GOOD FOOTINGS
The Newsletter of the Ontario Chapter of the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals

PRESIDENT’S PEN

On behalf of the 2017-2018 OAHP Board of Directors, we hope you that you and your family had an enjoyable winter and are off to great start to what is promising to be a lovely spring.

It was nice catching up with old friends and colleagues, and a real pleasure meeting all the new people in attendance at the OAHP Annual December Social held at Massey College. A special thanks to Kelly Gilbride and Will de Backer who were responsible for organizing the event, which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

OAHP is a part of the Joint Ontario Conference Committee ("JOCC"), along with the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and Community Heritage Ontario. The Ministry of Tourism, Cultural and Sport and the Ontario Heritage Trust are valued partners of JOCC and have been actively involved in the steering of the 2018 Ontario Heritage Conference (the “2018 OHC”), which will be graciously hosted by Sault Ste. Marie from June 07 – 09, 2018.

The 2018 OHC is shaping up to be a great weekend, and we highly recommend finalizing your travel plans to avoid the disappointment of missing out on an enjoyable and important weekend. In addition to the OHC, OAHP will be holding its AGM, please attend and collaborate with your peers, share information and ideas and create the best possible outcome for all of OAHP’s members.

OAHP is planning a call for Board of Directors and Committee Members for the 2018-2019 Board year. Please encourage your worthy peers and colleagues to answer the call and become involved to help shape OAHP’s future in the stewardship of Ontario past.

As always, we welcome your thoughts and are interested in learning about the undertakings our members are involved in with. Please share your ideas, successes and challenges with our Communications Committee and be heard in the OAHP Newsletter (the “Newsletter”).

A special thanks to Kayla Jonas Galvin for your contributions to the Newsletter. Without your efforts, it would not be possible.

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AN URBAN BARN RAISING IS SAVING HERITAGE IN HAMILTON

Graham Crawford  Westdale Cinema Group Board Member

In 1923, a public contest was held to name a new residential neighbourhood in the west end of Hamilton. The winning name was Westdale - one of Canada’s first planned communities.

In 1935, in the commercial heart of the Westdale development, an Art Deco-style movie theatre opened that was the first movie theatre in Hamilton built expressly to show sound movies. It remained open until the theatre was put up for sale in December of 2016 for nearly $2 million.

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2018 ONTARIO HERITAGE CONFERENCE - WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER THIS UNIQUE REGION!

Sault Ste. Marie, June 7-9, 2018

In building this year’s program for the Ontario Heritage Conference, it is evident that the local organizing committee focused on showcasing their diverse region. As is now standard for the conference, the program strives to educate and share best practices, but this year given the location, the attendees will have the opportunity to delve into new issues.

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario will host a session titled “Using Your Municipal Election To Advance the Cause of Heritage,” which is sure to provide an exciting question period. Community Heritage Ontario will present on maintaining the municipal registry, a topic for which they had many requests to discuss. This year there will also be some practical sessions and how-to workshops; masonry sandstone restoration, wood repair, traditional roofing materials and masonry crack repairs. Architects, planners and Ministry representatives will round off the educational program.

Unique to this year, and a function of the location and rich heritage, other sessions and tours will provide different opportunities to share and learn. A session called “Our Metis Legacy” and a visit of the Shingwauk Residential School will open a window into issues now coming to the forefront of our history. The Algoma Industrial history will be showcased, in sessions but also in a very tangible way by choice of venues and tours. From Welcome Reception at the Bushplane Museum, the Gala dinner at the Machine Shop, and a to a dinner theatre option at the Ermatinger Old Stone House, you will touch and feel the heritage. Of course one cannot forget the Group of Seven and their connection to the region, and the program would not be complete without a tour of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal National Historic Site. There a guide will show you the work being done to restore and preserve some historic buildings and structures.

A unique opportunity to scratch Sault Ste. Marie off your bucket list! For more program information, registration and bookings, please visit www.ontarioheritageconference.ca

OHA+M BLOG MOVES TO WATERLOO

Established in 1980, The Heritage Resource Centre (HRC) was founded in the Faculty of Environment to promote a better understanding of natural and human heritage for the improvement of planning management, and public policy through research, education, and extension work.

