



## MEMORANDUM



**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

**FROM:** Regan Hutcheson, Manager-Heritage Planning

**DATE:** April 9, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Education/Training  
Ontario Heritage Conference 2025  
June 19-21, 2025  
Picton, ON (Prince Edward County)

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**Topic:** Ontario Heritage Conference 2025

**Background:**

- See attachment for details and registration information including ticketing.
- Sponsored by Community Heritage Ontario, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and the Ontario Association of Heritage Professionals along with the Prince Edward County (PEC) Organizing Committee.

**Staff Comment**

- Heritage Markham Committee has allocated \$2,000 in the committee budget for training/conferences or educational seminars related to the committee's mandate.
- Early bird deadline for reduced registration (\$300 versus \$400) end April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- In the past, typical costs covered by the City for volunteer members include registration, accommodation and mileage to an upset amount.
- If a member wishes to attend and receive financial assistance, the name and amount of assistance needs to be included in the Heritage Markham recommendation.

### **Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham**

That Heritage Markham receive as information the memo on the Ontario Heritage Conference.



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Community Heritage Ontario  
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## Heritage Conference 2025 OPEN for REGISTRATION

June 19-21 in Prince Edward County

Early Bird rate until April 30th: \$300 (+ small ticketing fee)

(after May 1st the regular rate is \$400)

note: when picking your sessions, if there is a choice, please be sure to only pick one time slot

Ticket link: <https://www.ticketscene.ca/events/51454/>

For accommodation & more information: <https://visitthecounty.com/ontario-heritage-conference>

## ONTARIO HERITAGE CONFERENCE

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

**June  
19•20•21  
2025**



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# THURSDAY

JUNE 19TH CRYSTAL PALACE  
375 PICTON MAIN STREET

**REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 2PM TO 9PM AT THE  
CRYSTAL PALACE**

**Attendees confirm their attendance for each event when  
purchasing their conference ticket as capacities allow.**

**WELCOME RECEPTION  
5PM TO 9PM**

Enjoy a warm welcome to Prince Edward County and socialize with your fellow heritage enthusiasts over a selection of drinks and snacks in the most famous heritage building in the County!

**HISTORY LIVES HERE  
PRESENTS: A HERITAGE  
ECONOMY WITH LOCAL  
HISTORIAN PETER LOCKYER  
6:30PM TO 8PM**

Peter Lockyer talks about his experiences working in the local heritage sector over the past 20+ years and his conclusion that it isn't enough to just tell the stories, as compelling as they are. To make heritage matter, it needs to make money, and Peter sees value in creating a Heritage Economy where local history can become a suite of goods and services retailed to consumers making history a significant economic driver.

**ACO-PEC PRESENTS  
CHIMNEY SWIFTS  
A WALKING TOUR  
STARTING AT THE CRYSTAL  
PALACE  
CAPACITY 30  
8:30PM TO 9:30PM**

Architectural walking tour of downtown Picton, to see how chimney swifts, a species at risk in Ontario, are using our heritage buildings as habitat. The walk, presented by ACO PEC, will be led by heritage architect Edwin Rowse, Principal Emeritus of ERA Architects, and Liz Driver, President, ACO PEC, with the participation of the Prince Edward County Field Naturalists



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# FRIDAY - MORNING

JUNE 20TH BASE31  
343 COUNTY ROAD 22 IN PICTON

**REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ALL DAY AT BASE 31**

**BREAKFAST**  
**SERGEANTS MESS HALL**  
**8AM TO 9:30AM**

Coffee & Tea, Gourmet Muffins and  
Sliced Fruit

**WELCOME REMARKS**  
**SERGEANTS MESS HALL**  
**9AM TO 9:30AM**

A brief welcome from the hosting  
organizations.

**KEYNOTE**  
**SERGEANTS MESS HALL**  
**9:30AM TO 11AM**

- Adam Vaughan, Principal, Navigator Ltd, Distinguished Fellow at the University of Toronto's School for Cities
- Richard White, Historian, author of Planning Toronto: The Planners, The Plans, Their Legacies, 1940-80
- Thomas Deming, Senior Principal Planner, City of Belleville
- Jennifer Campbell, Commissioner, Community Services, City of Kingston

Terroir: How is heritage conservation the impetus for economic development?

Just as the concept of "terroir" is the foundation for good wine, heritage buildings and their landscapes are assets that can spur economic development through adaptive re-use. This keynote session will be moderated by Michael McClelland, Principal of ERA Architects. Four presenters will speak about their deep engagement with adaptive re-use from their unique perspectives and participate in a panel discussion.

