



Kings Landing to reopen historical home

The Slipp House is ready to welcome back summer camp participants

Prince William, NB – After nearly four years of renovations, the Slipp House at Kings Landing is ready to open its doors.

On July 6, Kings Landing will host the grand reopening of the Slipp House with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tours of the residence. It will once again house children attending the [Visiting Cousins and Family Kin](#) summer camp programs in July and August.

Built in 1853 in Bulls Creek, the Slipp House was moved to Kings Landing in 1972. It was the last building to be relocated to the site as a result of the Mactaquac Dam Project and highway realignment. At the time of its arrival, Kings Landing was two years away from opening as a historic attraction and funds were not available to move the building onto the Village, so it stayed behind the scenes in the service area.



A timeline of the Slipp House from its original location (top left) to its current location (bottom right).

The Slipp House has acted as home to the Visiting Cousins program. Established in 1976, the Visiting Cousins program was originally a day camp and later evolved into an overnight children's camp. Over 8,000 children from as far away as England, the USA, China, France and Germany have participated alongside children from the community.

One of the first programs of its kind, children are invited to live as an early settler, participating in programs onsite during the day and then retreating in the evenings to the Slipp House for evening activities.

In 2019, several life safety issues were identified, and repairs were required to take place before occupancy for the program could resume. The COVID-19 pandemic paused the Visiting Cousins & Family Kin programs but gave Kings Landing the chance to rethink how best to use the house and facilitate these popular programs.



The decision was made to move the house to a safer, more accessible, and prime location: within the Village. The house was moved into the village in September 2020, and renovations began. Since then, the house has been completely renovated. Alongside the Learning Centre, the facilities are ready to welcome back overnight programs.

This major project was completed with generous funding from the Province of New Brunswick, the Kings Landing Foundation and the Slipp family, as well as tireless work from local contractors and Kings Landing's own maintenance team of labourers and carpenters. The renovated residence will bring renewed life to a beloved program.

For more information, visit [Kings Landing's website](#).

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