

# MAIGazine

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## Please join us for the 2016 Municipal Archives Interest Group's Open House in Simcoe County!

Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
10:00 am- 4:00 pm

Please join us this year for another exciting day of archival discovery as we visit the beautiful Simcoe County Archives and celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! The day will begin at the County Archives at 10 am, and lunch will be provided. For more information about this year's Open House, please see page 16.

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## Message from the Chair – Brenda Hicock

Summer is upon us which means it's time to present this year's issue of our MAIGazine. A big thank you to Gina and Gillian for putting it together and to all of our readers who contributed articles. MAIG's annual publication is a great way to showcase your municipal archives and to keep your colleagues around the province informed.

This year's AAO Conference in Thunder Bay, Ontario, saw MAIG members once again gather together for our Annual General Meeting. As both Gillian and I were quite pregnant and unable to travel, we unfortunately had to miss this year's AGM. A big thanks to Gina for attending on our behalf and chairing the meeting. MAIG's AGM is an event to which I look forward every year as it allows me to reconnect with archivists from around the province. The roundtable discussion is always enlightening and a great time to exchange ideas and pose questions to colleagues. This year, members heard from the AO's Sean Smith who introduced and led a discussion on the provincial acquisition strategy.

With fall around the corner, it's time to start thinking about MAIG's annual Open House. Don't forget to mark your calendars - this year's Open House will be held at the Simcoe County Archives on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016! Please see page 16 for more details. It should be an interesting and informative day, and I hope to see you all there!

## MAIG Executive, 2015-2018

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## Meet the MAIG Executive



**Brenda Hicock** has been Chair of MAIG since 2015, having served as Vice Chair from 2012-2015. Brenda started working for the City of Vaughan Archives in 2008 as an Archives Technician shortly after graduating with a Masters of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Western Ontario. Following a year and a half of progressive responsibility, she stepped up to the role of Archival Records Analyst. In 2015, after returning from a maternity leave, Brenda accepted the position of Acting City Archivist. Most recently, she embraced the opportunity to become Supervisor of Archives and Records Management Services (ARMS) where her role will take on a larger scope and will include overseeing the entire ARMS team. She looks forward to the exciting times ahead as she continues to learn and ARMS continues to evolve. Brenda can be contacted by email at [Brenda.Hicock@vaughan.ca](mailto:Brenda.Hicock@vaughan.ca) or by phone at 905-832-8585 ext. 8189 until July when she will be on maternity leave with her second child. From July 2016-2017, feel free to contact her at [brendahicock@gmail.com](mailto:brendahicock@gmail.com).



**Gillian Shaw** is the current MAIG Vice Chair, having begun her tenure on the Executive in 2015. She holds a Master of Information degree from the University of Toronto (2011) and has experience in archives, museums, and records management for both the public and private sectors. Prior to working at the City of Vaughan Archives as an Archival Records Analyst, Gillian worked at the City of Markham (Markham Museum) and the Ministry of Health. In addition to her role as Vice Chair, she is also a member of the AAO's Professional Development Committee, and sits on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artists Guild. Gillian can be contacted at [Gillian.Shaw@vaughan.ca](mailto:Gillian.Shaw@vaughan.ca) or by phone at 905-832-8585 ext. 8793 until August when she will be on maternity leave with her first child. From August 2016-2017, feel free to contact her at [Gillian\\_Shaw@outlook.com](mailto:Gillian_Shaw@outlook.com).



**Gina Coady** has been the Secretary-Treasurer of MAIG since 2014, and will continue to be the Secretary-Treasurer for the 2015-2018 term. She holds a Masters of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Western Ontario (2002) and has been the Archivist Assistant at the Elgin County Archives since October 2002. In addition to her Secretary-Treasurer position with MAIG, she has been the Treasurer for the Southwestern Ontario Chapter since 2010, and has served on the ARCHEION Committee of the AAO. Gina can be contacted by email at [gcoady@elgin.ca](mailto:gcoady@elgin.ca) or by phone at 519-631-1460 ext. 154.

