

The Corporation of the Township of Malahide

CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA

June 2, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

(G) Correspondence:

- 1. Association of Municipalities of Ontario Watch File dated May 19, 2022 and May 26, 2022. (Pages C2-7)
- The Corporation of the City of Cambridge Resolution request be sent to the Region of Waterloo on behalf of Cambridge Council for free public transportation on Election Days. (Pages C8-9)
- Corporation of the City of Brantford Resolution requesting the immediate release to the Survivors' Secretariat, of all documents in the possession of the Government of Canada or the Government of Ontario and the Anglican Church related to the former Mohawk Institute Residential School now located on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, within the geographic boundaries of the City of Brantford. (Pages C10-12)
- 4. Municipality of Shuniah Resolution requesting the province increase funding for the Rural and Northern Education Fund, a review of the education funding formula be undertaken and that consultation from school boards and community groups occur prior to the pupil accommodation review guide being developed. (Pages C13-16)
- 5. Southwestern Public Health Notice of changes coming to COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Elgin, Oxford, and St. Thomas. (Page C17)
- 6. Ontario Region Delivering Community Power Coordinator Canadian Union of Postal Workers Request for Malahide Township to support service expansion at Canada Post. (Pages C18-19)
- 7. Town of Aylmer Notice of Fundraising Challenge Aylmer-Malahide Museum & Archives Capital Campaign. (Pages C20-24)

Allison Adams

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May 19, 2022

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AMO Matters

Visit the AMO website to review <u>AMO's 2022 Provincial Election Strategy</u> and election monitoring updates. Follow AMO on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u> and share election updates with your networks.

Please be advised that in accordance with the Association's governing by-law, the Secretary-Treasurer is requesting nominations to the 2022-2024 AMO Board of Directors. <u>Nomination package available here</u>. To participate in the AMO Board of Directors election and caucus lunches, make sure to choose your caucus when registering for the 2022 AMO Conference.

The PJ Marshall Awards recognize municipal excellence and innovation in capital projects, operating efficiencies and new approaches to service delivery. If you have a project for submission, the deadline for <u>2022 submissions</u> is May 27, 2022.

Eye on Events

Registered AMO conference delegates can now request an in-person meeting with a

minister or parliamentary assistant at the AMO conference. The deadline to submit your request is June 24, 2022.

As municipalities move from paper to electronic filing, authentication of these files is a critical challenge. On May 25 at 12 pm ET, join AMO's partner, Notarius, and learn how ConsignO Cloud can reduce the signing time of documents and allow anyone to sign legally reliable documents electronically with a phone, a tablet, or a computer. <u>Register here</u>.

LAS

There's still time left to report your buildings' energy use. The Ministry of Energy is now accepting annual energy reports under <u>O. Reg. 507/18</u>. Reporting is for energy used in 2020 and due by July 1, 2022. Ministry hosted reporting webinars will be from 11 am to 12 pm on <u>June 7</u> and <u>21</u>. For questions, email <u>BPSsupport@ontario.ca</u>.

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Join us on May 26 for a 'deep dive' into the software behind the <u>LAS Road & Sidewalk</u> <u>Assessment</u> Service. See how the Streetlogix program helps optimize your surface assets, manage your work orders, engage with citizens, and plan for the future. <u>Register</u> <u>here</u>.

Municipal Wire*

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Careers

<u>Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer - Township of Southwold</u>. Reporting to the CAO/Clerk to serve as principal policy advisor for fiscal, financial and accounting matters. Apply to <u>hr@southwold.ca</u>.

<u>Deputy Clerk - Township of Wilmot.</u> The role is responsible for coordinating the operations of Information and Legislative Services Department and assisting the Clerk in implementing by-laws, resolutions, and decisions of Council. <u>Apply online</u> by May 31.

<u>Asset Management Coordinator - City of Pembroke</u>. You will perform a variety of asset management and capital works related duties to assist in long term planning and work prioritization activities for municipal assets. Apply to <u>hr@pembroke.ca</u> by June 1.

