



A Historic Announcement for Nova Scotia's Museums

The Association of Nova Scotia Museums launches a new provincial Accredited Museums Program

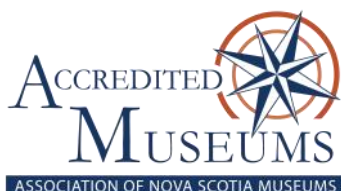
Halifax, NS. May 18 2020 - The Association of Nova Scotia Museums (ANSM), with support from [Communities, Culture, & Heritage](#), and [Nova Scotia Gaming Support4Culture](#), is pleased to announce the launch of a brand new provincial [Accredited Museums](#) program.

Museums will receive the new 'Accredited Museum' designation if they take part in the [Museum Evaluation Program](#) as well as meet the necessary [requirements](#). This new designation will provide museums with proof of meeting the highest industry standards and practices and organizations that manage multiple sites will be required to undergo evaluation for each site, as the designation is site-specific. Museums must repeat the process every 4 years in order to maintain their "Accredited Museum" status.

A group of museum representatives from across Nova Scotia worked with ANSM to redevelop the museum evaluation process, create an application and review process for professional caliber evaluators, and to develop policy and procedural guidelines for the Accreditation Program that ensure industry standards are met or exceeded for all sites that receive the new designation. Museums will be able to showcase their designation on-site, as well as on promotional materials, digital platforms, and in grant applications, and will be featured on the ANSM website.

Four museums will receive their Accredited Museum status this spring including the [Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum](#), the [Avon River Heritage Museum](#), the [DesBrisay Museum](#), and the [Northumberland Fisheries Museum](#). These museums will receive a package of branded material to display at their respective sites for the next four years to provide proof of their high operational standards to the visiting public. Due to COVID-19, the evaluations and accreditation site assessments scheduled for this year have been delayed and will now be performed in 2021 to receive designation in 2022. ANSM also has plans to expand the Accredited Museums digital presence, including creating a new dedicated program website, to be launched with the next round of accreditations.

Additional information and media resources can be found [here](#).



The Association of Nova Scotia Museums (ANSM) is a registered non-profit organisation whose mission is to nurture excellence in, and champion on behalf of, museums in Nova Scotia. Originally established in 1976, the organization continues to work in partnership with museums to benefit the museum sector as a whole.

