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ARCHAEOLOGY ALIVE: NEW EXHIBIT AT MUSEUM

Discover The Story Behind The Artifacts

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON – The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and Community Centre is excited to introduce “Archaeology Alive! The Jean-Baptiste Lainé Site in Whitchurch-Stouffville” a new, year-long exhibit opening July 11th featuring artifacts on loan from the Canadian Museum of History and the Huron-Wendat Museum.

Explore and learn about this amazing Huron-Wendat archaeological site while you engage with this interactive exhibit – a great opportunity for you and your family to learn about the fascinating history that has taken place in Whitchurch-Stouffville. You can also enjoy a 3-D gaming experience, a virtual longhouse created in partnership with Ryerson University, and oral histories by Huron-Wendat Nation members.

Last night’s exhibit opening allowed a sneak-peek for those in attendance, including representatives from Wendake, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Province of Ontario and the Federal Government. Mayor Iain Lovatt said “this is an important step of many steps for Whitchurch-Stouffville and the Huron-Wendat People.”

The Jean-Baptiste Lainé Site, which was previously referred to as the Mantle Site, was home to a remarkable late 16th century ancestral Huron-Wendat community uncovered in southeast Stouffville between in 2003 – 2005. As explained by the Huron-Wendat Nation, this archaeological site corroborates Huron-Wendat knowledge and culture in terms of its ultimate origins and deepest cultural identity.

For more information please visit townofws.ca/WaybackinWS

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Alternative Quotes

“Huron-Wendat takes care of their heritage, and what we are doing here, is taking care of our heritage” - **Maxime Picard**, Representative of Huron-Wendat

“When this exhibit was suggested over two years ago, I thought, there’s no way – it’s too big, we’re too small. However, whenever we reached out to ask for assistance or guidance, this gracious community was there to help. Those partnerships have allowed us to successfully display this amazing history for the community” – **Stephanie Foley**, Museum Curator

“We hope this exhibit will bring more attention to our ancestral life, this is another step forward to reconciliation” - **Maxime Picard**, Representative of Huron-Wendat

Photo Attached

Upper from left to right – Stan Mantle, Shirley (Mantle) Pogue, Dr. Ron Williamson (Archaeological Services, Inc.), Councillor Richard Bartley, Councillor Rick Upton, Mayor Iain Lovatt, Councillor Ken Ferdinands, Chief Administrative Officer Rob Adams, Director of Leisure and Community Services Marilou Murray

On bench from left to right –Wanda McWilliams (Canadian Museum of History) , Councillor Sue Sherban, Wendake Representative Maxime Picard, MPP Jane Philpott and Museum Curator Stephanie Foley