About AMO

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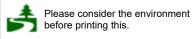








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Municipal Wire*

The <u>City of Peterborough resolution</u> requests the Province of Ontario direct the Independent Electricity System Operator to develop a costed plan for the decarbonization of the Ontario electricity grid and develop grid-based energy solutions that seeks to lower carbon-intensity of electricity generation below 2022-levels by 2030, and provide funding assistance to support municipalities to overcome the increase in grid-based emissions that assists in enabling jurisdictions to reach their greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

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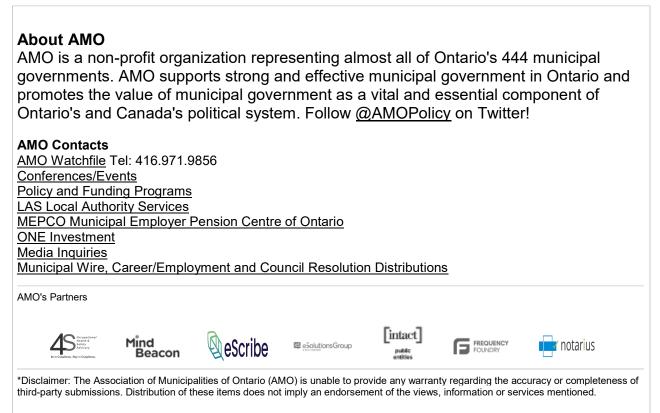
<u>Medical Officer of Health - Chatham-Kent Public Health</u>. The Medical Officer of Health plays a significant role in shaping organizational ethics and values by communicating and consistently exemplifying them. Closing Date: May 30.

<u>Web Applications Analyst - County of Simcoe.</u> The role provides technical expertise in support of websites and web-based applications used throughout the County and by its affiliated partners. <u>Apply online</u> by June 2.

<u>Database Applications Specialist - County of Simcoe.</u> Responsible for the overall technical management of large and complex database systems including systems security, authorized access, and business continuity. <u>Apply online</u> by June 2.

<u>Senior Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting - City of Markham.</u> Responsible for developing and coordinating the preparation of corporate operating and capital budgets and forecasts. Apply to <u>arthur@wmc.on.ca</u> by June 24.

<u>Manager, Waste Management - County of Peterborough.</u> Responsibilities include the management of existing waste diversion programs, research and development of new programs, materials collection contract administration. <u>Apply online</u> by June 3.





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May 18, 2022

Re: Motion: Councillor Hamilton re: Request to the Region of Waterloo to Consider Free Public Transportation on Election Days

At the Special Council Meeting of May 18, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS there has been an overall and consistent decline in voter turnout for municipal, provincial, and federal elections in Canada and in Waterloo Region, despite the act of voting being essential to the proper functioning of the democratic process;

WHEREAS many residents struggle to access transportation to polling stations on election days, due to a lack of transportation available, physical mobility or accessibility issues, and/or socioeconomic status;

WHEREAS any initiative to boost attention and incentives to vote on election days warrants attention and exploration in order to assist the democratic process and increase voter turnout;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence be sent to the Region of Waterloo on behalf of Cambridge Council to request free public transportation on election day for the Municipal and School Board Election, as well as for the Provincial, and Federal Election days, so as to generate more attention about elections and polling station locations, and to encourage and make it possible for more residents to vote, that would otherwise be unable to access their polling stations.



Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,

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Danielle Manton City Clerk

Cc: (via email) Hon. Premier Ford Association of Municipalities of Ontario City of Cambridge Council



May 18, 2022

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);

Sent via email: resolutions@fcm.ca; policy@amo.on.ca

To Whom it may concern:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its Special City Council meeting held May 17, 2022 adopted the following:

5.1 Release of all Federal and Provincial Documents Related to the Former Mohawk Institute Residential School

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report, 2015 confirmed that Residential Schools were part of a coherent policy implemented by the Federal Government to eliminate Indigenous people as distinct Peoples and to assimilate them into Christian society against their will; and

WHEREAS the Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs Duncan Campbell Scott outlined the goals of that policy in 1920, when he told a parliamentary committee that "our object is to continue until there is not a single Indian in Canada that has not been absorbed into the body politic..."; and

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report, 2015 also confirmed that despite the coercive measures that the government adopted, it failed to achieve its policy goals. Although Indigenous Peoples and cultures have been badly damaged, they continue to exist; and

WHEREAS the former Mohawk Institute Residential School operated from 1831 to 1970 within the boundaries of what is now the City of Brantford; and

