

**Beaverton Thorah Eldon
Historical Society
October 1976-January 2026**

Celebrating 50 Years

*Council Presentation
January 12, 2026*



Who, Why, What and When?

Overview of Beaverton
Thorah Eldon Historical
Society and the Beaver
River Museum

Share highlights from
our first 50 years

Future plans

Continued municipal
and community
partnership



Beaverton Thorah Eldon Historical Society Beaver River Museum

In the beginning.....

- 1976 - Beaverton Thorah Eldon Historical Society is formed with nine volunteer directors to;
 - Encourage research into the history of the townships
 - Promote public interest in the history of the area
 - Maintain a museum as a repository for historical relics and artefacts
- 1981 - William Brain brick home built in 1884 opened to public
- 1982 - Log House added
- 1995 - Historic Beaverton Stone Jail begins move to the museum site
- 19?? - Meeting Place added for public meetings, artefact and archive storage



BTEHS today

- The Beaver River Museum holds the memories and collections of personal artefacts from the Beaverton, Thorah and Eldon communities
- The Museum is self supporting through fundraising, donations, new (2025) admission fees, and project grants
- 2025 introduced the Beaver River Railway exhibit, beginning to tell the story of the railways that shaped the community



Future Plans....

- **Sustainability:** new visitor and programming revenue streams
- **Accessibility:** building entrances physically accessible wherever possible or by virtual exploration QR codes
- **Digital Integration:** Moving to an online, accessible database of the artefacts/archive collection
- **Increased Local Context:** Engaging members and the community to tell/document the personal stories of the artefacts
- **Celebrations:** 50th Anniversary activities incorporated into annual events including *August 1 Settler's Day Celebrations*



Our Invitation to Brock Council

Highlight

Highlight the role and importance of community museums and cultural history as an integral component in tourism and visitor development strategies

Continue

Continue to support the Beaverton Thorah Eldon Historical Society and the Beaver River Museum through lease agreements and park main-tenance

Partner in

Partner in our efforts to offer enhanced accessibility to our buildings and new washroom facilities

Join

Join us in the celebrations of 50 years of keeping our community history alive