



Over 21,000 properties to be removed from Registers

By Regan Hutcheson, CHO director and chair, Policy and Liaison Committee

Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) and the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario recently sponsored a survey of Ontario municipalities to discover the status of listed properties, Part IV designations, creation of heritage conservation districts and what strategies or plans may be under consideration for de-listed properties as of January 1, 2027.

Forty-three municipalities responded, representing over 9.5

million residents, with a good cross-section of both larger and smaller communities.

What we found based on the responses between January 2023 and March 2026:

- Listed properties declined by **3,571** (26,502 to 22,931)
- Part IV (individual) designations increased by **1,025** (5,429 to 6,454)
- Properties in heritage conservation districts increased by **2,890** (19,480 to 22,370)

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This property will be removed from the Register on January 1, 2027, when time runs out for many municipalities. (Photo credit: Nancy Matthews)

Would your municipality want an extended deadline?

By Nancy Matthews, CHO vice chair, and chair, Communications

The Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) Board of Directors has voted to support all municipal requests that the province further extend the January 2027 deadline for issuing *Notices of Intention to Designate* to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions.

The many concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders that convinced the province to extend the original 2025 deadline to 2027 have not yet been resolved:

Municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act.

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Rub elbows with the professionals June 18-20 in Hamilton



The 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference is the must-attend event that offers educational, inspirational, and networking opportunities to everyone involved in heritage conservation as professionals or as volunteers. Programming generally showcases broad spectrum issues within the

context and realities of the local host municipality, the City of Hamilton.

The conference is presented under the auspices of Community Heritage Ontario (CHO), Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) and the Ontario Association of Heritage Professionals (OAHP). Go to pg 5.

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Designation programs

Some municipalities undertook extensive designation programs over the three-year period (i.e. Kingston, Oakville and Markham) while others did very little to address their current register for a variety of reasons including a lack of staff to undertake research, the absence of financial resources or having a council which would not designate without the owner's consent. Also of interest is that several municipalities put their effort into creating new heritage conservation districts which could address many listed properties within one project.

Prioritized listed properties

Most municipalities undertook some form of review and prioritization of listed properties based on those perceived to be most significant, the threat of redevelopment or considered to be at-risk.

When asked how many properties were expected to be removed from their local heritage register as of January 1, 2027, the total number was 21,434.

Not surprisingly, the highest expected losses of cultural heritage resources will be from some of the province's largest centres: Toronto (3,225), Ottawa (3,000), Hamilton (2,257), London (2,170) and Mississauga (1,658).

Regarding potential strategies or plans to address listed properties that will be removed from their heritage register, several municipalities plan to retain these properties in some format. **Some propose the creation of a separate inventory document** while others are exploring retaining them as "properties of heritage interest" or "formerly listed properties" on their application review/permitting systems or on their existing register acknowledging they will have no protection under the OHA. **It was noted that this new classification of these formerly listed properties would allow for monitoring of any proposed impacts** to these resources (alterations, demolition) and potential negotiation with the applicant, consideration for future targeted designations, education and recognition purposes and for possible re-listing after five years. Notwithstanding the change in status under the OHA, many municipalities indicated they will continue to advance their research and designation programs after January 1, 2027.

Some municipalities have introduced or are considering changes to Official Plan policies to capture formerly listed properties as a component of development application submission requirements. Only one of the responding municipalities indicated that they were requesting an extension to the legislative deadline.

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Subscribers and Municipal heritage Committees are encouraged to submit articles (Microsoft Word) and images (JPG) with high quality resolution (300 dpi). Articles are published in the language received.

You may submit stories to Nancy Matthews:

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Articles must be received before these dates: January 10, March 30, June 30, and September 30. Late submissions will be saved for the next issue. Editor: Nellie Evans

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Would your municipality want an extended deadline?

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The removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities can properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest.

Many municipalities, particularly those in rural areas with lower populations, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage Advisory Committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake property evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures. Municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads and financial burdens associated with evaluating listed properties.

The municipal election on October 26, 2026, will limit council's ability to be active in making decisions or passing bylaws. In many municipalities, council will not even meet after September 1st - effectively moving the present deadline backwards.