## Minutes from the 2015 Open House

**Minutes  
Municipal Archives Interest Group  
Open House Meeting  
October 2, 2015  
Peterborough Museum and Archives  
(Peterborough, Ontario)**

Executive Present:

- Brenda Hicock, Chair
- Gillian Shaw, Vice-Chair
- Gina Coady, Secretary-Treasurer

Members Present:

- Mary Charles- Peterborough Museum and Archives
- Rebecca Whelan- Peterborough Museum and Archives
- Erin Walsh- Port Hope Archives
- Iona McCraith- AAO Archives Advisor
- Heather Aiton Landry- Trent Valley Archives
- Elwood Jones- Trent Valley Archives
- Guy Thompson- President of the Board of Directors, Trent Valley Archive
- Evangeline Lee- The Regional Municipality of York
- Ann-Marie Collins- Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre
- Arthur McLelland- London Room

1. Welcoming Remarks and Agenda Approval

Brenda called the meeting to order at 2:17 pm and thanked everyone for coming.  
Motion to approve the Agenda: Ann-Marie Collins  
Seconded: Arthur McLelland  
Carried.

2. 2014 Open House Minutes

Motion to approve: Gillian Shaw  
Seconded by: Brenda Hicock  
Carried.

3. Report of the Chair

Brenda advised that the MAIG AGM was held in London and was well attended. She also discussed the upcoming AAO's IDC Forum on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, which she would be attending on behalf of MAIG.

4. Financial Report

Motion to approve: Arthur McLelland  
Seconded by: Gillian Shaw

## 5. Open House Discussion

Future locations for MAIG's Open House were discussed and the following agreed upon:

- 2016- Simcoe County (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
- 2017 – City of Ottawa Archives
- 2018 – City of Vaughan Archives (tentative)
- 2019- Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

## 6. Other Business

### a. *Email of Condolences regarding the Passing of Bruce Beacock*

Brenda read out the email of condolences that she sent to Ellen Millar at the Simcoe County Archives.

### b. *MAIG Survey (RIM and municipal archives programs throughout province)*

Brenda advised that she had received an email from Sean Smith, to see if MAIG had ever conducted a survey regarding RIM and Municipal Archives Programs. Since MAIG had not done this in the past, Sean advised that he would be sending out a survey for recordkeeping on Bill 8 and that this would be discussed at the Institutional Committee meeting on October 22nd. Elton Jones suggested that we do a call-out on the listserv for ideas for this meeting.

### c. *Future of Municipal Archives at Windsor Public Library (WPL)*

Iona McCraith advised that she would be meeting with Michael Fish and his supervisor soon to discuss the future of the Archives at WPL and having the archives reading room relocated and no further accessioning and processing happening in the future. Brenda advised that Michael was appreciative that MAIG had contacted him to provide support and assistance regarding this change if required.

## 7. Roundtable

- **Erin Walsh, Port Hope Archives:** Erin advised that she had returned from maternity leave earlier this year and was continuing to work on an Oral History Project she had begun in 2013. The Archives is actively working on their social media strategy and were working on outreach by participating in a weekly 10-minute radio segment on Port Hope and the region's history. The archives is also actively looking at having moveable shelving installed in the archives, which is hoped to be finalized and implemented by next year.
- **Iona McCraith, AAO Archives Advisor:** Iona advised she has been doing a lot of travelling as of late, visiting individuals who are trying to establish archival programs. Many of these visits have been within the educational community and among School Boards, who have inquired what to do with their archival records. Iona advised that she and Sean Smith would be meeting at the upcoming IDC Forum to discuss this and that she and Amanda Hill have been asked to join the IDC as ad hoc members. She also advised that moving forward, the AAO would be looking for volunteers for three new project committees, and would be writing a corporate history. Funding has been secured to write the corporate history, as well as for a project archivist to be hired to support Archeion. Iona discussed the status of the Archival Emergency Response Network (AERN) and that a Memorandum of Understanding was no longer required in order to be a part of this group (only an active membership in the AAO was required).