WHEREAS Survivors have released statements of missing, murdered, and buried students; and

WHEREAS, to date, the unmarked burials of over 7000 missing Indigenous children have been discovered nation-wide; and

WHEREAS, following the May 2021 announcement by Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation of locating 215 potential burials of children in unmarked graves at the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia, the Survivors of the Mohawk Institute, along with their families and community members called on the Federal and Provincial governments to support a search for the remains of missing children who may have been buried on the Mohawk Institute's grounds and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, as of November, 2021, a search, led by the Survivors' Secretariat, of the Mohawk Institute Residential School grounds and over 200 hectares of land associated with the school began; and

WHEREAS Survivors of the Mohawk Institute Residential School are demanding the release of all Federal and Provincial documents related to the former Mohawk Institute Residential School; and

WHEREAS staff of the City of Brantford are currently undertaking a search of City records and archives for any documents, maps, or other relevant information related to the operation of the Mohawk Institute Residential School in order to release this information to the Survivors' Secretariat to aid in the search for truth, justice and healing; and

WHEREAS this Council is committed to working to advance reconciliation and renewed relationships with First Nations; and

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada issued 94 Calls to Action, thirteen of which are directed at municipal governments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford respectfully REQUESTS THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE, to the Survivors' Secretariat, of all documents in the possession of the Government of Canada or the Government of Ontario and the Anglican Church related to the former Mohawk Institute Residential School now located on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, within the geographic boundaries of the City of Brantford; and
- B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to send a copy of this resolution to: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Marc Miller; Minister of Indigenous Services, Patty Hajdu; Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Greg Rickford; Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; MPP Will Bouma; MP Larry Brock, Mayor David Bailey; Chief Mark Hill; Chief Stacey Laforme; and the Survivors' Secretariat; and
- C. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to send a copy of this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) for circulation to all municipalities in Ontario with an invitation to adopt a similar resolution, and, specifically, to those located within the Haldimand Tract,

including: Haldimand County; the County of Brant; the City of Cambridge; the City of Kitchener; the City of Waterloo; and the Region of Waterloo.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,

Tanya Daniels City Clerk, <u>tdaniels@brantford.ca</u>

Cc All Ontario Municipalities Survivors' Secretariat



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

SHUNIAH

Resolution No.: 174-22

Date: May 24, 2022

Moved By: _______

Seconded By: DON SMITH

THAT Council hereby receives the Community Schools Alliance Action Plan and Social and Economic Impact for Small Communities in Ontario Study;

WHEREAS all students should have the opportunity to attend elementary and secondary school in their home community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The province increase the Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) to \$50 million;

2. Should the current moratorium on accommodation reviews and school closures be lifted, we ask that the moratorium remain in place for schools that qualify for the RNEF until a thorough review of the education funding formula is completed;

3. Before templates required by the 2018 Pupil Accommodation Review Guide (PARG) are developed, there be consultation with school boards and community groups including the Community Schools Alliance.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Ontario municipalities, Community Schools Alliance, local MP's and MPP's and the Premier of Ontario.

Carried Defeated Amended Deferred Signature Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A/1X8

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Three Point Action Plan in Support of Rural and Northern Education Background Information

Schools Have Social and Economic Impact for Small Communities in Ontario

The Community Schools Alliance, with the support of its many municipal members, has made changing provincial education and infrastructure policy in the delivery and maintenance of school properties a priority.

- The educational policy of past two decades in Ontario has resulted in the amalgamation of smaller local schools into larger buildings, and often the closure of schools in smaller communities. Instead of attending school within their local community, many students are forced to attend schools in communities further away from home.
- This trend towards bussing rural and smaller community students into other communities can have wide-ranging impacts on the health, wellbeing, and stability of students, parents, and affected communities. The impacts of these closures may also not be immediately apparent, with potentially longer-term impacts being experienced decades later with negative economic competitiveness and socioeconomic outcomes.
- The Community Schools Alliance retained the Human Environments Analysis Lab at Western University to undertake an objective analysis of the connections between a community's vitality and the presence of a school within the community.

This study, <u>Schools Have Social and Economic Impact for Small Communities in</u> <u>Ontario</u> was released in January of this year.

