



MEMORANDUM

TO: Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage

DATE: April 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Community Heritage Ontario
Conference Hosting Opportunity - 2025

Issue: Request from CHO regarding future host municipalities (see attachment)

Background

- The City of Markham was the selected host for the 2020 Ontario Heritage Conference (the "OHC"). After 1 ½ years of extensive planning by a group of municipal staff and community volunteers, the conference was derailed by COVID 19 and cancelled in June and then in October of 2020.
- The OHC was cancelled again in 2021, but was held in Brockville in 2022.
- The 2023 OHC is being held in London this year.

Staff Comment

- Organizing a conference of this magnitude takes a enormous amount of staff time even with the assistance of community volunteers.

Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham

THAT Heritage Markham Committee receive as information.

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Attachment



Is your community interested in hosting the Ontario Heritage Conference?

I am contacting you to see if your municipal heritage committee would be interested in hosting the 2025 or 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference. The conference provides an opportunity for your municipality to showcase its achievements in heritage conservation to other like-minded volunteers and professionals from across Ontario.

The Request for Proposals contained on the Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) website provides detailed information about the scope and tasks involved in organizing such a conference. [View the RFP](#). If necessary, you could partner with a neighbouring municipal heritage committee to host the conference.

In the past, CHO, the Ontario Association of Heritage Professionals and the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario have partnered with local organizing committees to host the annual [Ontario Heritage Conference](#). This year, the conference will be held in London Ontario, from June 15 to 17. In 2024, the conference will be held in Gravenhurst.

We are currently looking for locations from 2025 and beyond. Since planning for the conference takes a year and a half or longer, it is important that we initiate the process for the 2025 conference soon.

Please take the time to consult with others in your municipality to consider hosting the 2025 Ontario Heritage Conference. If you have any questions, contact me or any other member of the CHO Board of Directors.

Thanks,
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