



FAIRGROUND BUILDING CAMPAIGN

Construction Begins - Fundraising Continues



Demolition of the old arena annex began in November and construction is now in progress both outside and inside the building.

If you've been by the Fairgrounds recently, you may have noticed, things look a bit different! Demolition of the Annex of the "Old Arena" began the last week of the November. The interior of the building had already been cleaned and cleared out – including bleachers - right back to the original walls. By the start of December, the outdoor washroom building (right behind the ticket booth) was also gone.

And now, showing that sometimes "What comes down must go up", the beginnings of the Riverside Exhibition Centre starting to emerge. The footings are in for the new annex/lobby space, and inside the building, the ground is being prepped for the floor, and block is going down where rooms will be. The Riverside Exhibition Centre is becoming a reality!!

2019 Fair Theme: *Creating Memories, Building Community*

The Caledonia Fair has announced its theme for 2019.

Homecraft President Renee Hedley explained: "As the Caledonia Agricultural Society continues to fund raise for construction of the Riverside Exhibition Centre, we thought it only fitting to use the building theme *Creating Memories, Building Community* as our 2019 theme. The Centre is for the entire community and the Fair brings community together, creating new memories."

Watch for the theme in the 2019 prize list, due out in early spring.

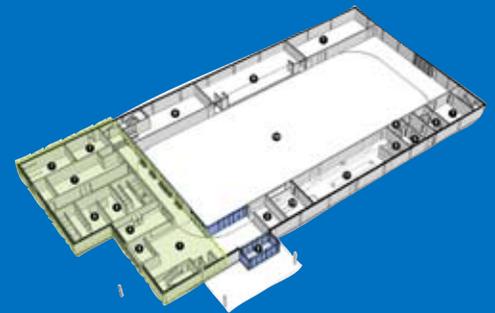
A Project Overview

The Caledonia Agricultural Society has embarked on a complete renovation of our Exhibition Hall (the old Caledonia Arena). The new facility will address the need for a larger and more versatile year-round venue that can host arts, culture, entertainment, sporting, business and charitable events.

The comprehensive renovation will include:

- 14,000 sq. ft. event space
- Heating and air conditioning
- Fully accessible facilities
- Commercial and teaching kitchen
- Multi-purpose space
- Upgraded accessible washrooms

The projected cost of construction is \$5.5M.



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Campaign Fundraising Update

Caledonia Fair Celebrates the Festive Season



The Caledonia Agricultural Society had a busy Christmas Holiday Season. Callie the Cow made the rounds with revelers at the annual Light up Night in Caledonia then joined in the annual Caledonia Christmas Parade. Hundreds of high 5's and pieces of candy were given out to the young and young at heart.

On Sunday Dec 2, the Society hosted the first ever Pre Christmas-Levee on the Fairgrounds. Participants enjoyed a beautiful day outside and inside with horse drawn wagon rides, Christmas Caroling, free crafts, great food, and a chance to take a look at the Old Arena wide open, as the renovations for the Riverside Exhibition Centre got under way.

Make Your Mark in 2019



Donations to the Building Campaign of \$500 to \$1000 will be recognized with an engraved brick, to be used along a pathway at the building entrance. And you get to pick what's engraved on the brick – A name, dedication, memorial – it's your call.

We've also got other recognitions for donations of all sizes. Pledges can be made over 3 years, or at one time. And since the Caledonia Agricultural Society is a Charitable organization, your support is tax deductible.

We need your support to help make this great facility a part of our community, bringing new events and opportunities to Haldimand and the surrounding area.

More Fund-raising News ...



Cayuga Mutual Insurance announced support of the project with a donation of \$50,000. Shown at left, Charlie Snyder of Cayuga Mutual presents a cheque to Vickie Peart and Don Douglas of the Society.

On a smaller scale, Ian Thompson (also of the Society) organized a holiday cookie fundraiser in conjunction with Senior Support. He reports: "We baked and sold 326 dozen shortbread cookies, and 144 bags of pretzels in the month of December! It was a joint fund-raiser between Caledonia Senior Support and the Fair, using the delicious recipe provided by Guy Ryan. Each organization made \$962 from the sales!"

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