**A PICTORIAL TOUR OF  
ADAPTIVE RE-USE IN  
PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY**  
**SERGEANTS MESS HALL**  
**11:30 AM TO NOON**

In the early 1980s, Tom Cruikshank, guided by architect Peter Stokes, carried out the Heritage Architectural Survey of Prince Edward (HASPE). Cruikshank identified over 4,000 heritage properties, the large majority of which still survive. In this Pictorial Tour, ACO PEC will contrast the archival photographs in the HASPE Collection with matching contemporary photographs of the same buildings, to show the imaginative adaptations of old buildings for new uses.



# FRIDAY - AFTERNOON

BASE31 343 COUNTY ROAD 22 PICTON, ON

**LUNCH  
COMMISSARY & PILOTS  
LOUNGE  
12PM TO 1:30PM**

A Fresh-To-Go Lunch is included as part of your conference ticket and features a Signature sandwich, two freshly baked cookies, cheese, choice of fresh cut vegetables or fruit and assorted cold beverages. Please enjoy at Base31's open air commissary or indoor seating is available in the Pilot's Lounge.

**PUBLIC ART & CITY  
PLANNING WITH  
JANE PERDUE BA,  
MCIP, RPP  
LECTURE HALL  
CAPACITY 100  
1:30PM TO 3PM**

Jane Perdue has worked as the City of Toronto's Public Art Coordinator for the City Planning Division for almost three decades. Perdue has also worked with other municipalities in Ontario and Canada on developing public art policies and public art master plans.

Jane Perdue will speak about the intersection of city planning, urban design, and public art, and the changes she's seen during her career as an Urban Planner, the City of Toronto's Public Art Coordinator, and a cultural planning consultant for municipalities across Canada. She will share her experiences and highlight best practices for collaborating with private developers on public art initiatives, planning the public realm through public art master plans, and heritage placemaking. Jane will be joined by Andrea Dawes from County Arts, PEC's arts anchor organization, who is entering into a unique partnership agreement with the local municipality to help create and run Prince Edward County's first public art program in 2025.





# FRIDAY AFTERNOON

BASE31 343 COUNTY ROAD 22 PICTON, ON

**ACO BRINGING SOCIAL  
JUSTICE HOME: HOW  
HERITAGE HELPS IN A  
HOUSING CRISIS**  
PILOTS LOUNGE  
CAPACITY 100  
1:30PM TO 3PM

In Ontario and elsewhere, heritage conservation efforts are often demonized as “red tape” and characterized as impediments to so-called affordable housing. Based on this fallacy, heritage properties—and the potential they represent—are being lost.

As the speakers in this session will demonstrate, the opposite is true. Across the province and beyond, innovative projects are adaptively reusing heritage buildings to provide housing, often with a social-justice bent. Can the rest of the development world be persuaded to view heritage as a boon rather than a bane?

Our panel of experts features Graham Cubitt, Director of Projects and Development for Hamilton-based charity Indwell, the fastest growing developer of new affordable housing in Ontario.

**CHO: TIPS & TRICKS FOR  
MHC VOLUNTEERS**  
MOIR HOUSE  
CAPACITY 40  
1:30PM TO 3PM

Nancy Matthews, VP CHO & chair Heritage Grey Highlands will give an overview of heritage acronyms, useful links, research tools, heritage legislation, and discuss the role of MHC volunteers in smaller communities that may not have a heritage planner or dedicated heritage staff.

Matthew Gregor, chair CHO and MHC volunteer in Toronto Scarborough, will highlight the somewhat different advisory activities of volunteers in a larger urban setting with dedicated heritage staff.

Nellie Evans, editor CHO news, municipal clerk and heritage staff liaison in Bluewater will highlight how MHC volunteers can best interact with municipal staff.



# FRIDAY AFTERNOON

BASE31 343 COUNTY ROAD 22 PICTON, ON

**CELEBRATING THE  
50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE HERITAGE ACT  
LECTURE HALL  
CAPACITY 100  
3:30PM - 5PM**

As many of you know, this is the 50th anniversary of the Ontario Heritage Act.

On March 5, 1975 the provincial government enacted the first piece of legislation designed to protect designated heritage properties from demolition or unsympathetic alterations.

