



New Ross District Museum Society Foundation Statements

Ross Farm District Museum Society Strategic Plan (2017-2020)

Mission

The mission of the Ross Farm District Museum Society is to depict the authentic experience of a typical 19th and early 20th century working upland family farm in Nova Scotia and develop awareness of the relevance of traditional agricultural practices to contemporary life.

Mandate

The mandate of the Ross Farm District Museum Society is to:

- Preserve the physical fabric of the Ross Family Farm;
- Interpret the experience of the Ross family farm and the Ross family as representative of a Nova Scotia upland family farm of the period;
- Demonstrate, teach and preserve traditional agricultural practices;
- Highlight the connections between traditional practices and current issues of economic, social and environmental sustainability;
- Design and implement educational programming for youth and audiences of all ages;
- Provide a forum for discussion of sustainable farming and agricultural traditions;
- Collaborate with other museums, educational institutions, organizations and individuals in the furtherance of our mission and the overall mission and interpretive goals of the Nova Scotia Museum;
- Engage in enterprises that relate to the preservation and practices of sustainable living.

Vision

Our vision is to be a recognized centre of excellence in the modern application of environmentally and economically sustainable traditional small farming values and practices.

Values:

Ross Farm values:

- **Our Story:** We are proud of the story we tell and what it teaches about both the past and present;
- **Our Community:** Our community are our partners, and we can build on each other's success;
- **Our Visitors:** We are committed to serving our visitors and ensuring a welcoming and enjoyable experience;
- **Teamwork, Collaboration, Respect:** We are committed to working together and with others in ways that are supportive and respectful;
- **Safety:** We believe that the safety and well-being of our visitors, staff and livestock are imperative;
- **Sustainability and Stewardship:** We are committed to working in ways that are environmentally and financially sustainable, and to demonstrating responsible stewardship of our assets and resources;
- **Fairness, Inclusivity and Transparency:** We endeavor to be fair, inclusive and transparent in our choices and actions;
- **Heritage Resources:** We are committed to the preservation of heritage breeds, seeds and skills;
- **Responsiveness and Innovation:** We strive to be open to new ideas and innovative in the way we work;
- **Rural Way of Life:** We have a deep respect for the way of life in rural areas and the lessons that can be drawn from it.