



## LCol The Honourable Isaac Buchanan (1810-1883)

Founding Commanding Officer

The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (WR)

formed 11<sup>th</sup> December 1862 as the

13th Battalion Volunteer Militia (Infantry) Canada

Isaac Buchanan was also an
International Merchant
First President Of The Hamilton Club
Prominent Businessman
Political Figure In Canada West
Founder of Hamilton and Toronto Boards of
Trade and,
Director In The Great Western Railway

#### STANDING ORDERS

OF THE

## XIIIth Battalion Bolunteer Militin Infantry

OF CANADA,

AS APPROVED BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

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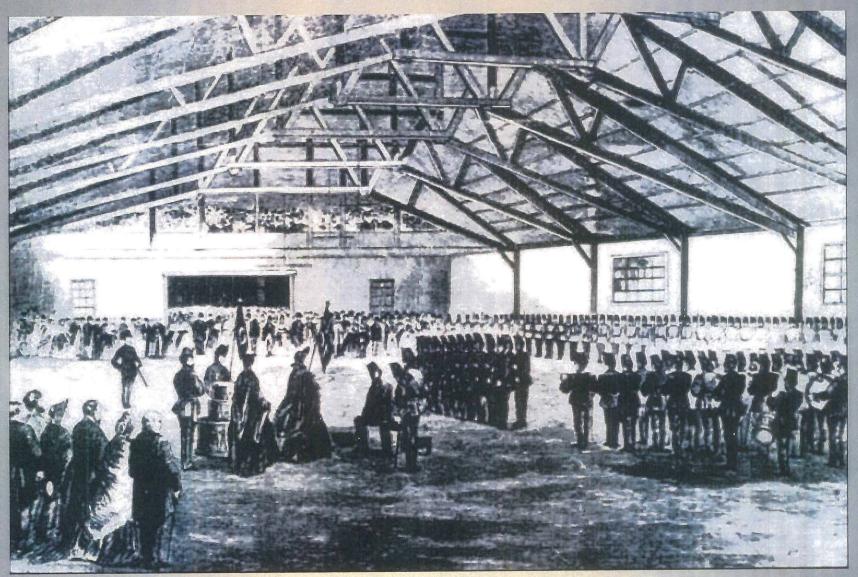
Commanding



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1863.



Published in the Canadian Illustrated News, September 12, 1863 ~ The 13th Battalion Volunteer Militia of Canada being presented the original set of Regimental Colours by Mrs. Buchanan at the Drill Shed on James Street, Hamilton. ~ LCol Isaac Buchanan Commanding.

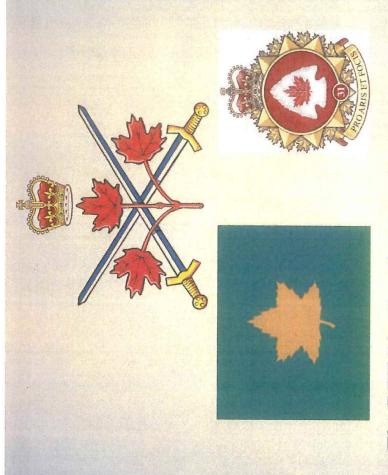




## The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (WR)

~Defending Canada since 1862~

Semper Paratus



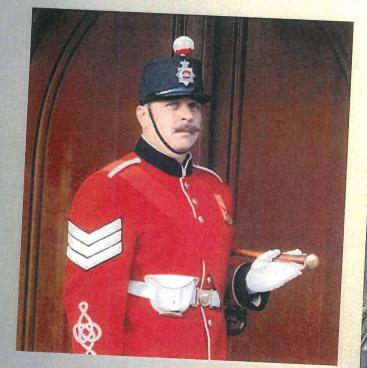
and we remain one of Canada's oldest, still active pre-confederation fighting units. Part of the Canadian Army, 4th Canadian Division, 31 Brigade The RHLI is Hamilton's senior infantry regiment



#### Proposed by Sgt Brian G. Buckle, CD RHLI

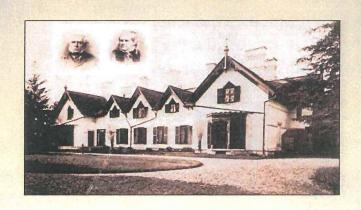
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# The XIII<sup>th</sup> Battalion Auchmar Trust



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#### **Auchmar Property Information:**



Auchmar House is the centrepiece of Claremont Park, the estate of Lieutenant Colonel, The Honourable Isaac Buchanan. It was built between 1852 and 1854 and is located at the northeast corner of Fennell Avenue and West 5th.