Speakers will focus their attention on these questions, among others:

- What was the impetus behind the legislation?
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- How has the Act changed over the years, for the better or worse?
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- What kind of results have we experienced since 1975 (wins and losses)?
- What kind of input as heritage advocates and professionals should we be offering the province as it embarks on its major review of heritage legislation soon?



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# FRIDAY AFTERNOON

MACAULAY HERITAGE PARK  
23 CHURCH STREET PICTON, ON

**A 25 YEAR HISTORY OF  
PRESERVING THE MOHAWK  
LANGUAGE WITH  
TSI TYÓNNHEHT ONKWAWÉN:NA  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CALLIE HILL  
MACAULAY HERITAGE PARK  
CHURCH MUSEUM  
CAPACITY 50  
23 CHURCH STREET IN PICTON  
3:30PM TO 5PM**

Executive Director Callie Hill of Tsi Tyónnheht Onkwawén:na (The Tyendinaga Language & Cultural Centre) will discuss how the world is made better by Kanyen'kehà:ka culture, knowledge, and ways of knowing.

Each day, Tsi Tyónnheht Onkwawén:na work to share and preserve their culture for generations to come, creating a better future for all.

They welcome Kanyen'kehà:ka, settlers, and all on Turtle Island to learn about their past, experience their present, and join in their bright future.

Callie will also speak about her 25 years of work at Tsi Tyónnheht Onkwawén:na and the building of their incredible new cultural centre in Tyendinaga!

**Macaulay Heritage Park Church Museum is located at 23 Church Street in Picton a 15 minute walk or 5 minute drive down the hill from Base31.**

**Parking is available on site near the historic Macaulay House on the property.**





# FRIDAY EVENING

BASE 31 343 COUNTY ROAD 22 PICTON, ON

**CHO - AGM  
MOIR HOUSE  
CAPACITY 40  
5PM TO 5:30PM**

Community Heritage Ontario's Annual General Meeting. CHO staff, volunteers, and members are encouraged to attend.

**SOCIAL TIME  
5PM TO 6:30PM**

Please take a moment for yourself to relax, to chat with your fellow attendees and reflect on the experience so far and to just enjoy any of the many offerings Base31 and downtown Picton have to offer!

**DINNER  
SERGEANTS MESS HALL  
6:30PM TO 8PM**

Enjoy your meal in this architectural gem, now repurposed with its original historic charm and character retained. The Sergeants Mess Hall has a rich history dating back to its construction in 1939. Originally built as a mess hall for the Royal Canadian Air Force No. 31 Bombing and Gunnery School during World War II. The building served as a gathering place for the sergeants who were stationed at the base. It was a place where they could relax, eat meals, and socialize with their fellow soldiers. After the war, the base was decommissioned and the building served a variety of purposes over the years, including as a community centre, a school, and a storage facility.



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# FRIDAY EVENING

BASE 31 343 COUNTY ROAD 22 PICTON, ON

**DINNER PRESENTATION:  
ADAPTIVE HERITAGE  
& BASE31  
SERGEANTS MESS HALL  
7:30PM TO 8PM**

Tim Jones, CEO of Base 31 in his appointment to the Order of Canada, received recognition for a lifetime dedicated to arts and cultural development. Mr. Jones has spent every phase of his career leveraging the power of culture to create positive and lasting change in one community after another.

From his earliest venture, as General Manager of Buddies in Bad Times, a theatre company in Toronto that helped to make Queer culture mainstream, to his role as CEO of Artscape, a non-profit designed to integrate housing for artists within inspired urban communities, Mr. Jones's special brand of "creative placemaking" attends to what matters most in close-knit neighbourhoods: the people who live, work and move one another.

Tim will share his thoughts on adaptive heritage and how it has been applied at Base31!

**MUSEUM TOUR  
BASE31 MUSEUM  
CAPACITY 50  
8PM TO 9PM**

Join Curator Madeline Smolarz for a tour of brand new Base 31 museum, including a Lancaster Bomber!

