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## Cottage in Goderich Threatened with Bylaw Repeal

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If the owner of a property applies to municipal council requesting the repeal of a Part IV Ontario Heritage Act designating bylaw (de-designation of a property), what should council take into consideration? Is council able to override the reasons for the original designation, override provisions of the Planning Act, and override the Provincial Policy Statement, in favour of placing greater emphasis on the wishes of the owner?

The case of 135 Essex Street in Goderich is instructive. This property was designated in 1990 for the following reasons:

*This residence is designated as an excellent example of a c.1880 lakefront cottage in the Picturesque style. It is a rare surviving example of a building type now nearly vanished in the Town of Goderich. The cottage remains on its original site on the lakefront and is largely unaltered from its original appearance.*

*Distinguishing features include the prominent pyramidal roof, which extends over the main façade verandah and the glazed sun-chamfered wood columns with decorative brackets. The original beaded board ceiling and pine plank floor are still present. Sun porch windows, installed when the north verandah was enclosed, are of the casement type. The glazing pattern of three narrow vertical panes over a single large pane is commonly found on older houses in the neighbourhood. Original one-over-one sash remains in most of the windows on the house proper.*

*Features now missing, but evidence of which remains, include cedar shingle roofing; bevel-edge and wood, horizontal, exterior siding; and beaded wood ceiling in the sun porch.*



135 Essex Street in Goderich

In addition to these reasons for designation, the cottage has a strong connection with Nicholas Hill, an architect and planner at the forefront of heritage conservation planning in southern Ontario in the 1970s and elsewhere in Canada. As a former owner, Hill restored the cottage and applied to have the property designated.

This Picturesque cottage is unique because all other cottages on the street have been demolished and replaced with substantial, modern style, suburban housing. This building is the last vestige of the origin of the street as a cottage community. I have no doubt that de-designation of this property would result in either these

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current owners or future owners demolishing this cottage and replacing it with another suburban house.

When the current owners purchased the property, it was already designated. In 2014, they approached the Municipal Heritage Committee requesting de-designation because they believed (without providing any evidence) that the "encumbrance" of designation might interfere with a future sale of the property. In their opinion, heritage designation should be a privilege to be enjoyed and not a penalty to be endured.

In the fall of 2014, the MHC passed the motion "That Council refuse the request to de-designate the property . . . due to the unique nature of the property and its role in representing an important era in Goderich's history as a summer resort." Council considered this motion but, by unanimous vote, declined the recommendation from the MHC and published the Notice of Intention to repeal the designating bylaw. On January 21, 2015, two Goderich residents served a notice of objection to Council's intention to repeal the bylaw. As required by the Ontario Heritage Act, Council referred the matter to the Conservation Review Board, which held a hearing and issued a recommendation on March 24, 2016.

A Conservation Review Board recommendation is not binding on a municipal council but provides useful guidance and recommendations for council in analyzing the facts (evidence) and interpreting heritage legislation. In this Goderich case, the Review Board carefully considered the provisions of the Act, the Provincial Policy Statement, and the Planning Act. The reasoning of the Board included the following summary:

*... the encumbrance issue does not prevent the new designation of properties without owner consent, so it follows that a concern over an encumbrance by an owner who willingly bought a property already designated cannot be the sole reason for de-designating a property. If a property has not lost its heritage value since the time of designation . . . , it cannot be the case that a new owner's wish that a property be free of its heritage designation can be determinative*

*To permit an owner's wishes to automatically trump heritage considerations would run counter to the object of the Ontario*

*Heritage Act and render designation a purely voluntary approach by allowing what would effectively be automatic de-designation whenever an owner makes a request under . . . the Ontario Heritage Act. This would lead to the absurd consequence that a person faced with a proposed . . . designation would simply not object to the designation . . . and then file a . . . request for de-designation and be automatically successful. This too would undermine the object of the Ontario Heritage Act.*

On the basis of the Review Board's analysis and recommendations, Council reversed its stand and turned down the owners' application for bylaw repeal. The Review Board also recommended that the statement of cultural heritage value be reviewed and revised to take into account the associative value of being formerly owned and restored by Nicholas Hill. The outcome is that this property remains protected under s.29, Part IV, of the Act.