The research shows that

- small rural and northern communities with schools tend to have more private amenities and more public services than those without schools.
- closing a school in a single-school community threatens the future existence of those amenities and services and the quality of life of the families living there.
- closing a school also reduces the ability to attract new growth and economic development to the community.
- This analysis revealed that of the 733 communities in Ontario with more than 300 and less than 10,000 population that were included in the study, 303 (41%) had no schools, 232 (32%) only have one school, and 198 (27%) have two or more schools.

Governance Model

• Unfortunately, under the current education governance model, local area municipalities have little influence over school board capital infrastructure

decisions. Many smaller municipalities may even be forecasting growth that would support a school with declining enrolment.

• However municipalities have no way to prevent a school closure and disposition of the land should the school board choose to do so in the short-term to meet new growth elsewhere in the board.

What Can Be Done

The Community Schools Alliance believes that a better system is needed to address the educational facility needs of Ontario's smaller communities. The Ministry, school boards, and municipalities need to work together to develop policies that address planning for declining enrolments, a predictable Accommodation Review Committee process, a review of funding to rural and small community schools, and improved transparency and accountability in capital infrastructure decision-making.

A Three Point Action Plan for Rural and Northern Education

During the past few months, the Community Schools Alliance has met with the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education and representatives of the New Democratic Party and the Liberal Party to share the results of this recent research and to ask for support for the following:

1. The province increase the Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) to \$50 million;

The Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) was introduced in 2017 as a \$20 million addition to provincial funding for school boards to address the unique needs of schools in rural and northern Ontario. It will be increased in 2022 to \$21.8 million. At \$20 million, the grant was targeted to provide an average of \$55 to the estimated 368,000 rural students who comprise close to 20% of the total student population in the province. By increasing the grant to \$50 million, it would slightly more than double the grant per student, better serve 70 of the 72 district school boards, and still be a very small percent of the 2022 projected 26 billion Grant for Student Needs

 Should the current moratorium on accommodation reviews and school closures be lifted, we ask that the moratorium remain in place for <u>schools</u> <u>that qualify for the RNEF</u> until a thorough review of the education funding formula is completed

The RNEF has been a welcome supplement to the education funding formula. However, a thorough review is required to prevent the closure of schools in rural and northern communities where limited economies of scale make small and underutilized schools tempting targets for closures and consolidations. These force many students to attend schools in communities further away from home and threaten the quality of their school experience and the quality of life in their communities.

3. Before templates required by the 2018 Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG) are developed, there be consultation with school boards and community groups including the Community Schools Alliance.

A new Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline was released in April, 2018. It establishes the minimum standards that school boards must follow when each board adopts its own Pupil Accommodation Review Policy. Improvements in the 2018 PARG are the requirements that a school board must consider the impact of a proposed closure on the local community and, if one of the schools in a proposed review qualifies for the Rural and Northern Education Fund, the impact on the local economy. Each of these impact studies must follow a template provided by the Ministry of Education. Those impacts have not yet been developed.



St. Thomas Site Administrative Office 1230 Talbot Street St. Thomas, ON N5P 1G9 Woodstock Site

410 Buller Street Woodstock, ON N4S 4N2

Media Release

May 19, 2022

Changes coming to COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Elgin, Oxford, and St. Thomas

Southwestern Public Health is changing its COVID-19 vaccination operations to prepare for the summer months ahead.

Over the coming weeks, the health unit's vaccination sites in St. Thomas and Woodstock will transition to fewer days each week to focus more effort on pop-up and mobile clinics. Starting June 6, the St. Thomas site at 1230 Talbot Street will operate Mondays and Fridays from 9AM to noon and 1PM to 4PM. Also on June 6, the Woodstock site moves to South Gate Centre and will be open Mondays from 9AM to noon and 1PM to 4PM. The last clinic at Woodstock's Goff Hall is May 30.

"Last year we vaccinated thousands of people through mobile and pop-up clinics. We know how important mobile services are in a largely rural area," says Jaime Fletcher, Chief Nursing Officer and Manager of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in the Southwestern Public Health region.

Pop-up and GO-VAXX Bus clinics will focus on familiar and accessible sites that allow for recurring visits, particularly in rural areas. Visit www.swpublichealth.ca/covid19vaccine for scheduled clinics.

Those looking for other vaccination options are encouraged to call their local pharmacy or primary care provider about availability.

