Ironstone Building Company contributes $50,000 towards Fugitive Slave Chapel project

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LONDON, ON (September 28, 2022) - The fundraising campaign to relocate, restore, and develop programing for London’s Fugitive Slave Chapel at Fanshawe Pioneer Village (FPV), received a generous contribution from the Ironstone Building Company today.

Ironstone President David Stimac, visited the current location of the historic Chapel and presented a cheque for $50,000 to FPV Board Member Christina Lord, Steering Committee member Harold Usher, and Fanshawe Pioneer Village Executive Director, Dawn Miskelly. During the presentation he shared, “London is full of so many historical treasures that many of us take for granted. The Fugitive Slave Chapel is a key historical symbol of London’s Black community. Our team at Ironstone is honoured to make a contribution to help relocate, restore and preserve this structure in its new home at the Fanshawe Pioneer Village. We hope our contribution will motivate many others in our community to step up and help reach the fundraising goal of $300,000. We look forward to seeing the completed project.”

“Preserving this 19th Century Built Chapel is actually preserving a piece of Canada’s History, London’s History and Black History, all in one!” commented Steering Committee member Harold Usher.

“We are extremely grateful for Ironstone’s community investment to help ensure this building is preserved, and its important story shared,” added Dawn Miskelly.

The Village and the Steering Committee for the Fugitive Slave Chapel project have worked over the summer months through the multi-step process to gain approvals and Municipal Council’s consent to remove the building from the Heritage Designated property at 432 Grey Street. During this time they have also worked to; complete the building permit application and source contractors for preparation of the new foundation at the Village, and engage the movers to begin planning the logistics for the buildings future relocation. Organizers are working towards the goal of relocating the building to Fanshawe Pioneer Village before the end of this year.

About the Ironstone Building Company - Established in 2010 with the primary goal of providing people with exceptional homes at reasonable prices, the Ironstone Building Company builds New Homes and Townhomes across London Ontario. Ironstone offers clients a combined building expertise that extends beyond 40 years.

Members of the community wishing to donate can visit: The Chapel Project — London Community Foundation (lcf.on.ca)

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