As part of this mandate, The University of Waterloo’s Heritage Resources Centre (HRC) and heritage consultant Dan Schneider have announced that the HRC will now host Dan’s heritage policy blog OHA+M.

The move of the blog to the HRC’s website occurred in mid-January. Dan started the blog almost three years ago, during Heritage Week 2015, to mark the 40th anniversary of the Ontario Heritage Act and the tenth anniversary of the 2005 overhaul of the act.

With new articles every 2-3 weeks, the blog boasts more than 75 posts to date on a wide variety of issues. OHA+M has become a respected source of information and commentary on Ontario’s legal and policy framework for cultural heritage as well as current public policy initiatives and issues. In October 2017 Dan received a Heritage Education and Scholarship Award of Excellence for the blog from the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals.

Heritage Resources Centre Director Michael Drescher and blogger Dan Schneider mark the new HRC-OHA+M alliance in Waterloo January 15, 2018.
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If it had followed the fate of almost every other movie theatre in Hamilton, it would have been demolished. But, after 82 years of continuous operation, the Westdale was not finished. Not yet. That’s when a group of volunteers came together with a common goal - save the Westdale. An offer to purchase the theatre was made that included a down payment of $75,000. It was accepted.

The group had until June 1, 2017 to put together the rest of the funding. That’s where the civic-minded spirit of Hamiltonians came in.

Calls were made. Meetings held. Within a few weeks, the newly founded, not-for-profit Westdale Cinema Group had the support of local foundations and philanthropists who were prepared to loan the group enough money to close the deal. With the full support of the Westdale Cinema Group, the building was designated with the assistance of the Hamilton's Municipal Heritage Committee. This was now officially a restoration project, not a renovation project.

Word spread quickly that the theatre would be saved, aided by a tremendous level of local media coverage. The community support was overwhelming. People offered to help clean the theatre. To remove old, torn and tired seats. Some offered to do plastering when it was required. And not just any plastering, but ‘jazz plastering’ as specific in the architect’s original 1934 spec book the group found at the Ontario Archives. Hamilton native Martin Short recorded a fundraising video for the group. One craftsperson offered to build replica Art Deco entrance doors that had been lost in a 1969 renovation. That renovation included covering over the beautiful carved Indiana limestone facade with a metal light box.

By late November, the Westdale Cinema Group was awarded charitable status, making community fundraising that much easier.

Historic view of the theatre interior.

The group began their restoration work on the front of the theatre. Based on original architectural drawings and historical photographs, they knew what had been there originally, but weren’t sure they had not been removed or damaged. The original facade, including two carved masks of comedy and tragedy, was intact, but the original marquee was gone, although it is being replicated by a Hamilton-based company that received national coverage for its restoration of the Sam the Record Man sign in Toronto.

The restoration work continues including the theatre lobby and auditorium that will once again reflect their Art Deco heritage. The Westdale Cinema Group plans to re-open the theatre in October of 2018. The hands-on support of so many caring Hamiltonians is ensuring this neighbourhood treasure will be around for another 85 years of stars and stories.

Learn more here: http://buildingmagic.ca

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**OAHP Wants You!**

OAHP is looking for volunteers to serve on its Board of Directors (2018-2019).

The board meets 4 times during the year by teleconference. Board members can help by serving as Committee Chairs or sitting on a committee. Current committees include communications, government liaison, social, and by-law development. Board Members will be confirmed at the OAHP AGM in Sault Ste. Marie June 7-9. The Board term is 1 year running from May 2018 to May 2019.

If you are interested, please contact OAHP President, Arran Brannigan at ABrannigan@BRCrestorationinc.com by May 18, 2018.
The Township of King has recently started an exciting conservation endeavour. The township is responsible for 12 pioneer cemeteries designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act and is the processes of undertaking a Cemetery Restoration Plan. The plan will create a high-level, long-term strategy for the conservation of all 12 cemeteries.