"We want to recognize the site operators, and municipal and county partners who assisted us with highly accessible sites across the region to-date," says Fletcher. "Each community centre, library, arena, shelter, and special event venue helped us reach more than 82 per cent of eligible residents with these vaccines. We are grateful for the support."

About Southwestern Public Health

Southwestern Public Health works with its partners to ensure the health of the whole community. Our programs respond to public health emergencies; promote healthy lifestyles; help prevent injuries, illness, and disease in the community; and promote positive change and social conditions that improve health. Southwestern Public Health delivers mandated programs under the Ontario Public Health Standards and is regulated by the Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act. The health unit maintains primary locations in Woodstock and St. Thomas. For more information, visit www.swpublichealth.ca.

Contacts

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SUPPORT DELIVERING COMMUNITY POWER

Whereas there is an urgent need for banking services among the unbanked or underbanked, given that thousands of villages and rural municipalities do not have a bank branch and more than 900 municipalities have expressed their support for postal banking;

Whereas thousands of Canadians do not have access to affordable high-speed Internet, and the federal government has long promised to bridge the rural broadband gap;

Whereas urgent action is needed to establish a robust network of electric vehicle charging stations;

Whereas to achieve carbon-neutral targets by 2050, Canada Post must greatly accelerate the electrification of its fleet;

Whereas the extensive network of post offices in our communities can provide a wide range of services as community hubs;

Whereas Canada Post's letter carriers and RSMCs can check-in on vulnerable residents to help keep us in our homes longer as we age;

Whereas Canada Post must play its part for a more equitable post-pandemic recovery;

Whereas "The Way Forward for Canada Post," the report of the 2016 federal public review of the postal service, recommended that Canada Post expand services and adapt its services to the changing needs of the public;

Whereas the Canadian Union of Postal Workers has advanced *Delivering Community Power*, a vision of the post-carbon digital-age postal service that address the above needs and more;

Be it resolved that

endorse Delivering

Community Power, and write to the Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister for Public Services and Procurement, with its rationale and a copy of this resolution.

MAILING INFORMATION

Please send your resolution to: Filomena Tassi, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, Rm 18A1, 11 Laurier Street Phase III, Place du Portage, Gatineau, QC, K1A 0S5

Please send copies of your resolution to:

Jan Simpson, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3

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May 6, 2022

Corporation of the Township of Malahide

Attention: Mayor Mennill and Members of Council

Via email: <u>aadams@malahide.ca</u> <u>abetteridge@malahide.ca</u>

Fundraising Challenge – Aylmer-Malahide Museum & Archives Capital Campaign

On April 26, 2022, the Aylmer-Malahide Museum & Archives (AMMA) announced their purchase of property known municipally as 75 Talbot Street East, Aylmer to house the museum and its collection. This building is currently occupied by McFarlan Rowlands Insurance (formerly Hamilton Ward Cathers Insurance) and previously the Royal Bank of Canada. The press release is attached to this correspondence for information.

In advance of finalizing the purchase and sale agreement for the new museum location, the AMMA contacted the Town of Aylmer to discuss the future disposition of their current 14 East Street, Aylmer location. It should be noted that in May of 2002, the Town of Aylmer transferred 14 East Street to the Aylmer and District Museum Association (now operating as AMMA) for a nominal fee. This transfer was set out in the Town of Aylmer By-Law 24-02.

In response to this inquiry, Council deliberated upon the AMMA notice of intent to dispose of 14 East Street and considered relevant restrictive covenants associated with the historic transfer. The Council of the Town of Aylmer has committed, in principle, to a capital contribution of at least \$150,000 toward the new 75 Talbot Street East facility. The capital contribution will be funded from the future proceeds of the sale of the 14 East Street property, with that sale being managed by the Town of Aylmer.

Given the regional significance of the museum, and more specifically the AMMA mission to "preserve, present and promote the history of Aylmer and Malahide through various displays and programming," Council wished to provide both additional municipal beneficiaries (the Township of Malahide and County of Elgin) the opportunity to meaningfully contribute to this fundraising campaign.

Fundraising Challenge

In addition to the \$150,000 capital contribution toward the new 75 Talbot Street East Museum facility, the Town of Aylmer has committed to match capital fundraising contributions from the Township of Malahide and County of Elgin, up to the total net proceeds of the sale of 14 East Street.