- **Evangeline Lee, York Region Archives:** Evangeline advised that the Region's Records Management System is almost all electronic and that the Region just passed a RM policy for the archives last month. The Archives has also procured a display cabinet and are aiming to have two exhibits each year.
- **Brenda Hicock, City of Vaughan Archives:** Brenda advised that she was now the Acting City Archivist with Vaughan and was putting together a new retention by-law and disaster plan.
- **Gillian Shaw, City of Vaughan Archives:** Gillian discussed some upcoming exhibits that were planned for the Archives as well as an ongoing accessibility project that was underway to digitize Council Agendas, Minutes and By-Laws. She discussed some new accessions and a new partnership with the Vaughan Weekly, which showcased an archival photo each week both online and in print.
- **Mary Charles, Peterborough Museum and Archives:** Mary discussed the Archives move to the new building late last fall and her ongoing work to get the collection reorganized. The Archives has also been busy with researchers and conservation.
- **Elwood Jones, Trent Valley Archives:** Elwood advised that the Archives had won a June Callwood award on account of their high use of volunteers. He discussed the ongoing project of indexing of land records and book publishing assistance. He also discussed the Archives ongoing outreach programs and new collections being donated from local families.
- **Heather Aiton Landry, Trent Valley Archives:** Heather discussed applying for grants in the hopes to have someone hired for the Archives to work on the website and upload existing finding aids.
- **Ann-Marie Collins, Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre:** Ann-Marie discussed the Museum's ongoing project of creating a names database in order to link service records and local heroes from the Bruce County area. The project is due to launch in the next few weeks and will allow people to modify and add information that is available online. She also discussed ongoing digitization projects of photos and outreach in the community. The museum is also looking to extend its hours as a result of a large increase in research requests.
- **Rebecca Whelan, Peterborough Museum and Archives:** Rebecca advised that the Archives has a new document management system, FileNeXUS and that it is very user-friendly. Currently, the archives is only publishing public records online, however they will be looking to add more records to the database moving forward.
- **Arthur McLelland, London Room:** Arthur advised that the Libraries typewriter had finally been retired and that existing index cards had now been digitized. The Library was looking at having a travelling exhibit come from the AO to help promote outreach and supplement some existing items in London's collection. Arthur also discussed a new donation from the CFPL station and information about the sports broadcaster George Clark.
- **Gina Coady, Elgin County Archives:** Gina advised that the Archives would be having two summer students this year, as a result of funding from Young Canada Works and the Canada Summer Jobs Program. These positions would assist with social media, digitization, and

accessioning. She also discussed the repatriation of the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital fonds from the AO and some ongoing partnerships with the AO and their new Digitization Partnerships Program. Throughout the year, the Archives had also received a \$5,000 grant from the Elgin County Branch of the OGS to fund various projects, which has been hugely helpful. Gina also discussed various new acquisitions including the Mills collection, Dave Rock Collection, Clachan Women's Institute fonds, and the St. Thomas Times-Journal.

## 8. Adjournment

Being no further updates or new business, Brenda called for a motion to adjourn at 3:30pm. Gillian Shaw seconded the motion with no objections.

## **Minutes from the 2016 AGM**

**Minutes  
Municipal Archives Interest Group  
Annual General Meeting  
May 11, 2016  
Prince Arthur Hotel  
(Thunder Bay, Ontario)**

### Executive Present:

- Gina Coady, Secretary-Treasurer

### Executive Regrets:

- Brenda Hicock, Chair
- Gillian Shaw, Vice-Chair

### Members Present:

- Sean Smith, Archives of Ontario
- Liz Mayville, County of Oxford Archives
- Dana Thorne, County of Lambton Archives

## 1. Call to Order

Gina called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm and welcomed everyone. She introduced herself and explained that Brenda and Gillian had sent regrets, as they were both unable to travel due to pregnancy. She asked for everyone else to introduce themselves as well.