Archaeological Research Associates Ltd. was retained to assist the Town in undertaking this ambitious undertaking. The approach involved conducting historical research, developing a project database, carrying out an examination of the condition of the markers in each of the pioneer cemeteries, and outlining the recommended conservation method(s) for each marker. The markers were prioritized based on the identified need for physical restoration using a priority class rating system. This process will be used to inform the creation of an overall prioritization plan for each cemetery.

To ensure that each marker could be easily identified and assessed individually, a numbering system was developed. The field survey involved taking photographs of the sites and their associated markers, recording the GPS location of the primary marker, as well as completing a condition assessment for individual markers. The survey included documentation of the materials, dimensions, locations, leans (where applicable), description of the markers, inscriptions on the markers, noted deterioration, environmental surroundings, as well as sample pH readings.

A "priority class rating system" was created and applied to each marker to indicate the current overall condition. This rating system is adapted from a best practice system recognized by the Ontario Association of Cemetery and Funeral Professionals (OACFP) where the system focuses on a targeted response time for marker maintenance and repair.

The results of the condition assessment and the priority class rating system were documented in a database as well as on maps of each cemetery. Map 1 shows the location of each stone, their condition as well as the Priority Class Ratings for Temperanceville Cemetery.
UNCOVERING HISTORY IN HISTORIC BLAIR VILLAGE

Vanessa Hicks  MHBC Planning

Located within the community of Blair Village, City of Cambridge, the rare Charitable Research Reserve is working to re-vitalize the historic ‘Lamb’s Inn’, designated under Part V and Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The building was constructed in two sections between 1837 and 1849 as a coach stop beside the Grand River. The designation by-law notes that the only part of the building which is significant is the original portion fronting Blair Road, which represents an early form of tavern/inn construction. To my surprise, there was more to the historic Lamb’s Inn than I originally thought. During work to revitalize the building, a hidden structure was found encapsulated within 20th century additions.

The rare Charitable Research Reserve is a non-profit organization which focuses on conservation, research, and education. Rare purchased the building in 2005 to carry out their programming within the building as a community hub. Rare is currently undertaking the rehabilitation of the existing building which requires considerable repairs remodeling in order to meet their needs including increasing programming space, making the building accessible, and increasing energy efficiency.

According to local history records, the building underwent significant changes after 1927 when the property was purchased by the Nicholsons. The building remained in the Nicholson family until 1957. The building was subsequently owned by several owners/operators of businesses throughout the 20th century. The building was primarily used as an inn/bar/restaurant/tavern throughout the 19th and 20th centuries and continued to serve as a popular place of gathering in the community. The historic record notes that the Nicholson family constructed a cobblestone addition to the rear of the building. Subsequently, other rear additions were constructed in the 1970s and 1980s.

During the demolition of the rear additions, evidence of a limestone wall was found underneath 20th century materials. With the strategic dismantling of the rear additions, a limestone structure measuring approximately 7.5 metres x 6 metres was found. The structure appears to have been constructed as a rear addition, having an east, south, and west wall of rough cut limestone approximately 1-2 ft. thick. The roof structure includes large hand hewn beams and evidence of a brick chimney at the interior of the south wall. As no evidence of a fourth (north) wall was found, it is likely that it was never a stand-alone building and therefore doesn’t pre-date the historic Inn. Due to the proximity of the addition to the house and presence of a chimney, it was likely a summer kitchen rather than a barn or agricultural outbuilding as these buildings were often sited away from dwellings to deter noises and smells. We estimate that the building is likely dated to the first half of the 19th century.