While it is highly desirable to have the approval of the property owner for designation, it is not determinative. If an owner requests de-designation simply because the designating bylaw is seen as an encumbrance on the property, and without any arguments questioning the heritage value of a property, the MHC should not recommend de-designation and council should not approve the application to repeal the bylaw. Such a recommendation or approval without a proper analysis would be a dereliction of duty and would not be in compliance with the provisions of the Act, the Provincial Policy Statement (which provides that significant built heritage resources and significant cultural heritage landscapes shall be conserved), or the Planning Act (which provides that municipal council decisions should be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and conform with official plans such as, in this case, Official Plans of the County of Huron and the Town of Goderich).

For more detail, a read of the Conservation Review Board decision issued March 24, 2016 under Case No. CRB1503 is very worthwhile ([elto.gov.on.ca/crb](http://elto.gov.on.ca/crb)).

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# CFB Borden Legacy Project

Terry Fegarty

This year (2016) is the 100th anniversary of Canadian Forces Base Borden in Angus, west of Barrie. In commemoration of this anniversary, Base Borden erected the CFB Centennial Memorial Wall at the northern entrance to the Base.

In April 2016, the Tay Heritage Committee received a letter from CFB Borden inviting nearby municipalities to submit information about their communities and activities related to the military and Base Borden in particular. This information was to be sealed in a time capsule to be included in the CFB Centennial Memorial Wall. The capsule will be opened in 2116.

The Committee submitted photographs and articles related to Tay's heritage, including folders on Port McNi-

coll. Victoria Harbour, Waubashene, Waverley, and rural Tay Township. Our deposit included about 300 historic photographs and 25 articles, with 58 photos and 3 articles about our service people during the World Wars. Many Tay residents trained at "Camp" Borden as members of the Simcoe Foresters in the First War and the Grey and Simcoe Foresters in the Second War.

In 2116, our deposit of documents will be returned to Tay Township (or its successor). Hopefully, our descendants will be interested in this heritage material, some of which by then will be well over 200 years old.

*Terry Fegarty is a member of the Tay Heritage Committee.*



Cap Badge, 157th Battalion, Simcoe Foresters

Photo: Courtesy of Huronia's Past and Present

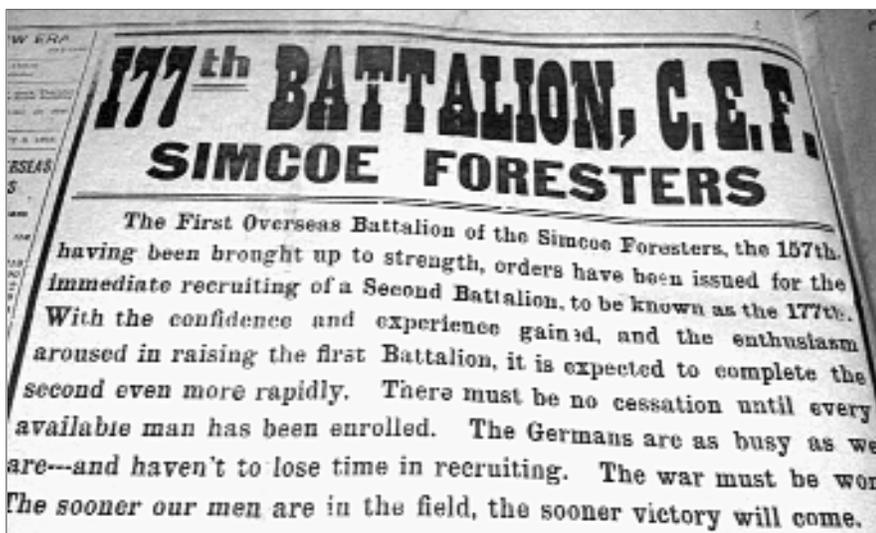


Camp Borden c.1916

Photo: Courtesy of Huronia's Past and Present



Memorial Wall (Artist's Conception)



Many North Simcoe County area residents were assigned to the 177th Battalion during the First World War



Cap Badge, Grey and Simcoe Foresters, after 1936

# Ontario Heritage Conference 2017

Join us for Canada's big birthday! Planning is well underway for the Ontario Heritage Conference to be held in the nation's capital June 8 to 10, 2017. In recognition of Canada's 150th birthday, the Conference theme is *Canada 150: Past, Present and Future of Heritage Conservation*.