The manor house, its several remaining outbuildings, and stone orchard wall occupy about 8 acres (32,000 m2) of land which includes most of the original built features of the estate. However, the tiny Gatekeeper's Lodge, which resembles Auchmar House architecturally, became detached from the remainder of Claremont Park and is located on the mountain brow at 71 Claremont Drive.

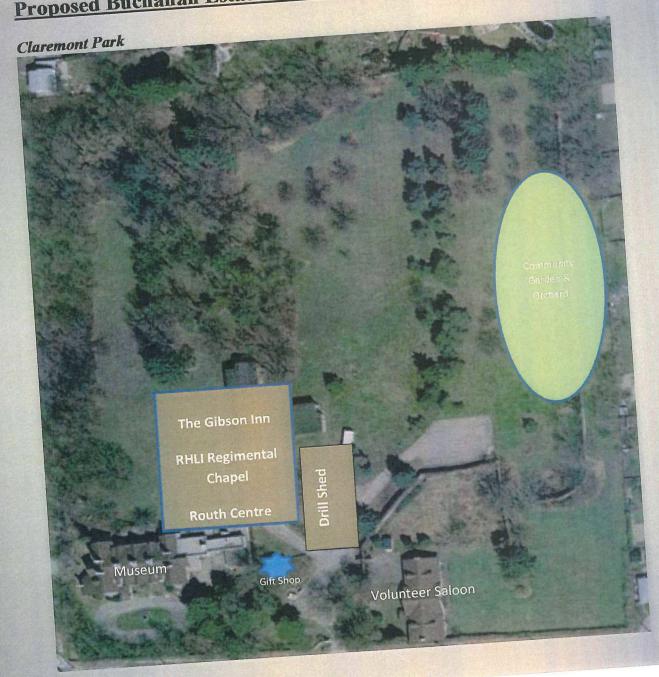
Auchmar House and the remaining contiguous portion of the Buchanan estate together represent a unique heritage asset currently owned by the citizens of Hamilton.

The Buchanan Estate is recognized by the Ontario Heritage Trust as having significant historical value. Auchmar House is recognized as an outstanding example of the domestic Gothic Revival and, with its surrounding acreage, constitutes one of only a few very rare mid-Victorian estates in Ontario which survives in relatively intact condition.

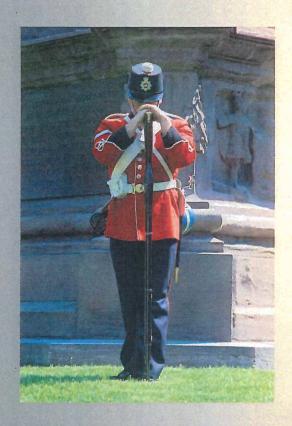


Claremont Park

## Proposed Buchanan Estate Land Use Plan



### The XIII<sup>th</sup> Battalion Auchmar Trust



**Claremont Community Park** 

RHLI Heritage Museum at Auchmar House

The Volunteer Saloon

The Gibson Inn & Regimental Chapel

The Old 13th Drill Shed

The Isaac & Agnes Buchanan Education Centre

**The Routh Centre** 

Friends of Auchmar Gift Shop and Gazebo



#### Mission

To honour, preserve and share the history of our founding Commanding Officer

LCol The Honourable Isaac Buchanan, his estate Auchmar House and Claremont Park and

The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Heritage Museum; for all the citizens of Hamilton as well

as for future generations of Rileys, while continuing with Buchanan's renowned

philanthropic principles for the betterment of our great community.



By incorporating the XIIIth Battalion Auchmar Trust, we propose to undertake the task of preserving the entire Buchanan Estate. This includes the historic buildings, and its historically significant landscape features.

Together, with the support of community partners, and in keeping with the four-fold operational principles of "History ~ Stewardship ~ Education ~ Benevolence". We will also develop programing, provide space and facilitate services and provide countless educational and learning opportunities in order to operate the Auchmar as a financially self-sustaining community accessible showplace. Auchmar will be a place of learning that maintains and safeguards the history of the Auchmar, Isaac Buchanan, and the illustrious history of The RHLI.



