

## Media Advisory

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# Charles Bowman and Family Portrait, Restored Painting and New Display to be Unveiled

May 23, 2023— On Tuesday, May 23, a newly installed display of the Charles Bowman and Family Painting was unveiled in a private ceremony at the Municipal Administrative Centre in Bowmanville.

This portrait was donated to the Clarington Museums and Archives in 2015 and represents an important piece of local history. It is the only known likeness of Bowmanville's namesake, Charles Bowman.

The painting was initially unveiled in Council Chambers on November 5, 2015 as the first opportunity for local residents to see Mr. Bowman's painted image. Since that time, the painting has been cared for as part of the permanent Museum collections in Bowmanville.

Recently, the painting underwent professional conservation treatment by an accredited painting conservator. The painting required cleaning, specialized conservation treatment and framing prior to display. Due to its significance, and sensitivity of materials, a custom-built, climate-controlled display case was sourced in order to have the painting displayed safely.

With our desire to share this unique piece of the town's history with local residents, the newly-created display has been installed in the local government headquarters to be accessible to all. An accompanying interpretive panel has also been installed describing the painting in Braille.

"The Clarington Public Library, Museums, and Archives are thrilled to share this wonderful piece of local history with our community," said Monika Machacek, CEO of the Clarington Public Library, Museums, and Archives. "The painting will be preserved and accessible for generations to come."

Local residents will be able to view the Charles Bowman and Family portrait in the Municipal Administrative Centre as of Wednesday May 24, 2023.

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