

The Banting Legacy

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Celebrating the Co-Discovery of Insulin by a Great Canadian

New Life at Homestead!



Farmhouse Set to Be Restored!

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A major breakthrough for Heritage site restoration . The building permit is secured, a demolition party set, and renovations about to start.

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Insulin Inspired \$\$



The Bank of Canada is unveiling a new \$100 bill in November that has a picture of a bottle of insulin on it. A celebration of Sir Fred, the discovery of insulin, and Canadian innovation.

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New Volunteers



We pay special tribute to new volunteers advancing the Foundation's social media outreach, the new slate of board directors, and a new Advisory Board.

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Did you know? Sir Fred was a sketching companion of famed artist A.Y. Jackson.



David Sadleir, Chair of the Sir Frederick Banting Legacy Foundation, thanks the Alliston Lions Club and Rotary Club and George van der Meer and his team for their outstanding effort in restoring the historic octagonal Drive Shed.

New Life at Homestead!

We are closer than ever to reviving the Banting Homestead.

Building Permit Secured! We have taken a major leap forward: the Building Permit to restore the Farmhouse has been secured, thereby allowing SFBLF to begin pivotal renovations. The Farmhouse is central to the very place where Sir Fred spent so many of his formative years, influencing the scientist and altruist he would become. Major renovations will commence following a Demolition Party on Saturday, September 24th (see page 3 for details). SFBLF Chair, David Sadleir, Director, Vernon Solomon, and volunteer, Del Buck have already begun the pre-demolition work,

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SNEAK PEEK! An architectural rendering of what the Banting Farmhouse will look like once it is refurbished, along with the Heritage building as an extension to the back of the building.

Insulin Now a Legitimate Canadian Currency

This November, the Bank of Canada is issuing new polymer bank notes that celebrate Canadian innovation. Finance Minister Jim Flaherty describes the bills as “cultural touchstones that reflect and celebrate our Canadian experience.”

The \$100 bills will recognize breakthroughs in Canadian research with a series showcasing a picture of a bottle of insulin. The timing is perfect, coinciding with the discovery of insulin 90 years ago at the University of Toronto.

Sir Fred Inspires Giving

With your first insulin-inspired \$100 bill, remember the magnanimous gift Sir Fred and his colleagues made to the world, and the hundreds of millions of lives saved. Consider the impact that \$100 bill could have on the lives of diabetics, and GIVE BACK! Let Sir Fred’s spirit of giving inspire you. Check out our new online giving at www.bantinglegacy.ca

In-Memoriam Power

In-memoriam giving celebrates the life of someone who made a special contribution to your life. We join our donors in celebrating the memory of: *Dr. Ron Banting, Marguerite Banting, Doris Eleata Barnier, Grace Bebb, Donald Doner, Robert W. Hipwell, Janet McCague, Dr. Audrey Manning, Geoffrey N. Milburn, and Gordon & Ruth Wright.*

New Life at Homestead! Cont ...

which included removing trim, baseboards, door frames, and thousands of nails. Extra care was taken to preserve wood, cabinets, windows, and the original hardware floors.

David Sadleir says, “Everyone is thrilled with the progress. The Farmhouse is the project’s pivot point. It shows how much people want to preserve Sir Fred’s legacy, and how connected they are to him.

The Farmhouse is in perfect order now to begin the heavy job of tearing down walls and ceilings in order to replace them with structural integrity.

Sadleir continues, “My sincere thanks to all for their hard work and contributions. One building at a time, and we’ll get there, so we’re counting on your continued support!”

A Three Stage Revival

The Banting Heritage site will be an international destination offering diabetes outreach facilities, heritage exhibits, and a welcoming educational venue for families and visitors.

The development of the Sir Frederick Banting’s birthplace includes (i) Restoring the Farmhouse ; (ii) Constructing a Diabetes Outreach Clinic and Learning Centre for outpatients with telemedicine and international conferencing for medical professionals and the public; and (iii) Constructing a Heritage Exhibit building to complement the main floor Farmhouse exhibit space.

The Farmhouse will be completed in early 2012 followed by a start on the Outreach and Education building, and then the Heritage building in mid 2013.



Inspired: Sir Fred's Spirit of Volunteerism New SFBLF Volunteers

Social Media

To ensure SFBLF is linked in with the digital world to reach as many people as possible, three terrific young women are at the helm of our social media outreach. Special thanks go to Jenny Yemen, Jill Clark, and Ashley Terwilliger.

Their expertise has allowed SFBLF to have a presence on Facebook. Check it out at www.facebook.com and simply type in Sir Frederick Banting Legacy Foundation. Once there, you can click on "Like" to show your support, and you can also click on "Recommend" to share with your family, friends, and colleagues. Spread the word!



Both Jenny Yemen and her father, Brian, have diabetes. Jenny says, "Diabetes is a lifestyle. It doesn't have to be a negative one, but it is a large part of my lifestyle. It affects me, my dad, my uncle, and grandpa. Anything I can do to put a positive spin on it is an advantage for all of us."

Graphic Design

Susanne Ritchie (right) is responsible for the look of the SFBLF. She designed our logo, which is receiving rave reviews, and has given the Foundation its look and personality for all to identify with.

*Thanks Jenny, Jill, Ashley, and Suzanne!
We couldn't do it without you!*



This Just Released: NCD Alliance and the UN

The United Nations recently has made an official Political Declaration recognizing the scale of the global Non-Communicable Diseases crisis, and the need for action. With 366 million diabetics around the world (Ref. American Diabetes Association), the timing could not be better. For more info: www.idf.org/news/world-leaders-make-strong-commitment-to-address-global-ncd-crisis

News, Views and Previews

Demolition Party! Saturday, September 24th

The Foundation has secured the Building Permit to restore the Banting Farmhouse at the Banting Homestead Heritage Park.

Renewal began with a Demolition Party to tear down walls and ceilings in the Farmhouse! Special thanks to 17 hard hatted volunteers who put in a collective 86 hours of work! Thanks for SFBLF Maureen Biegel for organizing the event.

Thanks to our hard working heroes:

Foundation: Bob Banting, Doug Curwood, Vernon Solomon, Maureen Biegel.

Lions: Rick Milne, Bill Train, Hart Holstrom, Lloyd Tawton.

Rotary: Bev Nix, Kathy Ninz.

Volunteers: George Van der Meer, Ray Van der Meer, John White, Keith Bishop, Trudi Banting, Margaret Solomon.

Co-op Student: Ryan White.

Banting Day/World Diabetes Day! Sunday, November 13th at 3:00 p.m.

This year's celebrations at the Banting Homestead in Alliston will be better than ever with special guest speakers, exhibits, displays, refreshments, and the opportunity to connect with like-minded people. The annual "Blue Light" ceremony to light up the Farmhouse will close out the day. Please join us!

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact SFBLF Board Director, Maureen Biegel maureenbiegel@rogers.com



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PRESENTATIONS! SFBLF directors are always pleased to deliver presentations about Sir Fred, the Foundation, and new developments in diabetes. Our leaders have met with Probus, Rotary, Lions, local hospitals, and many others throughout the 705, 905, and 416 areas. Please contact David Sadleir directly at sadleir@mie.utoronto.ca if you would like to book a presentation, tailored especially for you and your group.

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