Ottawa has a rich history associated with its role as the national capital, and its early days as a lumber town and a rich agricultural area defined by the Ottawa River (a Canadian Heritage River) and the Rideau River and Canal (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). The Conference organizing committee is brainstorming ideas for engaging sessions that span a range of rural and urban heritage issues, as well as issues at all levels of government. Early June in Ottawa is a beautiful time of year, so we are planning walking and bike tours to fill out the program.

The Conference Gala dinner will be at the Canadian Museum of Nature, a municipally designated building and a National Historic Site of Canada. The building has undergone a significant



Rideau Canal, Ottawa



Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa

restoration and a project that included the construction of a contemporary addition. Conference delegates will have the opportunity to explore the museum before dinner and hear about its history and architecture. More information about this landmark building is on the museum's website: [nature.ca/en/about-us/history-buildings](http://nature.ca/en/about-us/history-buildings)

The main venue for the conference is Ottawa City Hall, located in the heart of the downtown core and steps from Parliament Hill and the Rideau Canal. There will be plenty of opportunity to explore all that Ottawa has to offer and learn how the various levels of government work together to conserve our local and national heritage.

Special rates are available at two hotels located near City Hall. Details are on the conference website: [communityheritageontario.ca/2017-ohc-ottawa](http://communityheritageontario.ca/2017-ohc-ottawa). We look forward to welcoming you to Ottawa in 2017!

*Anne Fitzpatrick and Lesley Collins, OHC 2017 Co-Chairs*

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- June 10 (Summer issue)
- October 10 (Fall issue)
- December 10 (Winter issue)

**Submissions are always welcomed.**

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# Ontario Heritage Conference

June 8-10, 2017  
Ottawa

## Canada 150: Past, Present and Future of Heritage Conservation

Please join us for the 2017 Ontario Heritage Conference in the nation's capital to celebrate Canada 150: Past, Present and Future of Heritage Conservation. The conference will feature exciting programming including walking and cycling tours, engaging speakers, panel discussions, and a gala dinner at the Canadian Museum of Nature.



The conference will be hosted in and around Ottawa City Hall, located the heart of the downtown core and steps from the Rideau Canal UNESCO World Heritage Site and Parliament Hill.

Discounted hotel rates and additional details can be found on the conference website:  
<http://www.communityheritageontario.ca/2017-ohc-ottawa>



We hope you will join us to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday!

## Andrews Jeweller Building, St. Marys

Paul R. King

For the Winter 2016 edition of *CHOnews*, I wrote an article about the Andrews Jeweller Building in St. Marys. The owners sued the Town of St. Marys with respect to the designation of the property under s.29, Part IV, of the Ontario Heritage Act arguing that there was a flaw in the designation process whereby the owners did not receive proper notice; and, secondly, that certain items (interior wall clock, walnut showcases, counters, and mirrors) should not be included in the designation statement because these items are chattels (i.e., personal property) rather than fixtures (i.e., part of the real estate). The Honourable Justice D.R. Aston issued a decision that sided with the Town and dismissed the case.

The owners appealed the trial decision to the Court of Appeal for Ontario. The Court of Appeal heard the matter on June 13, 2016, and dismissed the appeal, not on the basis of a review of the issues, but on the basis of an expired limitation period. Section 273(5) of the Municipal Act, 2001, contains a one year limitation period for an application to quash a bylaw. In this case, the designating bylaw was passed on February 27, 2008, and the notice of application to quash the bylaw was issued on March 30, 2015 (long after the one year limitation period). The appeal was lost and the designation is still in place.