## 2. Minutes

There were no omissions for the 2015 AGM Minutes.

Motion to approve the Minutes: Liz Mayville

Seconded by: Dana Thorne

Carried.

### 3. Report of the Chair

Gina provided each member with a copy of the Report of the Chair (Brenda's Report).  
No comments were made.

### 4. Financial Reports

The format of the Financial Reports has been changed to a spreadsheet in order to aid in transparency. There was also the question of whether or not MAIG could carry over a balance from one year to the next. Gina reported that MAIG can certainly carry a balance forward. The only issue is if Chapters and SIGs carry over \$1000 forward then they will not receive core funding. Dana clarified that it couldn't be more than \$1000 of core funding.

#### 4.1 Financial Report, 2015-2016

Motion to approve: Dana Thorne

Seconded by: Liz Mayville

Carried.

### **Financial Report 2015-2016**

#### **REVENUE**

Amount previously in bank	\$883.30
Grant from AAO	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,083.30</b>

#### **EXPENSES**

Open House	\$349.11
Publishing/Mailing	\$0.00 (now being published electronically)
Advertising	\$0.00
Meetings	<u>\$0.00 (in kind)</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$349.11</b>

**FINAL BANK BALANCE**                      **\$734.19**

### **Budget 2016-2017**

#### **REVENUE**

Amount previously in bank	\$734.19
Grant from AAO	\$250.00 ** core funding has been requested
MAIG Open House	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$984.19 ** expected once core funding received</b>

#### **EXPENSES**

2016-17 Meetings	\$0.00
2016 Open House	\$350.00 (catering)
Advertising	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>

**FINAL BANK BALANCE**                      **\$634.19**

## 5. Open House

The following locations have been confirmed for future MAIG Open Houses.

- 2016 Open House will be held at the Simcoe County Archives
- 2017 Open House will be held at the City of Ottawa Archives
- 2018 Open House will likely be held at the Community Archives of Belleville and Hasting County, but Gina would confirm this moving forward
- 2019 Open House may be held at the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

## 6. Other Business

Sean Smith of the AAO, spoke about the Provincial Acquisition Policy and his endeavours thus far. Sean has been consulting around the province in order to reach as many archival groups as possible. He has been asking groups to update their profiles on ARCHEION in order to support the AAO and looking to have groups approve the Provincial Acquisition Strategy, which has been largely supported thus far. Year one of this project has primarily been used to get the word out to smaller and more rural institutions, whereas year two will be primarily about identifying issues. Year three will look at gaps and continuing to return and transfer disjointed collections from the Archives of Ontario back to originating or proper repositories.

Sean also discussed the Ontario Archival Accessions Register and how this will be a valuable tool for smaller archives and the AAO. The program was released during Archives Awareness Week and can identify whether there is a lack in areas of collecting for an archives. Overall it was realized that people have different understanding of what accessioning was, so by changing the wording of what legally acquiring was, the ACA has begun developing a national standard for accessioning. More information will be provided about this register throughout the year (particularly in upcoming Off the Record Issues) along with instructions on how institutions can update their records.

Sean advised that the AAO will also be working on an interactive map to include on ARCHEION so that researchers can pinpoint where an institution is located. The IDC will provide governance for this project and been developing a territorial map as well.

It was suggested by Liz that moving forward archives should work with other museums and historical societies to build a collection that will benefit the province. Particularly, there are indigenous archives that don't see themselves as archives and are not part of the AAO that are missing out on various archival opportunities. Sean advised that working groups had been formed last year to address this and that the AAO will be hosting an Institutional Issues Forum again this year.

Gina mentioned that the Elgin County Archives are thinking of disposing of their tax collector rolls and asked for opinions from the group on how to move forward. Sean advised that genealogists might want to be informed of this and discussed the public backlash that happened over APELROD. He suggested that the Elgin County Archives get information out early about the possibility of deaccessioning this collection, and get feedback from the public.