Based on the above reasons, the Council of the Town of Lincoln recently endorsed the recommendation of its Heritage Advisory Committee and on March 25th circulated their formal resolution to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Community Heritage Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration. Town of Lincoln has graciously agreed that all municipalities are welcome to use their document as a template (shown at right); or send your own letter to the ministry with reasons relevant to your municipality. (All clerks will have received a copy of the resolution.)

Author Nancy Matthews is chair of Heritage Grey Highlands, a small rural municipality that requires owner permission, has no dedicated heritage staff and no budget for consultants. Of 22 listed properties, four have been designated. Seeking a deadline extension is the 1st item on our upcoming meeting agenda.



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March 25, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL: graham.mcgregor@pc.ola.org

Hon. Graham McGregor
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
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Brampton, ON L6Z 0C5

RE: Town of Lincoln Resolution – Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Committee of the Whole Meeting held on March 23, 2026, passed the following resolution:

Resolution Number: PED-2026-22
Moved by: Councillor Lynn Timmers

WHEREAS amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

WHEREAS municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS many municipalities, including the Town of Lincoln, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage Advisory Committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake property evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and


WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of March 12, 2026, recommended that Council advocate to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Town of Lincoln endorse the recommendation of its Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and
2. The Province consider extending the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and
3. This resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk

Ontario Heritage Conference

Share repurposed industrial building before/after photos

We are creating a cross-province slide show for the upcoming conference. Please send YOUR pictures (before & after?) and maybe a brief description (or just send a powerpoint slide) to

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*BAILEY BROOM FACTORY
1909-1930s KINGSTON
typical of small industrial enterprises
late 1800s – early 1900's.
Now a café & local event venue called
The Broom Factory*



The former Bailey Broom Factory in Kingston (right) is now a café and event venue.

what to do with the YMCA ?



Peterborough

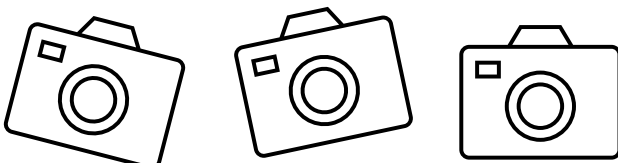
Historical Society George A. Cox Award 2022:
Atria Development Corporation for the sympathetic redesign and expansion of the former YMCA building for residential apartments in downtown Peterborough.

A former YMCA in Peterborough was repurposed and expanded into apartments.

Be a conference reporter!

Camera's up! Share your aha moments from the 2026 conference with your peers in the CHO newsletter. Details and deadlines inside.

We are better together!



Notice of Annual General Meeting Community Heritage Ontario



June 19, 2026
Liuna Station,
360 James St N,
Hamilton
Begins at 5:00 pm
Ends at 6:00 pm

Ontario Heritage Conference

Hamilton's theme is Forged in Steel, Steeped in History

The 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference in Hamilton embraces the theme "Forged in Steel, Steeped in History," highlighting the city's industrial legacy and its evolving identity. The theme explores the adaptive reuse of industrial buildings and landscapes. It showcases how former factories, mills, and infrastructure can be transformed into vibrant, functional spaces while preserving their historical character. It also emphasizes sustainability, cultural continuity, and innovative design, and demonstrates how communities can honor their industrial past while shaping a resilient and meaningful future. Vendor Marketplace at Liuna Station opens at 8:00 am and closes at 6:00 pm.

The Local Organizing Committee invites you to join us in Hamilton!

This is an annual conference involving education and networking for the heritage community: municipal committee volunteers, architects, planners, council and staff liaisons.

Registration is open. Full conference early bird rate ends on April 30.

Full conference \$290 (early bird rate); \$390 (after early bird)
Student rate \$200 (full conference only) **Friday only \$220 Saturday only \$180**
Add HST + 3.5 percent processing fee to the rates above.

View and choose sessions at <https://www.hbsarchitects.ca/event-details-registration/ontario-heritage-conference-hamilton-2026>

Get your tickets at <https://cvent.me/Nyg8XR?RefId=OHC+2026>

Final registration deadline is June 1.

