunenburg Academy Foundation, a dedicated group of volunteers, alumni and community leaders. The Academy presently operates as a community cultural centre, housing a variety of organizations.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

Excellence: In line with the sights set with the construction of this beautiful building we will work toward this standard in all that we do.

Respect for Heritage: As a National Historic Site the Academy is an important symbol of the heritage of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia and Canada. We will demonstrate respect for this heritage and must also be open to other historical narratives now emerging and the voices of those who had been silenced or overlooked in the past.

Education: The Academy is a monument to the importance of education. We understand that learning never stops and facilitating education for all is an ongoing quest.

Building Community: The Academy was an integral part of this community and helped Lunenburg grow and prosper as it helped the students within its walls do the same. Continuing this legacy is possible as the building takes on a new role as a Community Cultural Centre.



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