## 7. Roundtable

- **Dana Thorne, Lambton County Archives:** Dana advised that the Lambton County Archives have most of the tax assessment rolls of the county and that these materials have all been wrapped. She advised that there are plans for major renovations in the vault, and that they will be getting mobile shelving and applying for a Cultural Spaces grant. The flooring of the vault will also be redone next spring, in time for Doors Open 2017. Dana advised that she is currently the acting Chair of the Steering Committee for Doors Open and that this currently takes up a lot of her time. The Lambton County Archives will also be receiving a new collections management system PastPerfect, to replace their existing BeSmart system later this year.
- **Liz Mayville, County of Oxford Archives:** Liz advised that the Woodstock Library has most of the Oxford County assessment rolls and that the archives were currently looking at taking lower-tier records. Although the lower-tier municipalities were hopeful about this transfer, the Oxford County Archives has very little space left, and are hesitant to say no to the records for fear of them being discarded. Empty space at neighbouring buildings has been sought out, however they have not received permission as of yet to develop the space for archival storage. Moving forward, the Archives may approach the AAO and Iona McCraith to write a supporting letter to explain to the County the importance of having archival space for such transferred documents. Thus far, the Archives have tried to get the County to understand this situation by participating on Rogers TV interviews, Archives Awareness Week and having articles written for the local paper.
- **Gina Coady, Elgin County Archives:** Gina advised that the Elgin County Archives has had several significant transfers over the past year including Tweedsmuir Histories, Tax Assessment Rolls, Council Minutes and By-Laws, Masonic Lodge records and historical photographs. The Archives has also been working with community organizations and municipal government partners on a variety of projects including selecting records for permanent retention, finding images for displays and tourism projects, uploading 28,000 records to OurOntario, upgrading the Archives' OPAC, installing a promotional image gallery in the Archives' entranceway and working with the OGS and local partners to create indexes for regional and provincial maps that had been digitized from the Thomas Talbot fonds. Gina also advised that the Archives continues to expand its online social media presence and that they had recently surpassed 4.6 million total views on Flickr. She reported that the Archives Twitter and Facebook pages have attracted and maintained a substantial following to date. This past year, the archives have been able to utilize volunteers and recent graduates Information Student graduates to assist with special projects. This summer, contingent on funding approval, the archives hopes to employ two Elgin County University students to assist with an existing digitization project of photos and captions from the *St. Thomas Times-Journal*, ca. 1950-1985. It is hoped that an additional 10,000 photographs and captions will be accessible to researchers through the Archives OPAC by August as a result of this project.

- **Sean Smith, Archives of Ontario:** In addition to discussing the Provincial Acquisitions Policy, Sean advised that the records management department of the AAO has been working diligently to release retention schedules and as a result, there have been amendments to MFIPPA.

## 8. Adjournment

Being no further updates or new business, the meeting adjourned at 3:27 PM with no objections.

## **Grey County Historic Communities Signage and Online Mapping Project**

**Sarina Ryan – Assistant Archivist (Acting), Grey Roots Museum & Archives**

Over the summer of 2015, residents and visitors to the Grey County area might have noticed brown historic community signage going up on County roads. The historic community signage project is the result of collaboration between the Grey County Clerks and Transportation Departments, with the endorsement of Council. The purpose of the project was to identify and highlight historic communities not recognized as settlement areas in the County's Official Plan, but that historically played an important role serving settlers in the area.

