



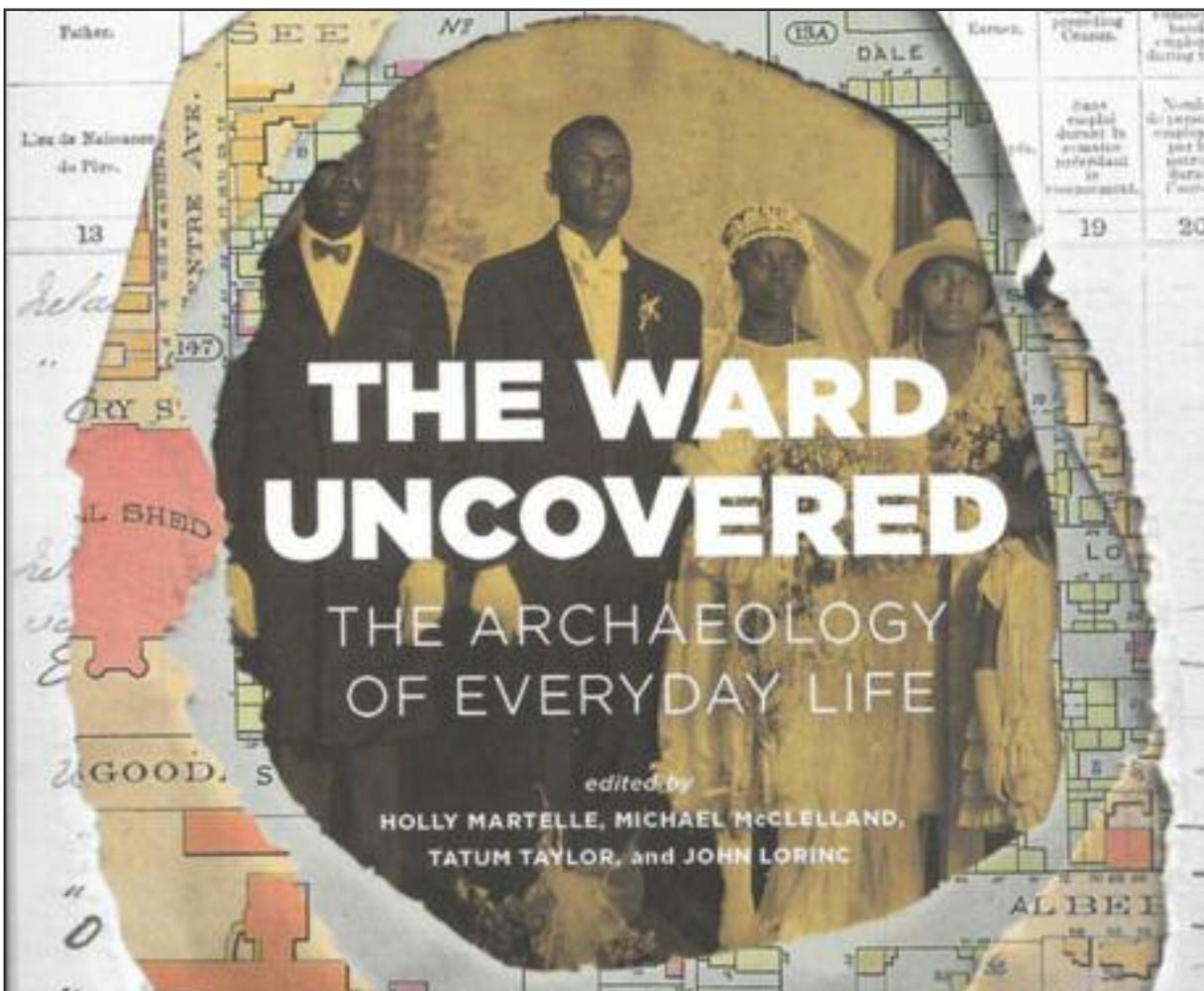
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A 'CAROL' TO ACTION?

Winter is here – a season I normally love, but this year it feels like our province is being run by a real life Scrooge. As we draw close to Christmas – what I thought was meant to be a time of generosity – we hear of cut after cut to provincially-funded programs.

Some of them – to the operational grants to the Ontario College of Midwives – are pretty far removed from archaeology. But others hit closer to home. The government has also cut \$2.25 million in funding to the Indigenous Culture Fund (ICF), which is described on their website as “part of the Government of Ontario’s response to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC)” (<http://www.arts.on.ca/grants/activity/indigenous-culture-fund>).