# FRIDAY EVENING

CRYSTAL PALACE  
375 PICTON MAIN STREET

**ACO-PEC CHIMNEY SWIFTS  
WALKING TOUR ROUND 2  
STARTING AT THE CRYSTAL  
PALACE  
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**Base31 would like to invite any conference attendees who are interested to stay and enjoy the evening programming they have on offer Friday night as part of your conference experience!**

**PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY TO YOUR  
ACCOMMODATIONS**



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# SATURDAY

JUNE 21ST COUNTY WIDE  
PLEASE CHECK EACH EVENT FOR THE LOCATION

**ACO PEC PRESENTS:  
A SOUTH SHORE ADVENTURE  
STARTING FROM  
THE CRYSTAL PALACE  
375 MAIN STREET IN PICTON  
CAPACITY 43**

\*Additional costs are required for this offering and can be purchased when you book your conference ticket.\*

**TOUR ONLY IS \$40**  
Transportation from the Crystal Palace and back Included  
**9AM TO 12:30PM**

**ADD LUNCH FOR AN  
ADDITIONAL \$25**  
Transportation from the Crystal Palace and back included as well as a picnic lunch at a heritage farm.  
**12:30PM TO 1:30PM**

Depart from Picton, by bus, on an adventure to the County's South Shore. ACO's local branch will take you to lesser-known heritage delights: Starting with a walk around the village of Milford; then to South Bay Cemetery, the gravesite of County heroine Minerva McCrimmon, the 17-year-old ship's cook who, in 1882, rescued the crew of her ship when it was wrecked in Lake Ontario; out Long Point Road to a recently designated property that features an art gallery/barn and an architect-designed 1980s West-Coast-style house that is also an early example of passive solar heating (and meet Alice, the architect!); down Babylon Road to the Hudgin Log House, currently under restoration as a field house for nature studies ... then the short distance to the beautiful South Shore, to dip your hand into Lake Ontario. Optional: Enjoy lunch at a heritage-designated farm on Royal Road!

# SATURDAY

COUNTY WIDE

PLEASE CHECK EACH EVENT FOR THE LOCATION

## **RESTORING, REBUILDING AND REVITALIZING HERITAGE LANDSCAPES:**

**EXPLORING EAST LAKE FARM  
679 COUNTY RD 11 PICTON  
CAPACITY 50  
9:00AM TO 12PM**

Join an accomplished group of local designers, builders and makers each of whom have contributed to the ongoing heritage restoration and revitalization of East Lake Farm.

Landscape designer Ben O'Brien—owner of Wild by Design—will discuss the ongoing restoration of the farm landscape, from lawns into beautiful, biodiverse plant communities. The landscape's design has been guided both by the functional requirements of a working farm, and a desire to experience the immersive beauty of naturalistic plantings.

Carpenter Mike Adams owns and operates Trunnel Timber Framing, a Peterborough-based company specializing in traditional timber framing techniques and joinery and masters of mortise and tenon construction. Mike will discuss the restoration of a beautiful and unique circa 1840s barn using the original timbers secured with hardwood dowels to preserve the fit and ensure a beautiful, sustainable structure.

Tim Noxon is a skilled designer and woodworker with extensive experience in heritage architecture, particularly in Prince Edward County. With a deep appreciation for traditional materials, craftsmanship, and historical detailing, he is passionate about preserving and revitalizing the built environment. Tim has played a key role in the restoration of the buildings and infrastructure at East Lake Farm, enhancing their functionality and charm while honouring their agricultural heritage. His work reflects a commitment to blending historical authenticity with thoughtful, enduring design.

John Shaw-Rimmington specializes in applying historic dry stone wall techniques in collaboration with nature. A history of using the abundant local stone is pleasingly evident throughout the county. Using fieldstones from the property, John has created new garden walls, which are objects of beauty in their own right. Following the presentations, attendees can join the presenters for further discussion and exploration of the gardens, buildings and walls.

**This event is limited to 50 attendees. Please car pool when/if possible with other attendees to make parking easier on site.**



# SATURDAY

COUNTY WIDE

PLEASE CHECK EACH EVENT FOR THE LOCATION

**A TOUR OF THE  
PICTON ARMOURY  
206 MAIN STREET WEST  
CAPACITY 50  
10AM TO 11:30AM**

The Picton Armoury was built in 1913 as a home for the 16th Prince Edward Regiment, the local militia unit that traced its origins back to 1863. During WWI and WWII, the Armoury served as a recruiting depot and staging area for what would be known as the 2nd Battalion, Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment (2 HPER). Now it is home to shops and services.

Enjoy a tour with one or both of the wonderful owners and explore this incredible adaptive re-use heritage building!

