

Chester Municipal Heritage Society

Update – December 2009



To date we have poured a foundation, replaced and repaired the external structure and installed a



new roof including the dormers.

The final work for this season will be to run the electrical service underground into the house and do some preliminary landscaping in the front to ensure the water drains away from the foundation.

Our next steps will be to have period windows constructed, the house wired, a heating system installed, the house insulated and shingled outside. The cost approximately \$175,000.00 - our next fund raising goal. This money will cover the cost of wiring, shingles, insulation, heaters, windows and the accessible deck along the south side of the house facing the park.

We have applied for and received a number of provincial and federal grants for this project and continue to apply for others. Currently we are awaiting word on two grants which we hope to use to install an accessible washroom for the estate as well as meeting and research areas.

Presentations, fund raising efforts, and 250th activities have made for a busy year. We received recognition as a society for our leadership in the 250th celebrations, from our Provincial Government.

Envisioning the future -----

We have made use of a portion of the Crocker/Hunkin endowment and a grant from the Strategic Development Initiative program of the Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage to begin the process of developing the interpretation and programming for Lordly Estate Community Museum. We have the ability to offer a unique experience to visitors and locals alike. We are seeking input from our members and the public from across the municipality to learn what you think Lordly Estate Community Museum should be, what services you would like to see, and what the museum can offer you. We have the ability to make Lordly Estate Community Museum unique .

Last but not least, we need your monetary support to complete the Lordly Estate Restoration Project, please help us make this a reality! Give the future a Christmas gift! Buy a window, we need 19 of them , at \$500.00 each. We ensure that your window will bear a plaque with your name on it. We also can now offer our American supporters a way to receive a tax receipt for their donations.

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