What are the priorities of the ICF? Supporting community-based projects, building capacity in the areas of traditional knowledge and culture, promoting inter-generational knowledge transfer, etc. In other words, the program priorities directly address some of the damage done to Indigenous culture through the residential school system. And as if this were not enough, amongst the cuts to educational programming announced this week is funding for a program called ‘Indigenous Focused Collaborative Inquiry’, which assists educators to bring Indigenous content into their teaching.

In addition to this, we should be aware of a piece of legislation that could have a significant impact to preservation of heritage resources. Bill 66, ‘Restoring Ontario’s Competitiveness Act, 2018’ has passed first reading and the government is currently receiving feedback on it. The bill allows municipalities to pass ‘open for business planning by-laws’ which, under Schedule 10 of Bill 66, they could do if they wanted to minimize oversight and reduce barriers to developments that might otherwise be prohibited. The by-law would require approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs

and Housing.

Why should members of the OAS be concerned about possible ‘open for business planning by-laws’? According to a brief by Foran, Halinsky and Helfand these zoning by-laws “will be exempt from many existing Planning Act requirements, as well as land use restrictions set out in various provincial plans and policies.” Exemptions to the Clean Water Act, 2006, the Greenbelt Act, 2005, and the Great Lakes Protection Act, 2015 have been greeted in the media and by the public with considerable alarm. But, as people who care about archaeological heritage, we should also be seriously concerned about exemptions to subsection 3(5) of the Planning Act that relates to the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS 2014) and provincial plans.

Those of you who work in consulting archaeology will be familiar with the PPS, but other members may not be. It states:

2.6 Cultural Heritage and Archaeology

2.6.1 Significant built heritage resources and significant cultural heritage landscapes shall be conserved.

2.6.2 Development and site alteration shall not be permitted on lands containing archaeological resources or areas of archaeological potential unless significant archaeological resources have been conserved.

2.6.3 Planning authorities shall not permit development and site alteration on adjacent lands to protected heritage property except where the proposed development and site alteration has been evaluated and it has been demonstrated that the heritage attributes of the protected heritage property will be conserved.

2.6.4 Planning authorities should consider and promote archaeological management plans and cultural plans in conserving cultural heritage and archaeological resources.

2.6.5 Planning authorities shall consider the interests of Aboriginal communities in conserving cultural heritage and

archaeological resources.

The PPS also addresses, in fairly strong language, Indigenous treaty rights:

4.3 This Policy Statement shall be implemented in a manner that is consistent with the recognition and affirmation of existing Aboriginal and treaty rights in section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

Furthermore, the archaeology and heritage policies of Municipal Official Plans (which sometimes include Archaeological Master Plans) will also be moot when the Planning Act’s Section 24 is removed.

So, what can members of the OAS do? Some might advocate an approach in which we keep a low profile and hope that somehow municipal planners forget about the fact that they have the ability to get around the PPS if this bill passes. Others might hope that the ghosts of various Christmases visit our Premier and that he wakes up a kinder person. However, I would argue that both of these fall in the domain of wishful, if not magical, thinking.

As an organization, we have identified advocacy and education as two key priorities. We have also committed to working towards reconciliation. In this situation, I think this would include speaking out to defend existing policy and legislation that protects heritage and Indigenous treaty rights.

A few members of the OAS, including current and incoming board members, have helped to identify issues with Bill 66, as it concerns heritage. The province is calling for comment on the Bill, and this can be done by sending an email to Ken Peterson at planningconsultation@ontario.ca. The commenting period ends Jan. 20, 2019. We encourage all those who have concerns to register them. We have drafted a stock statement that members can use when commenting, but we encourage all those who comment to tell their own story of why heritage protection is important.

Ontario has a rich history of occupation

that dates back more than 12,000 years. The archaeological assessments completed each year in advance of development help fill in the gaps in the story of our Province, Indigenous Peoples and more recent settlers. Archaeology gives a voice to many who have been written out of the history of our Province. Indigenous and descendant community participation in the process of archaeological investigation has recently amplified that voice.

Bill 66 threatens to allow municipalities to opt out of provisions within the Planning Act, including the Provincial Policy Statement (2014) which require many of the assessments that are completed.

Under Bill 66, a municipality will be able to circumvent Subsection 3(5) and Section 24 of the Planning Act which give authority to the Provincial Policy Statement (2014) and Official Plan requirements respectively.

The protection of heritage is a mandatory provincial interest under the Ontario Heritage Act, not a decision of convenience at a municipal level. Bill 66 needs to be amended to restore the requirements that protect our heritage for the generations to come.