As I pointed out in my previous article, to avoid litigation it is important to be technically correct with the notice procedures under the Act. It is also beneficial to have the property owners onside with the designation, although this is not mandatory. I also pointed out that the designation statement should only deal with fixtures rather than chattels. My advice may not be correct. The judge at the trial level stated that the interior features must be fix-

tures (rather than chattels) to be included as heritage attributes in a designation statement. He determined that the interior features were all fixtures rather than chattels and hence could remain as part of the designation statement. Was the judge correct in making this distinction? Unfortunately, the Court of Appeal did not deal with this issue.

The question is whether a chattel (as opposed to a fixture) can be a *heritage attribute*. In the Act, "heritage attributes means, in relation to real property, and to the buildings and structures on the real property, the attributes of the property, buildings and structures that contribute to their cultural heritage value or interest."

The criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest under Ontario Regulation 9/06 include considerations that are not physical fixtures, such as historical or associative value, or information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture. There is also contextual value if a property is physically, functionally, visually, or historically linked to its surroundings or is a landmark. There are good arguments to support the fact that, in certain circumstances, it might be appropriate to include chattels in a designation statement. Eileen Costello, the lawyer who acted for the Town of St. Marys in the Andrews Jeweller case, was hoping that the Court of Appeal would deal with this issue. This did not happen so this is still an open question.

*Paul R. King is a member of the CHO/PCO Board of Directors.*

## A Lesson in Fundraising

Roscoe Petkovic

Whenever we talk about preserving our heritage, we come up to the inevitable argument that there is no money. Municipalities are cash strapped, developers have just enough money to finish their intended projects, and the public has little interest in contributing funds. In some areas, those that work hard to save our heritage and history are regarded as "special interest groups."

The negativity that one finds can, and often does, create myopic thinking. What is the point of spending my precious few free hours working for no pay, trying to save our heritage and history as a reflection of who we are as a people and as a nation, when there is little or no public support? Most businesses are short term profit driven and being "good corporate citizens" is a luxury few can afford. Politicians are not magicians. They cannot conjure up money, believe me! So, how do we deal with this great obstacle?

How do we help those with the courage and conviction to have their property designated under the Ontario Heritage Act?

Accountants must ensure that accounts are clean, accurate, and within the law, and sometimes need to be "creative." Raising funds to assist owners of designated properties with repairs and maintenance also requires creative thinking. A good example of what can be done, if there is the will to do it, is to find ways through which funds can be raised.

This year was the 16th Annual Mayor's Heritage Golf Tournament in Halton Hills. The Town of Halton Hills has struggled for many years to find a way to assist in the preservation of our heritage and history. The Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills was created by individuals seeking ways to raise funds. As a charitable organization, the Foundation is able to facilitate grant applications

to provincial organizations such as "Trillium" and partner with the Mayor's effort to raise funds by inviting golfing enthusiasts and the general public to the annual golfing event. This event is great fun, with great food, and an ideal time to network. Bridge building does wonders in removing the label "special interest group." The true value of our national identity is at stake.

As a proud citizen of Halton Hills, I want to thank our Mayor, the Town, and the Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills for persevering and getting the job done. As a Canadian, I challenge others to start their creative thinking process and see that having the will, can move mountains.

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# Rambling Heritage Car Rally 2016

Tracy Gayda

Elizabethtown-Kitley is a rural township in Eastern Ontario that borders Brockville to the south and Smiths Falls to the north. The two townships were amalgamated in the late 1990s. The township is rural with agriculture as its primary industry. The south end was settled first with land grants issued to United Empire Loyalists after the War of 1812. The north end developed later with the Irish immigration around 1830, though properties continued to be acquired through UEL grants. Kitley Township was part of the original plan for the Rideau Canal but the route was changed and the township bypassed. Brockville was once part of Elizabethtown.