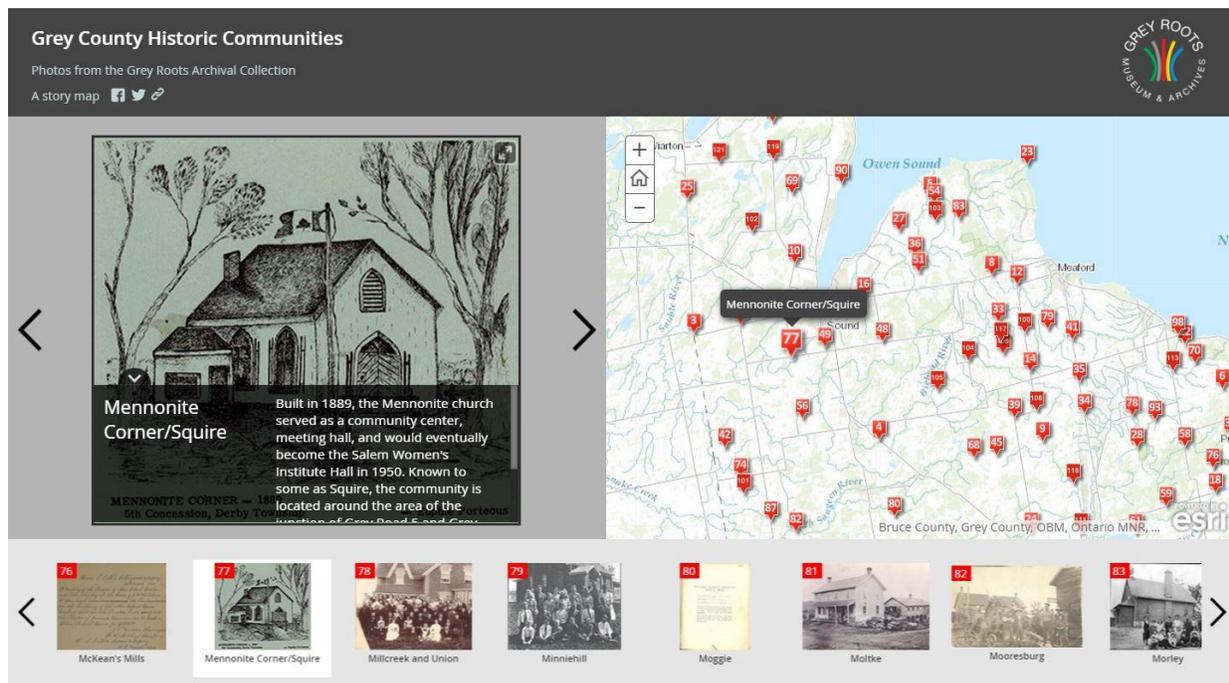
To facilitate this project, the staff at the Grey County Archives researched and prepared an extensive chart documenting communities across the County including locations and sources, and scoring was provided if the community met at least two of the following qualifying criteria:

- General Store
- Mill
- Blacksmith Shop
- School
- Post Office
- Church or other religious meeting house
- Cemetery or Cenotaph
- Community Centre
- Structure housing fraternal organization (i.e. Orange Lodge, Masonic Hall, Knights of Columbus)
- Hotel or Tavern



*An example of one of the historic community signs posted at Grey Road 18 and Grey Road 5.*

For the second stage of this project, Archival staff worked with the IT Department at the County of Grey to locate the various historic communities on an online story map. Through identifying and mapping the historic communities on both County as well as lower-tier roads, this online resource includes historic images and descriptions for each location identified in the first stage of the project. The overall goal of the second stage was to make this information readily available online to archival researchers, the general public and “genealogical tourists” interested in tracing their roots back to Grey County’s early settlements.



*Screenshot of the Grey County Historic Community Mapping Project.*

For more information about the Grey County Historic Communities online mapping project, please visit the Grey County Maps Portal (<https://geo.grey.ca/LaunchPage/>), or the Grey Roots Museum & Archives’ website (<http://www.greyroots.com/>).

## **“What exemptions apply?” A Municipal Archivist turned Records & Information Analyst**

**Erin Walsh - Records & Information Archivist, City of Vaughan (formerly of the Port Hope Archives)**

In the spring of 2009 I was a fresh-faced University of Toronto Faculty of Information Studies graduate looking forward to a bright future in the wonderful world of archives. Unfortunately, this happened to be in the middle of the worst recession Canada had seen in decades, and the information and heritage sectors were definitely not immune! I had applied to in excess of 25 positions across the GTA, and sent out countless un-solicited resumes to various libraries, museums and archival facilities within an hour’s drive of my house (addendum: my MOTHER’s house). I was rapidly beginning to lose faith in my job search, when I received a call from

Clarington Museum & Archives, and so, I became (for the 8<sup>th</sup> summer in a row) a summer student.

