



CALEDONIA FAIR

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WEB EXHIBITION ACCOUNTING FUND-RAISING INITIATIVE

The original Exhibition Accounting package was written in the early 1990s as a DOS program and is now out of date. I have continued to support the program but it is no longer viable on Windows Vista and Windows 7 64-bit computers. I am proposing to rewrite the program as a web-based application and treat it as an “open source” initiative. That is, I would not charge for the program and would provide open access to the source code.

Open source projects are typically funded by donations. Instead of donating money to me directly, please consider making a donation in my name to the Caledonia Fair Arena Renovation project (described below).

Please make cheques payable to *Caledonia Fair* and note *Arena Renovation* as a memo.

For more information about the program, email me at support@xaweb.ca, or call Caledonia Fair at (905) 765 6861 for my personal contact information. Thank you for your support.

Charlie Roth

ARENA RENOVATION PROJECT

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Caledonia Agricultural Society (CAS), sponsor of the Caledonia Fair, has been serving the community of Haldimand for more than 135 years. The Fairgrounds, conveniently located in the centre of town, are the largest green space in Caledonia and are the home of the Fair itself and many other events. Most of those events are currently served by the old town arena.

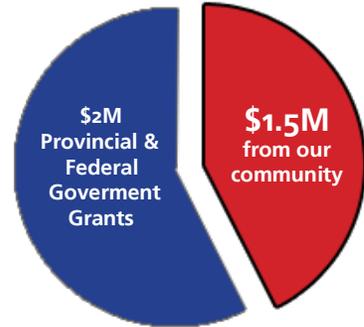
The Arena is a recurring theme in the history of the Fair Board. In May of 1970 the town proposed a new Arena which would be owned by the CAS and leased to the Caledonia Community Service Board for ten months of each year. In 2005, with the opening of the twin-pads arena, the town decommissioned the ice surface in the old arena. Having no more use for the building, the town transferred full ownership to the Fair Board. Designed as a hockey arena and badly neglected during the final years of the town’s tenure, the arena is not well-suited to its current function as a meeting and exhibition hall.

Because of its location on the fair grounds, the arena is ideally and uniquely situated for many kinds of community events, meetings, activities and festivals. The agricultural society is proposing a complete renovation to the building, including modern meeting facilities, better accessibility, upgraded washrooms and other features that will greatly expand the usefulness of the building. Our objective is to transform it into a fully functional exhibition and meeting hall that can support a wide variety of community events.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Where will the \$3.5M come from?

The budget for the proposed renovation is \$3.5M. The new Arena will be built on the generosity of our government, our donors, our communities and our members. As a member of the Ontario Fair community, I'm sure you can empathize with our Board and understand this project all too well. Please take a moment to help us close the gap.



- 1 reroof and reclad exterior of building and insulate throughout;
- 2 install heating and air-conditioning;
- 3 redesign main floor into a single large exhibition hall and a large adjoining meeting room;
- 4 improve acoustics in main hall and install modern audio-visual facilities in all meeting and exhibition rooms;
- 5 expand washrooms and make them more readily accessible from both meeting and exhibition rooms;
- 6 addition of a foyer and new entrance way;
- 7 installation of modern kitchen and bar facilities;
- 8 addition of a large, divisible meeting room separate from the main hall area;
- 9 expansion of second story to allow for the future addition of more meeting facilities.