Let's share our stories

CHOnews readers across the province would love to know how your project is going.

Do you have any insights to share? Are you dealing with a threat to heritage property?

Interested in sharing insights from the Ontario Heritage Conference?

Our summer issue deadline is June 30.

Do you have any new initiatives planned this fall?

Share your stories and photographs by Sept 30.

Submit stories (Word) and photographs (JPG)

with credits to Nancy Matthews at

newsletter@communityheritageontario.ca



STUDENT SUBSIDY PROGRAM

To encourage an interest in heritage, CHO/PCO is willing to subsidize students who wish to attend the annual Ontario Heritage Conference



www.communityheritageontario.ca/conference/
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CHO AGM is June 19 @ 5 pm

Ontario Heritage Conference

THURSDAY JUNE 18, 2026

- 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm - Early Registration – location(s) to be announced
- 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm - Public Event (Magnolia Hall)
- 8:30 pm – 11:30 pm - Conference Meet & Greet (WSP)

FRIDAY JUNE 19, 2026 (Liuna Station)

- 8:00 am - 9:00 am - Registration, Networking, Breakfast
 - 9:00 am - 10:30 am - Conference Opening
Welcome from Conference Host Committee, greetings, plus
Land Acknowledgement, keynote speakers' panel
 - 10:30 am - 11:00 am - Break
 - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm - Sessions or Tours #1
 - 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm - Lunch
 - 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm - Sessions or Tours #2
 - 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm - Break
 - 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm - Sessions or Tours #3
 - 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm - Break
 - 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm - AGM (for CHO members)
 - 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Gala Dinner (with presentations)
- The marketplace will be open from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm.

SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2026 (Sherman Avenue North)

- 9:00 am – 10:30 am - Insurance Panel (sponsored by CHO)
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am - Break
- 11:00 am – 2:00 pm - Studio Tours, Workshops, plus
Demonstrations, Tours at Cotton Factory
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm - Lunch provided at Cotton Factory
- 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm - Walking Tours, Bus Tours, Museums

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Hamilton's picturesque Bayfront Pier. (Photo credit: Tourism Hamilton)

Thursday's public event:

Imagine future of abandoned industrial Stelco lands

Magnolia Hall, 6:30 to 8:30 pm – (Panel) Reimagining Hamilton's Waterfront: Adaptive Reuse, Remediation and Commemoration of our Industrial Heritage

Presented by the Hamilton Burlington Society of Architects, a moderated speakers panel will explore the topic: "Reimagining Hamilton's Waterfront: Adaptive Reuse, Remediation and Commemoration of our Industrial Heritage". This will include a look at Hamilton's abandoned Stelco lands and the future potential to re-activate and re-purpose these industrial spaces.

Following this presentation, there will be opportunities for tours and a private meet & greet for conference attendees, hosted by WSP at their restored office space in the Empire Times Building.

Friday's keynote topic:

Importance, potential & challenge of reusing spaces

Liuna Station 9:00 to 10:30 am – Welcome Keynote: Adaptive Reuse

A panel will discuss the importance of historic industrial spaces, their potential for adaptive reuse and the design challenges faced along the way. Speakers will explore the Niagara Parks Power Station conversion to a hands-on museum and the adaptation of Hamilton's Cotton Factory into workshops, galleries, office space for creative professionals and studios for artists. Panelists will be Paul Sapounzi, Parter-In-Charge, +VG Architects-The Ventin Group Ltd. and Rob Zeidler, Owner, The Cotton Factory. Moderator is Michael McClelland, winner of the [2025 Special Achievement Award](#) by Heritage Toronto.



Paul Sapounzi



Rob Zeidler



Michael McClelland

Walking tour times on Friday are: 11:00 am-12:30 pm / 1:30-3:00 pm / 3:30-5:00 pm

- Historic James Street North and the Copley Project
- Central Neighbourhood: Adaptive Reuse of Industrial Properties
- Industrial North-End Waterfront Trail and Workers Arts & Heritage Centre (WAHC)

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Liuna Station Banquet & Conference Centre

(below) at 360 James St. N. was built between 1929 and 1931 by the Canadian National Railway.

