
MUSÉE EATON CORNER



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Presentation of the issue:

Eaton Corner is the oldest village in the Eastern Townships and developed following the arrival of the Loyalists and many waves of immigration. Development stopped in 1880. Anglophones are now a minority in the region. The Eaton Corner Museum project was developed to showcase their heritage. This project faces many challenges: management, lack of funding and succession, a clash of cultures between anglophones and francophones, etc.

Project description:

In order to build up the Eaton Corner Museum, the anglophone community delivered between 3,000 and 4,000 artifacts. This represented a colossal number of objects, so we had to find ways to store and showcase them.

The board hired a project manager, Mario Santerre. They developed a plan with specific goals. They focused on volunteer contributions by matching the seniors with the young. They introduced more coercive clauses for the employees, more demanding in terms of deadlines. Their project received support from the CLD and SADC.

They are also working on the education aspect. They developed a workshop on ancient knowledge as well as an exhibit: "The Townships tell the story".

The key elements to remember according to the promoters:

- have a clear plan with objectives;
- volunteer involvement