For two years, Heritage Elizabethtown-Kitley has organized the Rambling Heritage Car Rally to educate participants about the history of the area. The tour combines regular car rally type questions with highlights of many of the heritage houses, schools, churches, farms, inns, and businesses in the township. Last year's tour crisscrossed The Old Perth Road, which includes parts of Highway 29 through the centre of the township. The Old Perth Road was a major route for settlers enroute from the St. Lawrence River to the Military settlement of Perth. The road was busy and many small settlements were established in the early 1800s to serve travellers on the treacherous journey north to Lanark County.



Scene during Heritage Car Rally



Car rally winners, L to R: Rick Gayda, Judy Gayda and Rick McMullen

Never been to a car rally? The event starts with participants registering their team at the starting point. The team must be at least two people, one to drive and one to follow the route and gather answers to the prepared questionnaires. There is usually a time limit estimated during the mapping of the route. This also reminds people not to linger too long on the walkabouts included on the tour or to stay too long visiting the curious property owners. The rules posted on the questionnaire ask that participants not intrude on private property, for drivers to obey the rules of the road, and to be cautious of travellers ahead and behind them. Participants are given a map and emergency phone number to call if lost.

This year the Committee concentrated on the area east of Highway 29, travelling the concession and county roads. There are many Loyalist stone "cottage" houses and farms throughout the combined townships. Many are thought to be built by the stonemasons, who after the Rideau Canal was finished, stayed in the area to live and work. Schoolhouses, cemeteries, and repurposed village churches were some of the highlights of the 2016 tour. It was interesting to note the vanished villages along the road that no longer exist but were once busy centres. Another highlight of the rally was the beautiful fall colours that spanned the route. The day gave mixed weather of rain and sun, giving the journey a splendid display of bright reds, yellows, and orange canopies; a bonus for fall colour tour enthusiasts.

The challenge of combining a car rally with a heritage tour is the amount of time it takes to prepare facts and histories about the area properties. Elizabethtown-Kitley, being a rural area, does not have one comprehensive inventory with factual information readily available, like its urban counterparts who can present walking tours. Many hours were spent going through heritage property inventories and the few publications available for the area. Legend and lore needed to be weeded out. Routes were planned and readjusted to focus on the heritage of the area and avoid long gaps between the sites.

At the end of the rally the participants gathered to enjoy some chili and browse through various books and information on display, while waiting to hear who won. A monetary prize was given to the winning team and all received a "car care" package donated by a Township councillor.

The day was a success. The Committee received very positive and rewarding comments from the participants. Without this type of event, many would never notice or be able to appreciate some of the beautiful heritage houses and sites along the route. The Committee was pleased to learn that much time and

effort has been put into maintaining these properties. Through some of the documentation, we were able to see their evolution over time. We also were able to see some of the losses.

For rural areas that have heritage highlights that may be lost, forgotten, or rarely seen, a heritage car rally is an

informative and enjoyable way to explore the area.

*Tracy Gayda is a member of the CHO/PCO Board of Directors.*

## Tay Township QR Museum Town Signage

Terry Fegarty

**M**useum Town is an initiative of the Tay Township Heritage Committee in partnership with Huronia Museum that is designed to help preserve the identity, history, and memory of Tay Township.

The Committee has placed twenty plaques at various sites around Tay Township that can be visited and viewed at any time. They can be accessed by foot, bicycle, or automobile. Each plaque contains a QR (Quick Response) code that can be scanned by a smart phone or tablet with a free QR code reader application. The scan links to a Tay Heritage file providing more information and explaining how the site is connected to Tay's heritage and history.

A traditional historic plaque offers a limited amount of space for a description and images of a site's past. These new format plaques with the QR codes provide access to a virtual library with information that can be added or updated as needed.



Sample QR Heritage Plaque

Museum Town is a great way to tour Tay Township and become acquainted with community history. According to Nahanni Born of Huronia Museum: "The whole idea is about taking heritage outside the museum walls and making it accessible to everybody." The Tay project is an extension of a similar program implemented in Midland where twenty six sites have been QR plaqued. Look for more such sites in Midland and Tay in the months to come.