Designated as a National Historic Site under Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act and Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. (Photo credit Tourism Hamilton)



The Copley Project (above) - Tour this prime example of adaptive reuse as it progresses at 56 York Boulevard. This landmark Renaissance Revival building will soon reopen featuring residential units, mixed use spaces and boutique hotel. (Photo credit Lintack Architects Ltd.) **Mobility limited! No elevator.**

SESSIONS & TOURS - FRIDAY JUNE 19

Liuna Station - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

❑ Preventing Demolition by Neglect

Demolition by neglect can be expected to increase as building owners continue to struggle with a failing real estate market. To prevent neglect, municipalities must navigate the complex relationship between the Municipal Act, the Heritage Act and the Building Code. This session will explore some of the tools and tactics in the context of the City of Hamilton and Town of Oakville, and their effectiveness.

❑ Conservation of Heritage Resources through Circularity: Strategies for Rehabilitation and Salvage

"The greenest building is...one that is already built," a phrase coined by architect Carl Elephante captures the spirit of this session. Architects, buildings scientists, deconstruction experts and heritage masonry specialists discuss how participating in the circular economy through the conservation of existing buildings and the reuse of historic building materials can reduce our carbon footprint. The construction and demolition industries are linear economies, using resources to make products that ultimately end up in

the landfill, whereas the circular economy aims to eliminate waste, circulate salvaged products and materials and regenerate nature.

❑ From Union to Hamilton, case studies of industrial heritage projects in the GTHA

Industrial heritage sites across Ontario present complex challenges where aging historic structures and landscapes must adapt to contemporary infrastructure and development demands. These sites include a wide spectrum of cultural heritage resources including built heritage properties, cultural heritage landscapes, and archaeological sites, each carrying distinct historical, architectural, and community values. WSP demonstrates how heritage conservation and infrastructure development can not only coexist, but how appropriate heritage conservation can add value to infrastructure development.

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

❑ Designating Industrial Buildings

Designating an industrial building can be a very different sort of proposition than designating a house, school or church. Join our presenters as they explore challenges, successes and insights.

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SESSIONS & TOURS - FRIDAY JUNE 19

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Liuna Station - 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

☐ Success Stories in Industrial Adaptive Reuse

Discover how visionary projects are transforming old industrial spaces into vibrant hubs of innovation, culture, and sustainability. This panel brings together experts to share inspiring success stories of adaptive reuse in industrial settings. Explore how these projects preserve heritage, reduce environmental impact, and revitalize communities with creative repurposing.

☐ Preserving Our Cultural Heritage Landscapes

Hamilton's Monument Trees offer an entry point into understanding the city's natural heritage and broader issues of climate change, revealing how each significant tree acts as a sign or marker of layered ecological, cultural, and urban design history. Drawing on our studio's ongoing research, this work shows how field documentation, ecological study, and community engagement shape our approach.

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

☐ Conservation of Heritage Resources through Circularity: Policy and Process

This session focuses on how existing heritage policies and municipal processes can be leveraged to advance circularity in practice. Examine how documentation, conservation, and demolition review frameworks already provide a foundation for circular approaches — and how they can be strengthened to support full building reuse, adaptive retention, and structured material recovery. It's a practical progression by:

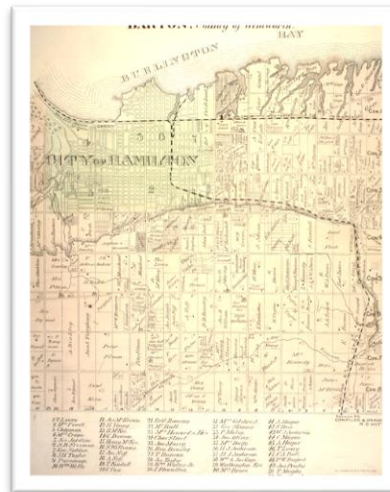
1. Aligning circularity with existing heritage policy tools,
2. Prioritizing full building reuse and retention strategies,
3. Introducing Salvage Feasibility Assessments to inform demolition and capital planning decisions,
4. Moving from building-level conservation to material-level reuse through clearer reporting and process integration.