I spent that summer assisting in the archives, working the reception desk at the museum, giving tours, and of course, serving tea in Edwardian costume, because why not? When FINALLY, I found the job posting I had been longing for. An archival position was opening within driving distance, and I was determined to get it! By September I was officially the Archivist at the Port Hope Archives.



*Photo of Erin Walsh in the Port Hope Archives with Peter & Barbara Bolton (former board members), taken by Ted Amsden, 2011.*

In 2009, I was a naïve kid with big dreams, a love of history, and archival work; these are traits I still have today (especially the naïve part, but that’s a subject best left for another time!).

Over my nearly seven years serving as Archivist for the Port Hope Archives (PHA), I feel like I really made a mark. I expanded their social media activities by leaps and bounds, improved the website, our request numbers grew exponentially, and we saw an increase in our public profile and our relationship with the Municipality of Port Hope (and other local heritage organizations). I completed several large-scale projects, for a small institution; including, establishing a photograph database, uploading over 1200 images to Flickr (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/porthopearchives/>) and over 900 descriptions to Archeion, writing a regular column in the *Northumberland Today*, hosting a regular radio segment called “Discovering Yesterday,” and the development of the “Our Memories: Downtown Port Hope” Oral History Project (available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/PHArchives>). I even had the great fortune of applying for, and receiving, a Canada Cultural Spaces Fund grant toward a new mobile shelving installation (which will be completed this summer).

Earlier this year, I began to feel like I need to stretch my legs a little and learn some new skills. I accepted a position as Records and Information Analyst in the Access and Privacy Department of the Office of the City Clerk at the City of Vaughan (which I started on June 14<sup>th</sup>).

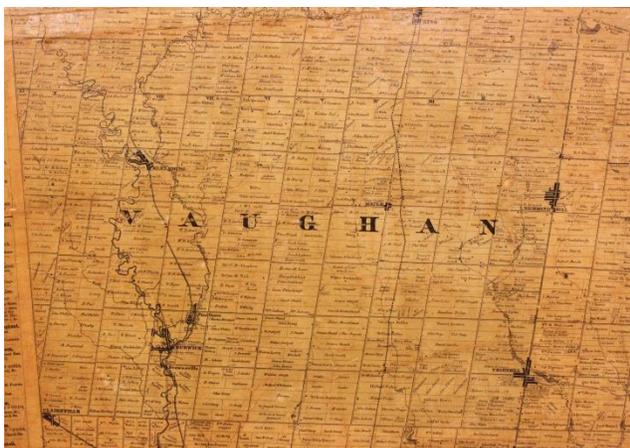
I know what you're thinking...“Why would she leave an archives job?!” And your thoughts would be valid; however, it wasn't so much leaving one opportunity as opening myself up to another. During my time at the PHA, I became heavily involved with the AAO. In 2012, I joined the Professional Development Committee (PDC); and am currently sitting as co-chair with the lovely Ciara Ward-Baker. In 2013, I was invited to join a fledgling wannabe AAO chapter, now known affectionately as DRAAG (Durham Region Area Archives Group). More recently, in 2015, I became secretary of the Student Outreach Planning Committee with the AAO. Although I won't be directly working within archives, I will still be hanging around all my favourite archival kooks on all of these committees!

My passion still lies in archives, only in a less-direct way than before. Essentially, I'm just using my archival training in a different way.

## **Archives' Exhibit Celebrates the History of Vaughan**

**Brenda Hicock – Supervisor, Archives and Records Management Services, City of Vaughan Archives**

Throughout 2016, the City of Vaughan has celebrated an important milestone within our community – the 25th Anniversary of Vaughan City Status! To commemorate this special occasion, the City of Vaughan Archives launched an exciting exhibit, *166 Years of History: Vaughan's Story*, showcasing Vaughan's rich and varied history. Composed of 18 banners, the exhibit begins in 1850 when Vaughan first became a Township and moves decade by decade until it reaches present day. Illustrating the very first Council Minutes and By-laws, to present day #Vaughan25 celebrations, each decade highlights some of Vaughan's major events and accomplishments, as well as the people and places that shaped our City.