### List of Tay Sites

#### Port McNicoll

1. McCannell House, Algoma Avenue
2. CPR Port and Terminal
3. CPR Staff Houses, Talbot Street
4. Bonar Presbyterian Church

#### Rural Tay

5. Rumney House, Rumney Road
6. Tay Port, Duffy Drive
7. Swan House, Vasey Road
8. Rosemount School, Vasey Road
9. Newtonville, Reeves Road

#### Victoria Harbour

10. Company Store and Village Library, William Street
11. Company Office and Royal Victoria hotel, Albert Street
12. Range Light, William Street
13. Company Lumber Mills
14. 151 George Street



L-R: Lynda Hook, Tay Heritage Committee; Nahanni Born and Emily Christie, Huronia Museum; Terry Fegarty, Tay Heritage Committee

#### Waubushene

15. Company Lumber Mills, Coldwater Road
16. Company Office and Store, Government Dock Road
17. Mill-Worker Houses, Coldwater Road

#### Waverley

18. Waverley School, Hwy 93
19. Saints' Rest, Vasey Road
20. Waverley Cenotaph, Darby Road

For information: [simcoe.com/community-story/6733652-museum-town-project-launched-in-tay-township/](http://simcoe.com/community-story/6733652-museum-town-project-launched-in-tay-township/). For heritage photographs of the sites click on: PP Presentation for Plaques.

*Terry Fegarty is a member of the Tay Heritage Committee.*

### CHO/PCO Mission Statement

To encourage the development of municipally appointed heritage advisory committees and to further the identification, preservation, interpretation, and wise use of community heritage locally, provincially, and nationally.

### CHO/PCO Board Meetings

CHO/PCO Board of Directors' meetings are open to any MHC member. Please contact the Corporate Secretary to confirm each date before attending. Scheduled meetings will be held at 6282 Kingston Road, Scarborough.

## President's Message

Wayne Morgan

Recently, I had the privilege of attending the 5th annual Smiths Falls Heritage symposium, "Bridging Hometown Pride with Heritage Assets." Organized by the Town, an open invitation was extended to members of Municipal Heritage Committees and others interested in heritage in eastern Ontario. In addition to myself, other speakers included Carl Bray, heritage consultant; Andrew Ross, engineer; representatives from Algonquin College; and two heritage property owners from Smiths Falls.

The symposium presented a diverse range of heritage conservation information, including practical experience from heritage property owners, the offerings of Algonquin College in hands-on carpentry and masonry conservation work, conservation of heritage bridges, and a summary of various heritage conservation projects throughout Ontario with a discussion of factors contributing to the success of those projects. The symposium, for which there

is a modest charge, is open to anyone interested in the topics. If you are interested in the 2017 symposium, contact Councillor Lorraine Allen at the Town of Smiths Falls ([lorraineallen@ripnet.com](mailto:lorraineallen@ripnet.com)). I would encourage MHCs elsewhere in Ontario to consider holding such sessions with attendance open to others interested in heritage in your region. Not only do these provide useful information, but they offer inspiration and opportunities to network with others in the heritage community.

As I am sure you all appreciate, volunteer organizations, such as CHO/PCO, are constrained in the assistance they can provide by the time its volunteers can make available. Your Board of Directors have agreed to hire a part time program officer to assist in organizing and furthering the work of CHO/PCO. We are currently involved in hiring an individual.

CHO/PCO is actively engaged with the local organizing committee in the Ontario Heritage Conference for June 8 to 10,



2017 in the nation's capital as part of the sesquicentennial celebrations. The theme of the conference is *Canada 150: Past, Present and Future of Heritage Conservation*. Plan to attend; they are currently unpacking Ottawa for our benefit.