A moderated panel with representatives from the cities

of Brampton and Hamilton will share how documentation requirements, salvage reporting, and circular economy objectives are being integrated into municipal policy and approvals workflows. The panel will explore how heritage professionals can move from policy alignment to practical implementation, and how structured reuse processes can support goals.

☐ From Traditional Knowledge to Contemporary Craft

To illustrate examples of how learning traditional knowledge informs the practice of craft skills based on a respect and understanding of traditional materials, methods and applications for conservation initiatives.



This map of Hamilton is from the 1881 Atlas of Wentworth County (Photo by Nancy Matthews)

☐ Finding Historical Facts with Digital Research

How to access digital versions of important heritage resources including the 1880 County Atlas series, Ontario Fire Insurance Maps and Historical Census data. "Hands on" demonstrations of how to access basic information available on each site, then how to use what you have learned along with what you already know to uncover further historic details – not unlike solving a mystery.

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

☐ Community Heritage Ontario – AGM

Members of the CHO are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting to approve financial reports and elect directors to the CHO board.

6:00pm – 9:30 pm - Gala Event & Dinner at Liuna Station – Grand Ballroom

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Playhouse Cinema (below) 177 Sherman Ave North was constructed in 1914. It was once Hamilton's premier Italian Cinema and was home to Theatre and to a local youth program until it was restored by the Tutt Family. This property is once again an independently owned and operated, single screen cinema with beautiful Art Deco details. Listed on the City's Inventory. (Photo credit: A. Robinson)



Cotton Factory (above) 270 Sherman Ave North is an historic 1900 industrial complex: a repurposed textile mill that is Hamilton's largest creative hub. Explore the building. Access the second and third floors by stairs and freight elevator. This site may not be fully accessible should the elevator have unforeseen mechanical issues. (Credit Alissa Robinson)

SESSIONS & TOURS - SATURDAY JUNE 20

Playhouse Cinema - 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Plenary Session: Heritage Insurance – Myths vs. Realities

The availability & affordability of insurance for designated heritage property has become so problematic that owners are requesting removal of designations. A panel will highlight positive actions by owners and municipal heritage planners that could help with understanding and a more positive attitude.

Cotton Factory - 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Open Studio Tours & Traditional Trades Fair

Students from the Willowbank heritage conservation Diploma program and specialized tradespeople will be doing demonstrations and opening their studios.

11:00 am - Workshop: Monument Trees

This workshop will engage participants in hands-on identification of native tree species using leaves and seeds, building practical ecological literacy.

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm - Lunch provided

11:15 am / 12:15 pm / 1:15 pm Guided Tours

Self-Guided Tours & Experiences - 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm - More information to be provided.

BUS TOUR (3 hours) Cost \$40 per person
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm– Industrial Heritage: Tour of Hamilton's Waterfront, the 1859 Hamilton Waterworks Departing from the Cotton Factory

This bus tour will explore the importance of industry around Hamilton Harbour. The tour will include a guided driving tour of Port Authority lands with stops at both the 1859 Hamilton Waterworks (Museum of Steam & Technology National Historic Site) as well as the designated Beach Canal Lighthouse and Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage (under active restoration).

The 1859 Hamilton Waterworks National Historic Site stands as a locally designed and built landmark, incorporating cutting-edge mid-century engineering. The Light Station bridges the harbour's diverse commercial, industrial, residential, and recreational functions, though it currently reflects the complex challenges of lighthouse preservation and creating new public access heritage sites. The Cottage reflects public works construction and a working-class residence.

