



Press Release

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Sutton, August 31, 2022 - As part of the Journées du patrimoine religieux, the Sutton Volunteer Centre (CAB Sutton) invites the public to a presentation of its Maison des générations - Olivet House project. This social project aims to transform Olivet Church, built in 1845, into a community space for the people of Sutton and Abercorn. The dream of creating a community hub under the unifying theme of food at the Olivet Church has been years in the making. Olivet House will bring generations together, improve food security and improve health and social services for local communities.

Two presentations will be held on Friday, September 9, one in French (10:00 a.m.) and the other in English (11:00 a.m.). The purpose of the activity is to allow the public to learn more about the projected transformation of the site, the heritage features that will be preserved and the expected social impacts. Members of the CAB Sutton, Elisabeth Bouchard of eba architecture, and Isabelle Lortie of the Conseil du Patrimoine religieux du Québec will be present at the event. Representatives of the Town of Sutton and Mayor Robert Benoit will also be present. The public will also be invited to explore the Heritage circuits of Sutton.

The event will be held in front of the church and it will not be possible to visit the site, as work has been underway since August 8. It is thanks to the added financial support from the Conseil du patrimoine du Québec granted this summer that the work could finally start at 7 Maple Street in Sutton. Indeed, the additional financial assistance of \$500,000 granted to the project, in addition to the amount already announced in 2021, brings the total contribution of the Ministère de la Culture et des communications to \$1,042,920.

This financial support will allow the building to be brought up to code in order to make it accessible, safer, functional and energy efficient, while respecting the existing architecture. The building's current envelope and the volumes of the interior spaces will be preserved in order to accommodate a kitchen, food infrastructures, a large community space and a work area. The project also includes a restoration of the bell tower and stonewalls, as well as a new garden. "We are very grateful for this support, as the construction costs for the project are currently estimated at over \$1,700,000. This amount does not include professional fees, landscaping, equipment, permits and other miscellaneous costs which bring the overall project cost to over \$2 million," claims CAB President Luce Goerlach. Many financial partners also support the project, including the Government of Canada, the Town of Sutton, the Pacte Brome-Missisquoi, the Fondation Béati, the Fonds du Grand Mouvement Desjardins, the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, as well as numerous other foundations, businesses, organizations and donors in the community.

For more information on the event, visit the websites cabsutton.com and journesdupatrimoinereligieux.ca and [Maisondesgénérations](#) on Instagram.

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