Initial and ongoing operational funding to be provided primarily through Federal,

Provincial and Municipal grants and endowments. Additional financial, operational-inkind and on-going support will come from various private, corporate and public sources
including charitable partnerships.



By providing income generators such as a fully functional conference centre, a full service catering service, a teaching brewpub/restaurant, a kitchen garden, guest accommodations, a teaching museum and a Regimental Chapel, we will be able to insure viable and ongoing income sources to offset operating costs.



In order to further honour Buchanan's legacy, we will continue to research his history and adopt some of the many causes that he championed; such as offering his estate to be used for Hamilton's Black Community's Emancipation Day celebrations as early as 1859 as one example, as well as his passion for education, music and the many other charities and causes he supported in his lifetime.

We will also offer various multi-layered & multi-disciplinary educational programs, learning opportunities, and community/social service programing; all done in partnership with various universities, colleges and other foundations and associations.



Furthermore, with similar partnerships, we can also help address some very serious challenges effecting our military (& first responder's) community and continue the 150 year old tradition of Auchmars legacy of being a place for wounded and recovering soldiers to recuperate and receive on-going assistance on the road to recovery.

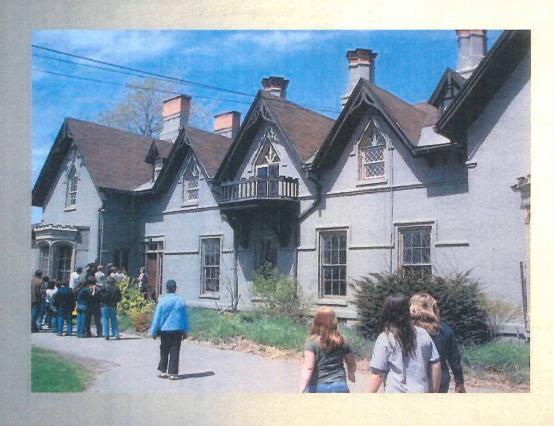
#### **Claremont Community Park**

The grounds of the Buchanan's Estate; *Claremont Park*, shall always remain a civic space.

Open and available for the community to enjoy free during daylight hours, year round. Only when Regimental or special events are being held will access be limited.

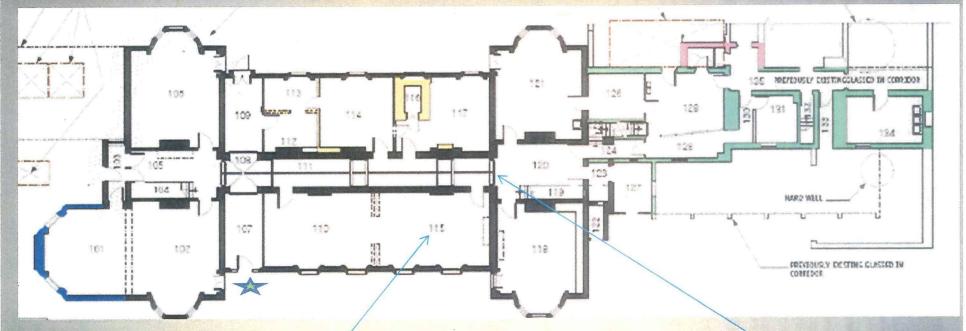


#### RHLI Heritage Museum at Auchmar House



- establish the RHLI Heritage Museum on the wheel chair-accessible ground floor of the Auchmar Mansion with additional rooms dedicated to Hon. Isaac Buchanan and his contributions to Hamilton and Canada
- establish, in partnership with the Ontario
  Museum Association, Willowbank School
  of Restorative Arts, McMaster University,
  George Brown College, and Mohawk
  College, a teaching museum providing
  learning opportunities in a variety of areas
  including, but not limited to, Curatorial
  and Museum Studies, Archaeology, and
  Historical Restoration
- provide the public access to the History and heritage of The RHLI, Isaac Buchanan, and Auchmar at Claremont Park

#### Proposed RHLI Heritage Museum at Auchmar House: Ground Floor Plan



#### **Ground Floor**



THE BUCHANAN ROOM

107	Museum Entrance Hall
115	The Buchanan Room
110	Grand Dinning Hall / Board Room
105	The Gibson Room
118	The Robinson Room
102	The Memorial Room
121	The Hayhurst Armoury
111-120	The Regimental Gallery
117	The Isaac Buchanan Library (1862)
114	Buchanan Gallery