Call for interest in hosting a future heritage conference

Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) is accepting bids for future Ontario Heritage Conferences. Municipalities find that hosting is beneficial to local tourism and increases visibility. If your municipality would like an opportunity to host, contact CHO. Check out the RFP info sheet which can be found at www.communityheritageontario.ca/conference/

Your interest in joining board due by May 15th

Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) is looking for municipal heritage committee (MHC) members and other individuals who would like to provide their knowledge and experience by serving on our Board of Directors. We need to have representation from all parts of the province by those who have served on MHC, past or present, and a willingness to offer their assistance to the Board. CHO encourages members who have other skills such as financial, administration, networking, IT, that would assist the board with tasks. Knowledge of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA) is not necessarily required. There is a small budget for approved expenses. The Board holds meetings on Zoom on a Sunday, starting around noon. Meetings are held four times in the year – March, June, September and November. Decisions about directors

are made at the Annual General Meeting on June 19 at 5 pm at the Ontario Heritage Conference.

Send a brief letter of interest to:

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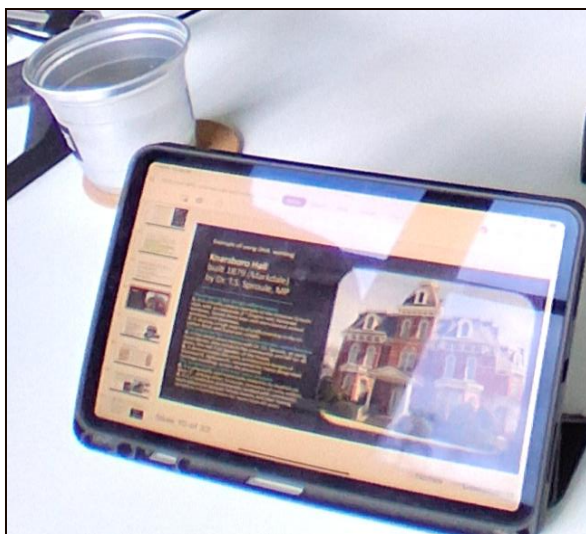


Image of a tablet. (Photo credit: Nellie Evans)

Job Opening - Become CHO's treasurer - CHO is looking for someone with accounting background to become our treasurer. Commitment: part-time to pay invoices, write financial reports, grant applications, and attend four meetings a year. Most meetings are held electronically. Submit resume to: info@communityheritageontario.ca

Renew your Community Heritage Ontario membership

1. Check your membership status

Has your municipal treasurer submitted your membership dues for 2026?

Municipal and individual members enjoy access to advice from experts and volunteers who contribute to this newsletter and to our premiere event – the Ontario Heritage Conference.

2. Send your committee contact information and dues

Have you updated your list to ensure every committee member receives an electronic copy of CHOnews?

Municipal memberships are \$75. Individual memberships are \$35.

Identify your municipality / yourself in the payment. Payment options are cheque or e-transfers, which are accepted by treasurer@communityheritageontario.ca

What does it take to host the provincial conference?

1. Send a proposal.

Read CHO's RFP info. Propose theme, venues, timing. **Create a local organizing committee (LOC):** Partner with your MHC, CHO, ACO, OAHP. We're part of your network - we have lots of advice and experience to share with you.



2. Start planning.

Your conference can be fun and informative. It can have other events too. **Think outside the box!** Ask OAHP (Ontario Association of Heritage Professionals) about issues affecting the industry. Draft a budget. Sign an agreement (MOU) with the co-sponsors CHO, ACO and OAHP.

3. Market your area. Promote heritage!

Ontario Heritage Conference 2022
June 16-18
Brockville and the Surrounding Region
The Light at the end of the Tunnel

The Light at the End of the Tunnel - themes:
How Heritage Preservation needs to move forward post-pandemic
How the heritage narrative needs to re-address White Colonial History
Ways heritage could be more inclusive of Indigenous & BIPOC cultures
Conference follow-up to HGH, MHAC & MGH by Nancy Matthews

Past partnerships:

Single – Guelph (2007)

Joint – Stratford and St. Marys (2016)

Size does not matter. In 2019, Goderich and Bluewater, combined population about 16,000.

We will go just about anywhere.

We've gone north to the Soo, south to Windsor, east to Cornwall and west as far as Lake Huron.

Hamilton hosted the first OHC in 2004. Welcome back!



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 of directors' meetings are open to any municipal heritage committee member. Meetings will be held virtually until further notice. If you wish to attend, please send a request to info@communityheritageontario.ca

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