*Vaughan Then and Now (left: 1860 Tremaine Map of Vaughan, right: 2012 Map of Vaughan).*

Highlighted throughout the exhibit are notable and, in some cases, little known facts about our City including:

- In the 1870s, female teachers were not allowed to marry, and male teachers were dismissed if they entered pool halls or barber shops.
- In 1904 the telephone arrived in Kleinburg-Nashville, and in 1908 the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was routed through Woodbridge.
- The construction of Highway 7, a large-scale project secured by Township Council from the federal government in the early 1930s, provided much-needed local employment during the Great Depression.
- After World War II, Vaughan experienced a surge in population and saw a total of 10 new subdivisions built between 1951 and 1956 in the Village of Woodbridge.
- The 1980s saw another increase in Vaughan's population, which was due in large part to the plethora of developments and building projects taking place at that time. The old Civic Centre was also renovated and expanded in 1982, a move necessitated by Vaughan's growth.
- Since 1980, more than 20 new libraries, community centres, and fire stations have been built throughout the City.

From April to June, *166 Years of History: Vaughan's Story* was displayed prominently in Vaughan City Hall's Atrium, as well as showcased online through various social media channels. For the remainder of the year, the exhibit will travel to various libraries and community centres throughout Vaughan, complementing the ongoing City celebrations and events continuing throughout the year.



*Part of the 166 Years of History: Vaughan's Story display set up in the City Hall Atrium (members of the community were able to walk around the entire display and view the decades at their leisure).*

To view the City's online exhibit please visit: <http://www.vaughan.ca/VaughanStory>.

## **Archives Association of Ontario – Organizational History Committee Update**

**Dana Thorne – President, Archives Association of Ontario**

Beginning this year, the AAO has undertaken a new project to document the organization's history, just in time to celebrate the AAO's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018. Currently, the history of the AAO is spread throughout a variety of corporate files and sources generated by successive boards, committees, employees, and management companies. This material will be analyzed and paired with memories drawn from current and former AAO members to prepare a comprehensive organizational history.

The Organizational History Committee is assembling a team to write the history. Additionally, the Organizational History Committee is looking for individuals that are willing to share their memories and any knowledge that they have about the association.

We would be pleased to include any AAO Members and Special Interest Groups in this process. Please contact Organizational History Committee Chair Paul Henry ([paul.henry@ottawa.ca](mailto:paul.henry@ottawa.ca)) by September 15, 2016, if you are interested in being a part of this exciting project!

## **MAIG Open House Details**

This year we are excited to announce that the MAIG Open House will be taking place in October in Simcoe County! We are very fortunate to be visiting the Simcoe County Archives during their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year and to discuss what is happening with Municipal archives across the province. For some of us, this will also be our first look at the 10,000 sq. ft. expansion the archives underwent in 2012, and to view the collection at the Simcoe County Museum! Lunch will be provided, so we hope you will be able to join us.

**When:** Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016- 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Where:** [Simcoe County Archives](#) (1149 Highway 26 – Minesing, Ontario L0L 1Y2)

**Agenda:** 10:00-11:45 am • Welcome and Tour of the Simcoe County Archives  
12:00 –1:30 pm • Lunch at the Simcoe County Museum (next door to the Archives)  
1:30 – 3:00 pm • Tour of the Simcoe County Museum  
3:00 – 4:00 pm • MAIG Meeting

Don't forget to RSVP for this year's Open House! **Please RSVP by Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**  
to: Gina Coady, MAIG Secretary-Treasurer: [gcoady@elgin.ca](mailto:gcoady@elgin.ca) or call 519-631-1460 ext. 154.