**Paid parking is available along main street.**

**Free parking is available at the Mary Street parking lot beside 45 Mary Street West. This lot is a short walk to the Armoury building.**

**Additional free parking is also available at The Crystal Palace lot 375 Picton Main Street for those that are alright with a little further to walk.**

# SATURDAY

COUNTY WIDE

PLEASE CHECK EACH EVENT FOR THE LOCATION

**GLENWOOD CEMETERY  
WALKING TOUR  
47 FERGUSON ST IN PICTON  
CAPACITY 50  
1:30PM TO 3PM**

Join Chair Sandy Latchford at this beautiful garden cemetery. Glenwood's 62 acres are set in rolling hills, with majestic mature forests, gardens, water features and winding walking paths. It has offered a serene resting place since 1873, and there are now over 15,000 interments. Notable burials include Wellington Boulter, the father of the Canning Industry in Canada, temperance pioneer Letitia Youmans, and 12 Commonwealth War Graves, six of whom were pilots killed during training exercises at Camp Picton. Parking available on site at Glenwood Cemetery.

**SECRET SOCIETIES &  
THEIR STAINED GLASS  
WITH SARAH HALL  
MACAULAY HERITAGE PARK  
CHURCH MUSEUM  
23 CHURCH STREET PICTON  
CAPACITY 50  
3:30PM TO 4:30PM**

Sarah studied architectural glass in Canada, the UK and the Middle East before establishing her own studio in Toronto in 1980. She was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada on December 28, 2019. Her work comprises contemporary art glass at an architectural scale. Over the past forty years she has created hundreds of large-scale artworks for public, private, and institutional settings. In the process she has gained international recognition for her creativity, uncompromising artistry, and the innovative use of solar technology in architectural glass.

Parking available on site at Macaulay Heritage Park



# SATURDAY

COUNTY WIDE  
PLEASE CHECK EACH EVENT FOR THE LOCATION

**A TOUR OF BELLEVILLE'S  
DOWNTOWN MEMORIAL  
MARKET PLACE, CITY HALL,  
AND CITY MARKET  
15 MARKET STREET  
BELLEVILLE  
CAPACITY 30  
2PM TO 4PM**

Join Heritage Belleville and TaskForce Engineering for a tour of Belleville's downtown Memorial Market Place, City Hall, and City Market.

The Memorial Market Place is an adaptive reuse of the Memorial Arena in the process of being transformed into a cultural landmark. The revisioning of the building is to become a hub for the community and an attraction to the downtown district.

The original Memorial Arena played a significant role in Belleville's sports history for over 80 years. It was built in 1929 in a similar style to Maple Leaf Gardens but was modified. It is situated next to the historic Farmers' Market and behind City Hall.

**Meeting Point – Front entrance to Memorial Market Place on the North Side at 15 Market Street in Downtown Belleville**

**Free 2hr parking is available on Front Street and Pinnacle Street.**

**Paid parking is also available at 160 Front Street across from City Hall.**

# SATURDAY

COUNTY WIDE  
PLEASE CHECK EACH EVENT FOR THE LOCATION

**TOM WILSON  
MOHAWK SYMPHONY  
THE REGENT THEATRE  
224 PICTON MAIN STREET  
7:30PM TO 9:30PM**

Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day in The County and Experience the Enchantment of Tom Wilson's Mohawk Symphony!

Join us for an extraordinary evening of music and culture as Tom Wilson's Mohawk Symphony takes centre stage in a special performance by an 8-piece chamber orchestra.

This unique event promises to be an unforgettable journey through the profound artistry and storytelling that define Wilson's work.

About the Mohawk Symphony Tom Wilson, renowned musician, artist, and storyteller, brings the discovery of his Mohawk heritage to life through the Mohawk Symphony. This innovative work blends personal narratives, classical influences, and contemporary sounds, creating a musical tapestry that resonates deeply with audiences.

Performed by a masterful 8-piece chamber orchestra, the concert will weave together intricate harmonies and powerful narratives offering a deeply moving, immersive experience that speaks to identity, community, and resilience.

The Tom Wilson Mohawk Symphony, with its deeply personal themes and universal resonance, represents a landmark moment in contemporary Canadian music, inviting audiences on a transformative journey of discovery and connection.

We look forward to sharing this remarkable evening with you in celebration of National Indigenous Peoples Day in Prince Edward County!

**Paid parking is available along main street.**

**Free parking is available at the Mary Street parking lot beside 45 Mary Street West. This lot is a short walk to The Regent Theatre.**

**Additional free parking is also available at The Crystal Palace at 375 Picton Main Street for those that are alright with a little further walk.**



# THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING A TICKET!

PLEASE NOTE THAT ATTENDEES CONFIRM THEIR ATTENDANCE  
FOR EACH EVENT WHEN PURCHASING THEIR CONFERENCE  
TICKET AS CAPACITIES ALLOW.

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