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## **Museum Evaluation Program 2019-2023**

For more than 20 years, many museums in Nova Scotia have participated in an evaluation process through the Community Museum Assistance Program (CMAP). CMAP is a Government of Nova Scotia supported program currently delivered through the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

The Association of Nova Scotia Museums (ANSM) is a non-profit organization which supports museums in Nova Scotia. Part of its mandate is "to encourage the development of professional best practices in Nova Scotia's museums". In complement to its commitment to professional best practices, and in partnership with the provincial government, ANSM entered into an agreement to undertake the delivery of museum evaluations and implemented a revised evaluation program in 2016. Since its launch, 99 museums have participated in the program. ANSM has continuously engaged with a working group and sought input from participating museums to build and improve the evaluation process.

**ANSM is now pleased to announce the launch of the Museum Evaluation Program's 4-year cycle:**

### **Year 1 (2019)**

Admiral Digby Museum  
Africville Museum  
Annapolis Heritage Society  
Annapolis Valley Macdonald Museum  
Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum  
Avon River Heritage Society  
Charles Macdonald Concrete House  
Cumberland County Museum and Archives  
DesBrisay Museum  
Église Sainte-Marie Church Museum  
Islands Historical Society  
Jost Heritage House  
Little White Schoolhouse Museum  
MacDonald House Museum  
Malagash Salt Mines Museum

Margaree Salmon Museum  
Milton Blacksmith Shop Museum  
Musquodoboit Harbour Railway Museum  
North Queens Heritage House  
Northumberland Fisheries Museum  
Old Court House Museum  
Orangedale Railway Museum  
Queens County Museum  
Port Hastings Museum & Archives  
Randall House Museum  
Sydney Mines Heritage Museum  
Wallace and Area Museum  
West Hants Historical Society  
Whitney Pier Historical Museum

## **Year 2 (2021)**

Age of Sail Heritage Centre  
Antigonish Heritage Museum  
Argyle Township Court House & Gaol  
The Army Museum  
Cape Breton Miners Museum  
Chestico Museum & Archives  
Colchester Historem  
Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum  
Dartmouth Heritage Museum  
Fort Point Museum  
Fultz House Museum  
Kings County Museum  
LaHave Islands Marine Museum  
Mahone Bay Museum

Margaret Fawcett Norrie Heritage Centre  
McCulloch Genealogy Centre  
Memory Lane Heritage Village  
Musée des Acadiens des Pubnicos et Centre de Recherche  
North Highlands Community Museum  
Old Sydney Society  
Ottawa House Museum by-the-Sea Museum  
Parkdale-Maplewood Community Museum  
Shearwater Aviation Museum  
Shelburne County Museum  
Sydney & Louisburg Railway Museum  
Les Trois Pignons Centre Culturel  
Yarmouth County Museum and Archives

## **Year 3 (2022)**

Baile nan Gàidheal (Highland Village)  
Balmoral Grist Mill  
Barrington Woolen Mill  
Black Loyalist Heritage Centre  
Cossit House  
Dory Shop Museum  
Firefighters' Museum of Nova Scotia  
Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic  
Fisherman's Life Museum  
Fundy Geological Museum  
Haliburton House  
Lawrence House  
Maritime Museum of the Atlantic  
McCulloch House  
Museum of Industry

Museum of Natural History  
North Hills Museum  
Nova Scotia Museum Storage Facilities  
Old Meeting House  
Perkins House  
Prescott House  
Ross Farm Museum  
Ross-Thomson House  
Shand House  
Sherbrooke Village  
Sutherland Steam Mill  
Uniacke Estate Museum Park  
Le Village Historique Acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse  
Wile Carding Mill

## **Year 4 (2023)**

Amos Seaman School Museum  
Archelaus Smith Museum  
Canning Heritage Centre  
Cape Sable Historical Society

Carmichael-Stewart House Museum  
Hooked Rug Museum of North America  
Inverness Miners' Museum  
Isle Madame Historical Society

James House Museum  
Little School Museum  
Nicolas Denys Museum  
Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame  
Scott Manor House

SS Atlantic Heritage Park  
Tupperville School Museum  
Urban Farm Museum Society  
Whitman House Museum

ANSM is committed to providing strong support and working with museums as they prepare for evaluations. Orientation sessions will take place in October of each year, and a resource person will be available throughout the winter/spring months to provide regular updates, tips, resources, and reminders of deadlines. Participation in an orientation session is mandatory for museums that are part of CMAP and/or the Halifax Regional Municipality's Community Museums Grants Program. All museums scheduled for the upcoming evaluation cycle are encouraged to send at least two representatives to orientation (ideally a lead staff member and board member). Representatives are welcome to attend any session that works with their schedules. Registration is required and a minimal fee includes lunch and breaks. More information, including how to register, can be found on [ANSM's website](#).

Museum organizations that are interested in participating in the program can contact the Evaluation Program Manager for more information. A limited number of places are reserved for new participants, and are available on a first-come first-served basis.

The Museum Evaluation Program will be evolving into the Accreditation Program. The program will provide museums with a means to be transparent and accountable in their community and to other stakeholders. Museums that excel in the evaluation process and meet the other necessary program requirements will receive the designation of Accredited Museum.