113 Curators/Museum Offices 126-129 Museum Workshop and Archives 131-134 Archival Storage

REGIMENTAL GALLERY

#### Proposed RHLI Heritage Museum at Auchmar House: Second Floor Plan



#### **Second Floor**

- Curatorial Offices
- Directors Office
- •Educational Co-ordinators Office
- Archaeologist Office
- Admin Offices
- Museum Archives
- •Staff Lounge
- Project Co-ord Office
- Workshop/Restoration Rooms



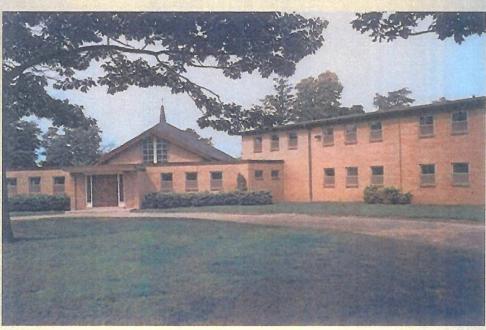
## The Volunteer Saloon Historic Teaching Brew Pub & Restaurant



• establish "The Volunteer Saloon" Historic Brew Pub & Restaurant in the former Coach House (name taken from the former establishment on James Street, across from the Drill Shed, often frequented by the original 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion soldiers, and considered by many to be their "other" Mess)

## The Gibson Inn Conference and Community Centre & The RHLI Regimental Chapel

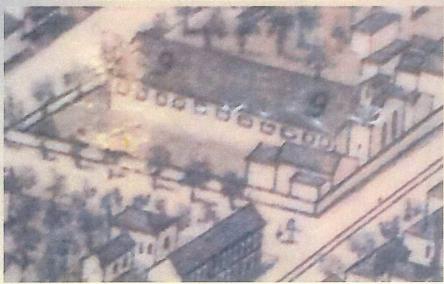




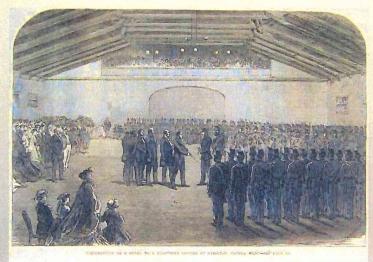


- establish and consecrate the new RHLI Chapel
- Building a modern structure on the footprint of the former Nun's complex to provide the space to offer conference facilities, guest accommodations, an industrial Kitchen for the use of CAF, EMS, Police and Fire personnel as well as corporate organizations or private groups.
- establish a full service conference & community centre, capable of providing temporary accommodations for up to 100 guests and support up to 400 patrons

#### The Old 13th Drill Shed

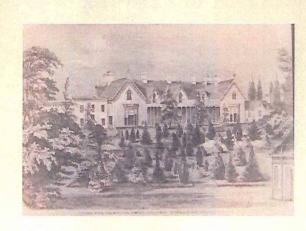


- re-construct the original 1863 wooden 13th Battalion Drill Shed
- to be used for regimental parades, public performances by RHLI Regimental Band, and demonstrations 13th Bn CG and available for public use for weddings, celebrations and various community or special events and private rentals



#### The Isaac & Agnes Buchanan Education Centre at Claremont Park







• to provide space, to coordinate and facilitate multi-layer educational opportunities, offering field placement, training and study in the following areas:

<u>Museum Sciences</u> – in partnership with the Ontario Museum Association, McMaster University, Brock University, HWDSB, HWCDSB offering internships and co-operative education placements in the RHLI Heritage Museum and Auchmar Estate

Archeological Studies - in partnership with the Ontario Archaeological Society, Brock University, University of Toronto, Western University, and Mohawk College offering internships and placements on the grounds of the Auchmar Estates

<u>Heritage Conservation Studies</u> —in partnership with The National Trust for Canada and Carleton U, Ryerson U, Centennial College offering internships and placements on the Mansion and grounds of the Auchmar Estate

Other learning opportunities available: Chef Training, Hotel Restaurant Management, the Sir John A Macdonald Secondary School Hospitality Program, Community Garden Network & N2N Nutritional Programs, Music lessons, and many more educational possibilities

