Sherbrooke Village Old Fashioned Christmas to Take a Pause for Thoughtful Reflection in 2024

Sherbrooke Village Old Fashioned Christmas Association (SVOFCA) has deemed it necessary to cancel the 2024 edition of the Old-Fashioned Christmas event.

Shifting community demographics and volunteer burnout have contributed to this difficult decision by SVOFCA. At the same time, Sherbrooke Village recognises the community importance of the Old-Fashioned Christmas event to residents, families, businesses and visitors to the District of St. Mary's. After taking a pause this year for thoughtful reflection on the best path forward, Sherbrooke Village currently anticipates launching a renewed holiday event on the Museum site next year.

Old Fashioned Christmas at Sherbrooke Village has been an annual tradition since 1996, with hiatus years in 2008 and 2014.

Sherbrooke Village and Sherbrooke Restoration Commission are committed to expanding community use and novel events on the Museum site throughout the year, and in the off-season, and look forward to a revitalised holiday event in November 2025.

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The Sherbrooke Village Old Fashioned Christmas Association is a not-for-profit, volunteer group, incorporated in 2014, who work diligently in partnership with Sherbrooke Village to offer an off-season, illuminated Christmas festival. Over 100 volunteers contribute thousands of volunteer hours in preparation for the annual celebration of rural Nova Scotia Christmas traditions.

Sherbrooke Village is Nova Scotia's largest living history museum, governed by Sherbrooke Restoration Commission and a part of the Nova Scotia Museum. Its mission is to represent the social, political and economic histories of rural village life in the latter half of the 19th century and seeks to improve public enjoyment and understanding of authentic Nova Scotian histories through its interpretive programs and offering of remarkable experiences.

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