

LUCY MAUD MONTGOMERY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (LMMSO)

1. The Lucy Maud Montgomery Society of Ontario (LMMSO) has been formed. It is a not-for-profit company incorporated in the Province of Ontario and registered as a charitable organization with the Canadian Revenue Agency. The LMMSO, which is headquartered in Uxbridge, has a constitution and by-laws which could be put on the web.
2. The LMMSO has purchased the old St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Leaskdale which is the church which brought LMM to Leaskdale from PEI (her husband was the minister there) and it was here where LMM devoted a good deal of time to teaching Sunday School, leading women's groups, etc.
3. The LMMSO has conducted a major fund-raising drive to support the acquisition of the church.
4. The LMMSO applied for and received a \$50,000 Trillium grant which was used to have a consultant prepare a Conservation, Presentation and Business Plan for the Leaskdale Manse National Historic Site. This Plan provides a blueprint for the restoration of the Manse and has been formally presented to Council.
5. The church, now called Historic Leaskdale Church, was acquired by the LMMSO, in part because it is historically significant in its own right in a LMM context, but also because it can provide public services lacking in the Manse, eg. parking, washrooms, reception area for visitors and additional space for interpretation.
6. The Manse is currently open to the public at certain times throughout the summer months.
7. The LMMSO publishes twice-yearly a newsletter called "Cordially Yours".
8. An annual event called LMM Days is held at Leaskdale.