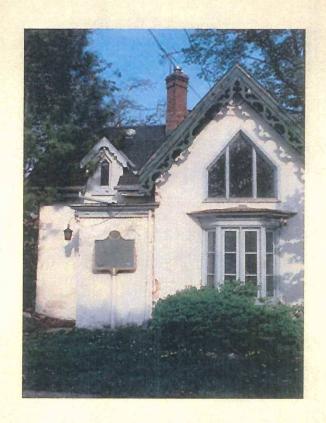
#### The Lt. Percy Routh Centre





- develop social services programming focused on issues surrounding OSI/PTSD; constructed on a peer-led, multi-discipline, harm reduction based model
- operate a veterans/public servants drop-in & resource centre providing day-time services to military, police, fire and EMS personal who may require crisis support, group or one-on-one programming

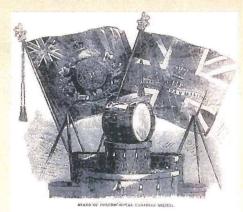
#### Claremont Park Gate House & Friends of Auchmar Gift Shop



- re-locate the gate house onto the property for preservation and conversion into a FOA gift shop and information centre
- staffed entirely by FOA Volunteers
- all profits go to FOA

#### 4 Pillar Operational Principles

#### History ~ Stewardship ~ Education ~ Benevolence



#### History

• Preserving, protecting and exhibiting the history of Isaac Buchanan, Auchmar and Claremont Park as well as the RHLI Heritage Museum

#### Stewardship

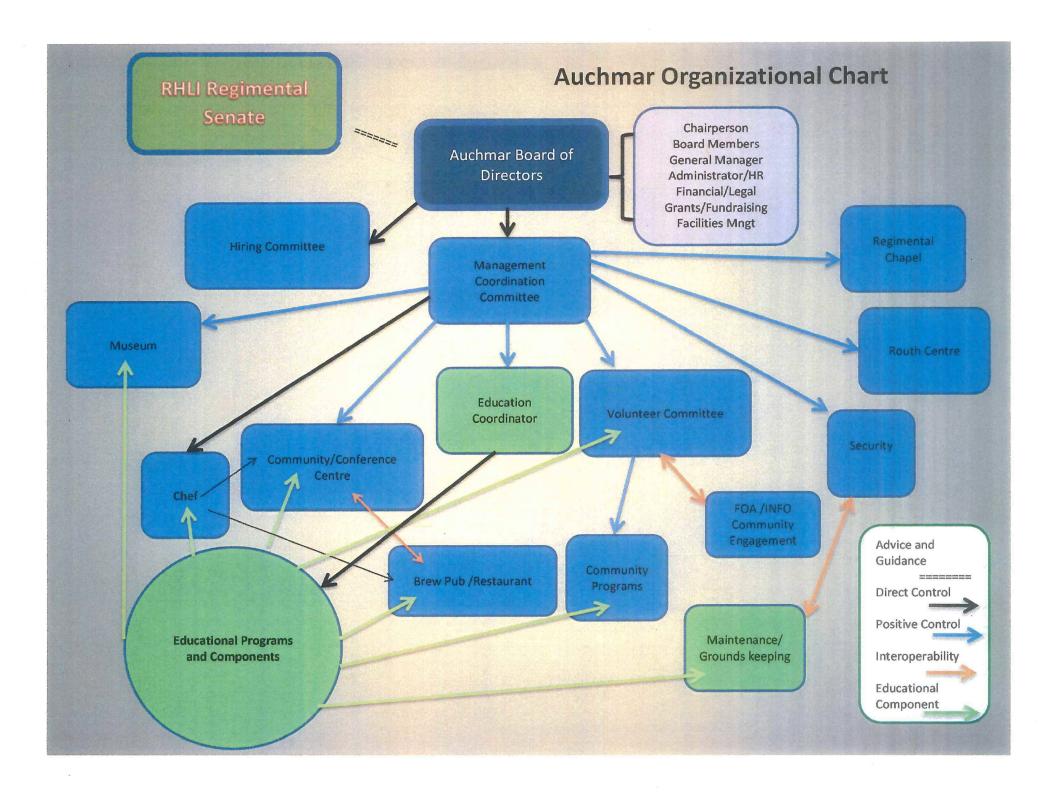
• Ensuring that Auchmar, Claremont Park and the RHLI Heritage Museum are well-maintained for future generations of Rileys and the citizens of Hamilton

