

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRS OF THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS RESOURCE CENTRE (ETRC) AND STANSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY (SHS)

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It is with great pleasure that we introduce this joint publication on the history of Carrollcroft, the current home of the *SHS* and the Colby-Curtis Museum in Stanstead. To commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its construction (1859–1860), this issue focuses on Carrollcroft's social, architectural and economic significance to the mid–late 19<sup>th</sup> history of Stanstead and the Eastern Townships. The guest editors, Jean Manore and Peter Southam, worked closely with a team of specialists, historians and an architect to deliver brilliant new insights into the research on 19<sup>th</sup> century society, culture and the built environment.

As Chairs of our respective organizations involved in the gathering and dissemination of historical knowledge, we are especially proud of our abilities to collaborate in bringing together an established network of researchers. Our joint efforts will no doubt enhance public exposure to local history, particularly to Stanstead's, as well as provide a wider platform for further research and publication. We anticipate this work to be the first of many future shared ventures and partnerships in the coming years.

Enjoy!

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