

DOWNEYVILLE HALL

A Community Effort Worth Celebrating

For many years, parishioners, volunteers, donors and community supporters have worked together to care for, improve and renew Downeyville Hall. The parish record below captures a major period of renovation and renewal from 2019 onward. It is not intended to mark the beginning of the Hall's longer history of community effort.

The work documented here has strengthened accessibility, safety, building systems and gathering spaces, helping ensure that Downeyville Hall continues to serve parish and community life.

Renovation Projects

2019

Roof Replacement - Main Hall

The Carroll family, with help from friends, installed a new roof on the main portion of the Hall, donating labour and materials.

2019

Soffits and Eavestrough Installation

New soffits and eavestroughing were installed to improve drainage and protect the building from weather-related damage.

2019

Accessible Entrance and Washroom Upgrade

A new accessible entrance was constructed and the accessible washroom was upgraded to current code requirements, significantly improving access for community members.

2019

Entrance Landscaping

Landscaping was completed around the new accessible entrance with donated excavation services, labour and materials from community members.

2020

Water System Upgrade

Two storage tanks were installed to improve the Hall's water capacity and reliability.

2020

Structural Beam Installation and Kitchen Demolition

A structural steel beam was installed in the lower level, allowing the central wall to be removed. The existing kitchen was also gutted in preparation for future renovation.

2021

West Side Drainage System

A new drainage system was installed along the west side of the Hall to improve water management and protect the foundation.

2022

Double Furnace Installation

A new double furnace system was installed to improve heating efficiency and reliability throughout the Hall.

2022

Fire Escape Construction

A new fire escape was constructed on the west side of the Hall to enhance safety and meet building code requirements.

2023-2024

Lower-Level Kitchen and Washroom Renovation

The lower level was extensively renewed with construction of a new kitchen and new washrooms, supported by grant funding, community fundraising and in-kind contributions.

2024

Septic System Replacement

After the existing septic tank was accidentally damaged during plumbing work, it was replaced with a much larger new tank at no cost to the Hall.

2024

East Side Landscaping and Drainage Improvements

Landscaping work along the east side of the Hall improved drainage and helped prevent water from pooling near the foundation.

2026

Main Hall Bar Construction and Repainting

A new bar was constructed on the main level through community fundraising and donations. The main Hall was also repainted through the generosity of a parishioner.

Built by Community

These projects reflect a broad community effort, including volunteer labour, family and parishioner donations, local fundraising, contractor contributions and government grant support. Together, they represent years of practical work and generosity devoted to an important gathering place in Downeyville.

This summary is based on the renovation projects included in St. Luke's parish records. Earlier Hall improvements and community efforts may not be represented in this list.