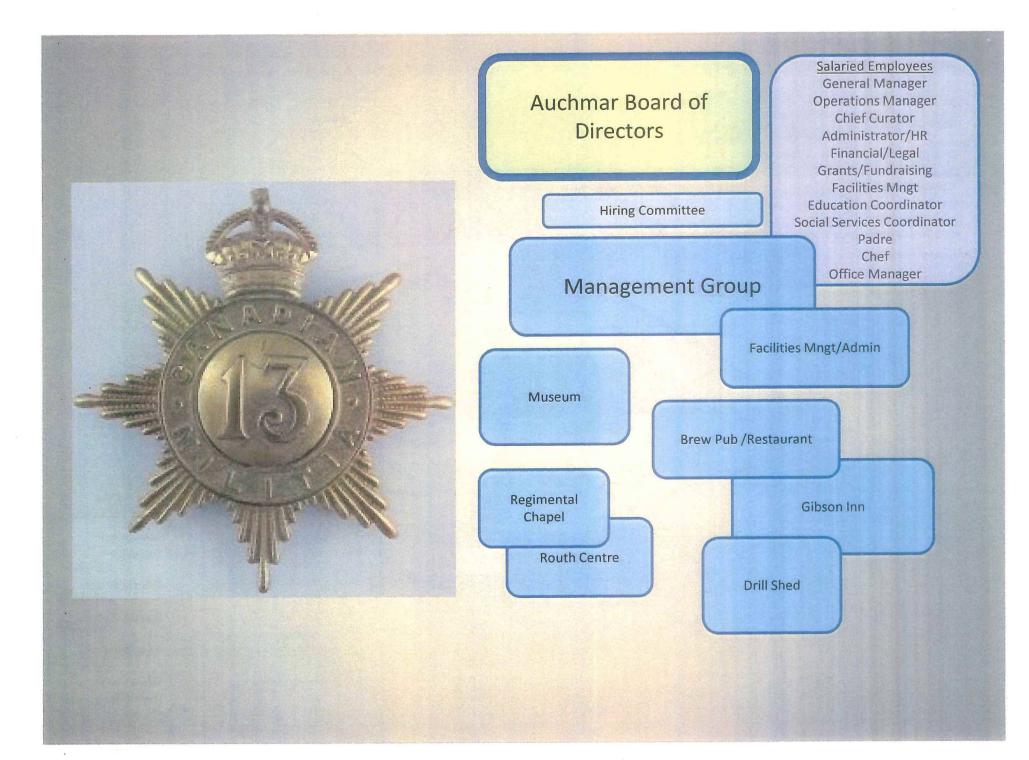
#### Education

• Providing multiple opportunities for learning through educational programs and partnerships with various institutions and organizations throughout the entire estate

#### Benevolence

• Upholding and continuing with Buchanan's philanthropic ideals through community engagement and charitable partnerships





#### **Potential Historic Partners**

The Ontario Heritage Trust
The Ontario Museum Associations
Willowbank School of Restorative Art
The Friends of Auchmar
St. Johns Ambulance
The National Trust for Canada
The Organization of Military Museums of Canada

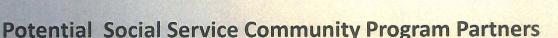


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Willowbank School of Restorative Arts
Neighbour to Neighbour

The National Trust for Canada

McMaster University, University of Toronto, Ryerson University, Carleton University, George Brown College, Mohawk College, HWDSB



VAC / OSISS / MFRC
Neighbour to Neighbour
Community Garden Network







#### **Auchmar Income Generation Potential**

- Weddings/party rentals (major)
- Private events/clubs/tradeshows (major)
- Drill Shed Rentals (major)
- Movie Shoots (major)
- Catering (major to mid-range)
- Pub/Restaurant (major/mid-range)
- Military or Corporate Retreats/Symposiums/Conferences (major)
- Regimental Band Concerts (profits to charity)
- Museum/Estate Tours (minor)
- Gift Shop/Information (profits donated to FOA)
- Educational Programming Fees or In-kind Donation via Staff Placement, Students & Volunteers