There was no mention in the historic record of the historic Inn ever having a summer kitchen or similar structure. Further, the existing designation by-law and Heritage Conservation District Plan does not identify any early 19th century rear addition. There are rare cases in which structures are altered to the extent that they are no longer readily visible and long forgotten. Without invasive testing and previous knowledge of a structure in this location, it was virtually undetectable. I consider this situation a positive experience in that we are successfully uncovering the structure and adding its existence to the historic record. I think it serves as a lesson that the historic record is active in the sense that it is constantly evolving. We, as heritage professionals, are charged with not only retrieving and interpreting the historic record, but also adding to it.
NEW AT CAHP-ACECP

Over the past two years, the CAHP-ACECP Board of Directors has been working to improve communications and services to our membership and we’re pleased to share some updates on our recent initiatives.

One of the biggest projects was a completely new CAHP-ACECP website that launched in October 2017 - find us at www.cahp-acecp.ca. The new website is easier to navigate and contains more up to date information including job postings, education opportunities and workshops. It’s still a work in progress and we’d appreciate receiving any feedback you have, so send in your suggestions to admin@cahp-acecp.ca. The members-only section of the website should launch later in 2018, so keep an eye out for that!

CAHP-ACECP is also more involved in social media than ever before, with regular postings on our Facebook page and twitter. And if you’re an intern member who enjoys engaging through social media, consider applying for our twitter coordinator for the 2018 conference, which includes a conference subsidy. Student members can apply for our conference subsidy as well – the first 20 applicants will receive $100 off their registration to the 2018 CAHP|ACECP-National Trust Joint Conference in Fredericton, NB from Oct.18-20th. Details for both the student subsidy and twitter coordinator are available on our website.

While CAHP-ACECP continues to grow, we’re also committed to recognizing excellence in our membership. In 2017, in honour of Canada’s 150th birthday celebrations, the nomination fee was waived for the CAHP-ACECP Awards of Excellence. A record number of applications were received and adjudicated by jurors from across Canada. Recipients were recognized at the Annual Awards Ceremony in Ottawa, ON during the 2017 National Conference. We hope you’ll consider nominating a CAHP-ACECP member for the 2018 awards – our submission deadline is July 27, 2018 and as always, details are available on the website.

There are so many ways to get involved with CAHP-ACECP – nominate someone for an award, join one of our committees such as Membership or Education or consider standing for the Board of Directors. A call for nominations to the CAHP-ACECP Board of Directors will be coming early this summer, so start thinking about it now!

NEXT ISSUE

The deadline for submissions for our next issue is September 24, 2018.

Submissions are welcomed from all members. Please let us know if you have a current project or issue you’d like to share with the membership. Submissions should be 300-500 words in length. Photos are encouraged (high resolution, please). Please include a short title for your article as well as your name and position in the text of the article.

Please send submissions to Kayla Jonas Galvin at kjgalvin@arch-research.com with OAHP Newsletter as the subject.
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Meet your CAHP peers and heritage industry leaders.

This is the 11th year that the CAHP and the National Trust have joined forces to mount this national heritage spectacular. Why not expand your networks, build your skills, and get inspired by attending Canada’s largest heritage learning and networking event?

CAHP Conference Sessions, AGM, and Awards
CAHP contributors will be front-and-centre throughout the conference, including CAHP organized sessions and a CAHP AGM is timed so that you don’t have to miss any of the conference’s rich programming. The CAHP awards will be presented alongside those from the National Trust and Association Heritage New Brunswick at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in a stunning new addition designed by Brian MacKay-Lyons.

Rich, Skill-Building Programming—As in past years, the conference program bring together the very latest heritage conservation insights and solutions from Canada and beyond. For the fourth year in a row, we are working with local Indigenous communities to present a Fredericton Indigenous Heritage Roundtable stream embedded within the conference. Plenary speakers will include Boston University’s Daniel Abramson exploring the challenging ideas in his new book, Obsolescence: An Architectural History. A special full-day workshop is being planned on City-Wide Heritage Inventories with experts from SurveyLA and the Getty Conservation Institute.

Discover Beautiful Fredericton! Our conference host city is a vibrant community renowned for its east coast warmth and charm. Home to the oldest English-language university in Canada, Fredericton also boasts a world-class art collection, vibrant farmers’ market, and a historic garrison district – all woven into the fabric of a picturesque downtown on the banks of the historic Saint John River.

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