



## Auberge McGowan Communiqué

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Heritage Georgeville, I am writing to provide an update on the upcoming redevelopment of the Auberge McGowan in Georgeville. As most will know, Auberge McGowan is in the process of an exciting renewal.

### **Background**

A proposal by existing shareholders to redevelop the Auberge McGowan site was approved by the Board of Directors and shareholders of Heritage Georgeville in October 2019. Since then, members of the community have provided thoughtful, supportive comments during the consultation period on the redevelopment proposal. This is a positive and forward-looking direction for Heritage Georgeville, one that will preserve the Auberge McGowan site for future generations of residents and visitors to Georgeville.

Auberge McGowan successfully resumed operations in June of this year in accordance with public health guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic. The beautiful summer weather provided excellent conditions for many to enjoy a meal on the terrasse, while marina operations continued to allow boaters to enjoy the lake. We are fortunate to have this wonderful site and this has never been more apparent than in 2020.

### **What's Ahead**

As we look to the future, the redevelopment of the Auberge McGowan site will begin in a few short weeks. Key dates to note are the following:

Sunday, September 6 will be the last day of operation and service at the current Auberge McGowan;  
Wednesday, September 9, redevelopment of the site will begin.

During the construction phase of the project, through late summer, fall and 2021, the site will be fenced for the safety and security of residents. Every effort will be made to minimize disruptions, along with construction noise and traffic. The project architect and contractor have developed a plan that will respect the property of neighbours and the community, including the protection of mature trees to be preserved on the site, where possible.

### **The re-opening of Auberge McGowan is scheduled for Summer of 2021.**

The months ahead represent a milestone in the history of Georgeville – one that maintains our commitment to preserving the heritage and character of the village while ensuring that our spaces and gathering places are safe and accessible for all.

As you will see from the architectural plans, the spirit and style of the current building is being preserved. Some of the notable design features in the new building are: a dining room with capacity for 40 people inside, two terrasses facing the lake, 12-foot high ceilings allowing for much more natural light inside the building, and a building of two storeys to remain consistent with other historic buildings in the village. The architectural plans will soon be posted on the Auberge McGowan website [www.aubergemcgowan.com](http://www.aubergemcgowan.com) and we invite you to view the plans.

For more than 220 years, Georgeville has welcomed friends and family in its Inns, boarding houses, and hotels - such as the Camperdown Hotel, the Elephants Hotel, and the Cedar Cliffs Boarding House. The history of an establishment on the current site can be traced to 1886 when Charles and Martha McGowan purchased a cottage on the lakefront and took on the role of Georgeville innkeepers.

The redevelopment of the Auberge McGowan will be an exciting project for all to follow.

### **About Heritage Georgeville**

Heritage Georgeville is an association of Georgeville residents formed in 1990 to protect the Auberge McGowan site and property for the benefit of the Georgeville community over the long-term. Heritage Georgeville will continue to oversee the redevelopment and renewal of this historic site for years to come.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [hughscott2011@gmail.com](mailto:hughscott2011@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

Sincerely,

*Hugh Scott*  
President, Heritage Georgeville inc.