

The Village Voice #9- November 10/11- Watson's Mill "Raise the Roof" update + public meeting notice

Public meeting to "Raise the Roof" on Watson's Mill

**Thursday November 17 from 7 to 8:30pm
at the Carriage Shed (5524 Dickinson St)
Please confirm your attendance (info below)**

A message from WMMI Chair:

Dear friends and supporters,

The "Raise The Roof" committee will be hosting a **public meeting on Thursday, November 17th**, to update the WMMI membership on the progress to date of the "Watson's Mill Heritage Roof Replacement Project".

As you may be aware, the Watson's Mill roof has been leaking significantly for a number of years. Buckets need to be emptied after each heavy rainfall and the attic of the building has been laid with tarps for over a year, limiting public access for visitation and restricting potential activities and displays in that area.

At an estimated cost of approximately \$500,000, replacing the roof will no doubt be the main capital improvement of this generation at Watson's Mill. However, a new roof for the Mill is expected to last for another 80-100 years and require little or no further maintenance during this period. Although the amount appears to be daunting, we are confident that the support of the community and the various levels of government will allow us to complete the project by the end of 2013.

The "Raise The Roof" committee has been planning a campaign to address the leaky roof problem. At this time, we would like to share our ideas with you and to invite your thoughts and ideas regarding our proposed strategy. Your comments and support are important to us. Needless to say, the more people we have involved in the project, the more quickly we will achieve our goal.

The public meeting will take place at the Carriage Shed (5524 Dickinson St., Manotick) on **Thursday, November 17th, 2011 from 7:00-8:30pm**. As space is limited, **please confirm your attendance by calling: 613-692-6455, or emailing: watsonsmillmanotick@rogers.com**.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

William (Bill) Schaub
Chair, WMMI Board of Directors