Récemment j'ai eu le privilège de participer au 5<sup>ème</sup> symposium annuel sur le patrimoine de Smiths Falls, 'Bridging Hometown Pride with Heritage Assets' organisé par la ville. Une invitation ouverte à tous les membres des comités municipaux du patrimoine et autres intéressés au patrimoine dans l'est de l'Ontario. En plus de moi-même, d'autres conférenciers incluant Carl Bray, consultant en patrimoine ; Andrew Ross, ingénieur ; des représentants du Collège Algonquin ; et deux propriétaires de propriétés patrimoniales de Smiths Falls. Le symposium présenta

une gamme diverse d'information sur la préservation du patrimoine incluant des expériences pratiques venant de propriétaires, une sélection d'ateliers en charpenterie et maçonnerie du Collège Algonquin, conservation des ponts patrimoniaux et un sommaire de différents projets à travers l'Ontario et une discussion des facteurs contribuant au succès de ces projets. Le symposium, pour lequel il y avait un frais minime, était ouvert à tous les intéressés sur les sujets. Si vous êtes intéressé par un tel symposium en 2017, svp contacter la conseillère Lorraine Allen à la ville de Smiths Falls ([lorraineallen@ripnet.com](mailto:lorraineallen@ripnet.com)). J'encouragerais les comités municipaux du patrimoine ailleurs en Ontario à considérer la tenue de telles sessions avec la participation de tous intéressés par le patrimoine dans votre région. Non seulement de telles sessions donnent de l'information utile, mais elles donnent aussi de l'inspiration et des opportunités de réseautage avec d'autres comités du patrimoine.

Comme vous le comprenez, des organisations bénévoles, telles que CHO/PCO, sont contrainst dans le support qu'ils peuvent donner par le temps que les bénévoles ont de disponible. Votre conseil d'administration se sont

mis d'accord pour engager un agent de programmation à temps partiel ou assister à l'organisation et contribution au travail de CHO/PCO. Nous activement impliqué dans l'embauche de cet individuel.

CHO/PCO est aussi engagé avec le comité local d'organisation de la conférence annuelle OHC du 8 au 10 juin 2017 dans la capitale nationale pour les célébrations du 150 ans de la confédération. Le thème de la conférence est "*Canada 150 : Past, Present and Future of Heritage Conservation*". Planifiez d'y participer ; une opportunité à ne pas manquer.



Work underway on the West Block of the Parliament buildings

Ottawa - travail sur le bloc ouest de l'édifice parlementaire.

Photo: Wayne Morgan



Railway lift bridge over the Rideau Canal at Smiths Falls

Smiths Falls - pont levant pour trains sur le Canal Rideau.

Photo: Wayne Morgan

## References on the Web

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It is possible to spend all day exploring the various heritage related websites available. Below is a list of web addresses that may be useful, especially for new Municipal Heritage Committee members wanting to acquire tool kits and guides no longer

available in print. With winter on its way, you might have time to explore. For those who receive the digital edition of CHOnews, you can cut and paste the links into your browser.

### **Community Heritage Ontario**

Explore the CHO website for conference information and the Education tab for webinars, research, etc.  
[communityheritageontario.ca](http://communityheritageontario.ca)

### **Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport/ Heritage Sector**

[mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/heritage.shtml](http://mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/heritage.shtml)

#### Archeological Assessment

[mtc.gov.on.ca/en/archaeology/archaeology\\_assessments.shtml](http://mtc.gov.on.ca/en/archaeology/archaeology_assessments.shtml)

#### Ontario Heritage Toolkit

Request a free copy from Online from Publications Ontario 1-800-668-9938 or download a copy from: [mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/tools.shtml](http://mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/tools.shtml)

#### Heritage Tax Relief Program

[mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/heritage\\_tax\\_relief.shtml](http://mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/heritage_tax_relief.shtml)

#### Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties

[mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/heritage\\_s\\_g.shtml](http://mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/heritage_s_g.shtml)

### **Ontario Heritage Trust**

[heritagetrust.on.ca/Home.aspx](http://heritagetrust.on.ca/Home.aspx)

#### Ontario Heritage Plaque Program and how your community can apply:

[heritagetrust.on.ca/Resources-and-Learning/Online-Plaque-Guide.aspx](http://heritagetrust.on.ca/Resources-and-Learning/Online-Plaque-Guide.aspx)

