

Cove Island Lightstation













Who are
we?

The Cove Island
Lightstation
Heritage
Association is a
volunteer, non-profit
group formed to
conserve the Cove
Island Lightstation for
present & future
generations of
Canadians





The Cove Island Lightstation Heritage Association

operates under an
agreement with the
Canadian Department
of Fisheries & Oceans
and in partnership with
Parks Canada



Vision Statement

Safeguard the heritage resources which make the Cove *Island Lightstation* a significant and representative part of Canada's Great Lakes Marine Heritage for the benefit, education and enjoyment, of present and future generations of Canadians.

Mission Statement

Ensure the heritage resources of the *Cove Island Lightstation* are protected, by restoring and preserving the lightstation while promoting public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of this heritage through the development of visitor activities, facilities and educational services.



Objectives



Conserve the buildings,
grounds, and
archaeological sites in a
manner that respects
lightstation's significant
and irreplaceable
historical legacy





Research, acquire
and preserve
significant historic
property and
documentary records
pertaining the Cove
Island Lightstation in
recognition of their
value as irreplaceable
cultural resources



Develop innovative
interpretive and
education programs,
which further
understanding and
appreciation of the Cove
Island Lightstation's
contribution to Canada's
historic and cultural
heritage;



Establish the “Cove
Island Lightstation
“Heritage Museum”
to showcase the
lightstation's valuable
historic resources,
and stimulate public
awareness,
knowledge and
appreciation

Provide for the long
term financial
viability of the Cove
Island Heritage
Association in order
to further the
Association's
charitable purposes





Form a broadly based
volunteer group with a
wide variety of skills
and talents that will
meet the needs of the
Cove Island Lightstation
Heritage Association

Work in partnership
with business,
government,
lighthouse groups,
and individuals to
inspire Canadians to
take an active role in
the preservation of
Canada's
lightstations





Protect the unique and sensitive ecosystem that currently exists around the lightstation by pursuing developments of the site under strict mandate of environmental sustainability.

What have we done





- *Basic maintenance*



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- *Condition Assessment*



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- *Health Risk Assessment*

Trials & Tribulations





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Challenges





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- “*Heritage Trust*”