The Corporation of the Town of Aylmer 46 Talbot Street West, Aylmer, Ontario N5H 1J7 Office: 519-773-3164 Fax: 519-765-1446 www.aylmer.ca

With the Township of Malahide historically contributing to annual operating costs of the AMMA along with the Town of Aylmer, and with cultural services being within the jurisdictional purview of the County of Elgin, the Town of Aylmer is hopeful that this opportunity will be welcomed by both additional municipal beneficiaries. The AMMA has noted that they would be excited to share more information about their plans for relocation at the request of either the Township of Malahide or County of Elgin.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions about this fundraising challenge.

Josh Brick Director of Corporate/ Legislative Services jbrick@town.aylmer.on.ca

CC: Andy Grozelle, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Aylmer Kathi Vandermeer, Office Manager, AMMA



The Aylmer-Malahide Museum and Archives 14 East St., Aylmer, ON.
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 26, 2022

The Aylmer-Malahide Museum & Archives is moving to a new, downtown location

The museum has purchased a new building, located at 75 Talbot Street East in Aylmer

The board of the Aylmer-Malahide Museum & Archives is thrilled to announce that they have purchased a new building to house the museum and its collection. The building is located at 75 Talbot Street East in Aylmer, the current home of McFarlan Rowlands Insurance (formerly Hamilton Ward Cathers Insurance) and previously the Royal Bank of Canada. We are so pleased to have the opportunity to house our museum and its ever-growing collection in such a beautiful and historically significant building.

Aylmer and Malahide have a lively and engaging history. From its founding as a museum in 1977, the AMMA has been a repository for the citizens of these communities to entrust their artifacts, photographs, and stories. These have been diligently catalogued, preserved, exhibited, and made available to the community, researchers, genealogists, and historians. Over the past 45 years, the museum has far exceeded its capacity and has been limited by its present location in how it shares the stories that it holds in trust.

This project would not have been possible without the many significant financial contributions from our generous donors and supporters who have contributed to our relocation efforts including Giles Humes, Donna Bushell, Marie Briggs, and Glen Kilmer. We are very grateful for the support of the Town of Aylmer and look forward to engaging with other stakeholders including the Township of Malahide and Elgin County for their assistance and support with this project.

"We are very excited to be able to announce that after years of searching and hoping, our dream of moving to a larger facility is finally within reach," said Dan Reid, board member of the Aylmer-Malahide Museum and Archives. "Not only will this allow us greater room for exhibits and for storage, but its central location in the heart of Aylmer will also give us any number of new opportunities to engage directly with the community. In this new location, we hope to find new ways to partner with and give back to the many people of our community who have been unswerving in their assistance. We are eager to play host to the young, curious minds, and to nurture a love of history in students of all backgrounds. It is from the lessons of the past that paths forward present themselves. We wish to honour the sacrifices and contributions made to this area by the many citizens of past and present."

"I couldn't be happier to announce that we have finally found a new building for the Aylmer-Malahide Museum & Archives," said Amanda VandenWyngaert, the curator of the museum. "We're so grateful for all of the hard work that many board members, volunteers, and community members have dedicated to this relocation project over their exhaustive, decades-long search for a new building. We are confident that the downtown location, as well as the historic nature of the building, will provide the perfect home for the museum. We cannot wait for all of the exhibit, programming, and event opportunities that this new building will allow us."

The historic building at 75 Talbot Street East needs to be renovated in order to fully prepare the building for its future uses. We invite everyone to learn more and to consider contributing to our upcoming capital campaign to help us create a thriving community museum.

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Aylmer-Malahide Museum & Archives

The Aylmer-Malahide Museum & Archives was established in 1977 to serve as a community museum. The AMMA continues to preserve, present, and promote the history of Aylmer and Malahide through various displays and programming. The museum houses a local archive as well as over 40,000 artifacts relating to the history of local businesses, industries, families, and communities. The museum offers at least three exhibits a year, as well as school programs, senior programs, community programming, special events, and tours.



Photograph of the Aylmer Branch of the Traders Bank of Canada, located at 75 Talbot Street East, taken ca. 1909. We are grateful to have the opportunity to house our museum and its ever-growing collection in such a beautiful and historically significant building.