#### Heritage easements, heritage conservation districts, researching heritage properties

[heritagetrust.on.ca/Conservation/Tools-for-conservation.aspx](http://heritagetrust.on.ca/Conservation/Tools-for-conservation.aspx)

#### *Well Preserved. A manual for guidelines on conserving architectural features*

Only available online. There is no cost to download: [heritagetrust.on.ca/Resources-and-Learning/Free-publications/Well-Preserved.aspx](http://heritagetrust.on.ca/Resources-and-Learning/Free-publications/Well-Preserved.aspx). The download site is: [publications.serviceontario.ca/](http://publications.serviceontario.ca/)

After choosing language preference the next page has a Search. Enter Well Preserved and the book can be downloaded.

### **National Trust for Canada - Heritage Trust**

[nationaltrustcanada.ca/](http://nationaltrustcanada.ca/)

All things heritage on a national level is available by exploring the various tabs at the top. The resources tab is helpful for learning about Trust led programs.

#### Funding

[nationaltrustcanada.ca/resources/find-funding](http://nationaltrustcanada.ca/resources/find-funding)

This site includes federal programs and links to provincial funding opportunities.

#### Regeneration Works!

Tips and tools for increasing the vitality of heritage places: [us11.campaign-archives1.com](http://us11.campaign-archives1.com)

### **Ontario Archives**

[archives.gov.on.ca/en/index.aspx](http://archives.gov.on.ca/en/index.aspx)

Explore patent plans and tools for researching heritage properties: [gov.on.ca/en/about/patent-plans.aspx](http://gov.on.ca/en/about/patent-plans.aspx)

### **Cemeteries**

Cemetery Lists: [ocfa.islandnet.com/cemlist6-3.html#Leeds Listing](http://ocfa.islandnet.com/cemlist6-3.html#Leeds Listing)

Includes many abandoned cemeteries as well. Check the top of the page to go through the various listing pages.

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## References on the Web

Ontario Cemetery Act  
[ontario.ca/laws/statute/90c04](http://ontario.ca/laws/statute/90c04)

This site breaks down the sections of the Cemetery Act for easy reference and is plain language: [sse.gov.on.ca/mcs/en/Pages/fbcsa10.aspx](http://sse.gov.on.ca/mcs/en/Pages/fbcsa10.aspx)

Legacy of Memories  
[mtc.gov.on.ca/en/cemeteries/cemetery.shtml](http://mtc.gov.on.ca/en/cemeteries/cemetery.shtml)

A publication about cemetery designation and preserving headstones.

### Architectural Features and Resources

Building Stories  
[buildingstories.co/index.php#](http://buildingstories.co/index.php#)

Over 2,000 properties have been added to this site since its conception a few years ago. There is also a mobile version so you can explore in real time while visiting a town listed on the site. You can add a building to the inventory by creating a username and password.

Architectural Features  
[ontarioarchitecture.com/index.html](http://ontarioarchitecture.com/index.html)

This is a handy guide to Ontario heritage buildings.

Ontario Abandon Places  
[ontarioabandonedplaces.com/](http://ontarioabandonedplaces.com/)

Discovery the eerie corners of Ontario at this site. It has links to individual municipalities.

Free Books Online  
[archive.org/details/texts](http://archive.org/details/texts) References to some out of print books can be viewed.

Ontario Historical Society  
[ontariohistoricalsociety.ca](http://ontariohistoricalsociety.ca)  
Past Webinars: [ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/index.php/pastweb](http://ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/index.php/pastweb)

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On August 19, 2016, an event was held to celebrate the re-opening of the Oro African Methodist Episcopal Church National Historic Site in Oro-Medonte Township. Festivities included a plaque unveiling, official reopening and dedication ceremony, military aircraft flypast, song, dance, and celebrations. The day marked the completion of this multiyear project to revitalize and restore this modest log church built in the 1840s by Black settlers in Oro Township.



Descendants of the founding settlers, Council members, and guests gathered to officially reopen the Oro African Church. Photo: OAME Church Facebook



Oro-Medonte Township Mayor and Council members in front of Oro African Church  
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