#### 13th Auchmar Trust Proposed Phases

Ph1 Open of Claremont Park

Dedication to the Citizens of Hamilton

Ph2 Volunteer Saloon

Ph2 RHLI Museum at Auchmar House

Preservation of Auchmar Mansion

Archaeological Surveys

Interior Preservation

Exterior & Grounds/Landscaping

Digital and Electronic Archiving of RHLI HM

Move parts of RHLI HM and Archives to Auchmar

Ph2 Isaac & Agnes Buchanan Education Centre

Ph3 Gibson Inn and Chapel

Ph3 Routh Centre

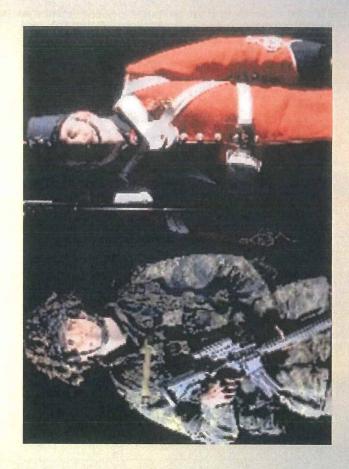
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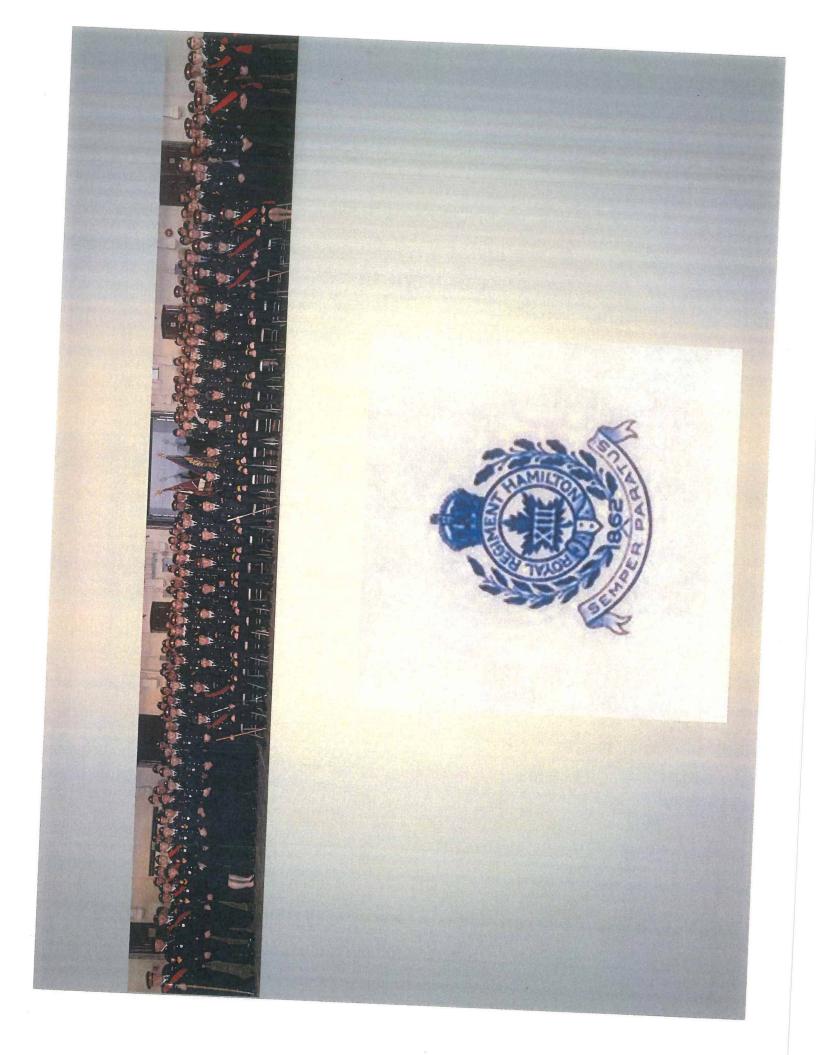




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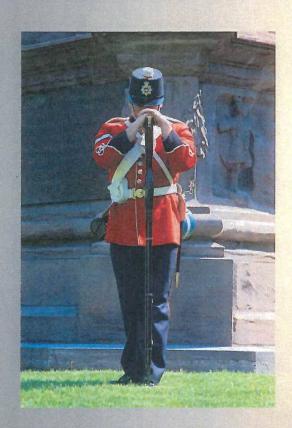






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