

MUSEUM CHANGES NAME

September 6, 2018,

Since its founding in 1996, the Museum was called St Mark's Coptic Museum because of its association with St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church (Scarborough). The Coptic community has since then grown across Canada and indeed North America. The Museum's outreach activities have responded to this growth and is recognized as a Canadian cultural institution respected for its vital role in preserving, researching its unique collection and communicating the rich cultural heritage of the Copts. The Museum's name needed to reflect this growth and evolution.

The Museum's Board of Directors received on July 20, 2018 the approval of the Ontario Ministry of Government and Consumers Services, to change the Museum's name to:

“Coptic Museum of Canada” (CMC), “Musée copte du Canada” (MCC).

The Board of Directors believes the new name

- reflects that the Museum serves all Copts & Churches irrespective of the city and province;
- will attract allegiance, support and membership from a larger and more diverse community of lovers of Coptic art, culture, and heritage;
- gives a nation-wide reach and more explicitly identifies the Museum as a Canadian organization; and,
- it implies, that it is the first and, to-date, the only Coptic museum in Canada.

The Museum Board gratefully acknowledges St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church's continuing support of the Museum.

The postal address remains the same, as do the email and website addresses.