So, when you have a bit of extra time over the holidays, consider making your opinions known. Think of it as an opportunity to undertake a bit of education and advocacy. As archaeologists we might imagine ourselves as Ghosts of Christmas Past, charged with reminding others that past lives matter, and continue to do so today.

• I would like to acknowledge that while the message is mine as President of the OAS, I had considerable help from Jim Sherratt, Scott Martin, Paul Racher, Josh

Dent, and Peter Popkin. Thanks to all.

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OAS SYMPOSIUM 2018 CHATHAM, ONTARIO



2018 Chatham-Kent

CONNECTIONS AND PATHWAYS THROUGH THE PAST

By Josh Dent

Thanks to OAS membership, sponsors and the tremendous support of community partners, the 2018 OAS Symposium in Chatham-Kent was a great success. The organizing committee, anchored by the London and Windsor OAS Chapters, oversaw greater than expected turnout (near 200 attendees), robust fundraising and a record year for the Silent Auction.

The Symposium's theme, 'Connections and Pathways through the Past', attracted sessions on underwater archaeology, Early Black Settlement, papers in honour of Karolyn Smardz Frost and other topics.

Friday's workshop hosted by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport enlightened attendees with tips on archival research.

On Sunday, the OAS hosted another workshop on the relationships between Indigenous communities, avocational archaeologists and OAS Chapters.

Events culminated Saturday night with the amalgamation of last year's "un-banquet" with the traditional awards ceremony.

This year's Symposium worked closely with the Ontario Black History Society, the Chatham-Kent Black Historical Society, the Buxton National Historic Site & Museum, the Ontario Heritage Trust, and the Museum of Ontario Archaeology to manage the Symposium's operations, deliver content and receive field excursions.

The Symposium would also not have been successful without the help of our volunteers, organizing committee and OAS staff and board members. We look forward to OAS Toronto 2019!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

As you know, the vast majority of OAS activities occur thanks to contribution from our network of volunteers. They contribute in significant ways ranging from updating our website and social media to organizing our annual symposium. A rough estimate suggests that approximately 10% of our membership helps to promote our mission through voluntary service.

And now we are going to ask for more!

At the annual general meeting we passed our 2019-2024 strategic plan with minor modifications (see the Sept/Oct issue of **ArchNotes** for a copy of the draft plan). One of the aspects of the plan was to work towards more distributed allocation of the work that we do, so that no one feels that the contribution they make to the OAS is particularly onerous. We have identified a number of committees that we wish to establish, and are seeking members of the OAS who would be willing to serve on them. The committees I would like to highlight at this point are the:

Best practices committee

Web committee

Awards evaluation committee.

Each committee will have at least one sitting board member on it. The tasks of the committees, as described in the strategic plan, are described below.

BEST PRACTICES COMMITTEE

This committee will help to address the

goal that by 2024 we will have demonstrated leadership on best practices for archaeology in the province by:

- Examining the standards and guidelines for consultant archaeology
- Evaluating the issues within current practice
- Establishing subcommittees to write 'white papers' to present to MTCS on the following aspects of archaeological practice:

Survey

Indigenous engagement

Artifact analysis

Specialist analysis

Archaeology in northern Ontario

Members may identify other areas that need attention and will bring these to the board. People who wish to sit on this committee or one of the subcommittees should email Alicia Hawkins (president@ontarioarchaeology.org) to outline the way in which you wish to be involved (committee vs. subcommittee) and briefly explain the expertise that you bring to the committee.

WEB COMMITTEE

This committee will help us address our goal to increase our effectiveness at promoting archaeology to the general public by 2024 by having a mobile-friendly web page. The specific tasks of the committee will be to:

- Examine available software options that are alternatives to Wild Apricot
- Assist with coding for mobile option or

transition to new platform

- Establish reconciliation section on web page
- Recruit archaeologists to edit pages on Ontario Archaeology

Members who are interested in serving on this committee should email Kaitlyn Malleau (outreach@ontarioarchaeology.org) and/or Josh Dent (webmaster@ontarioarchaeology.org) and should outline their experience and interests in serving on this committee.

AWARDS EVALUATION COMMITTEE

This committee will help to address goals to improve our internal management systems by establishing an awards evaluation committee to assist with:

- Devising a strategy and timeline for advertising the Sonstenes award to potential student applicants
- Determining clearer eligibility for nominations for publication award
- Providing recommendations to the board on which applicants/nominees should be awarded the Sonstenes award and the publication award

This will be a standing committee, and members of the committee, once it is established, should be able to commit to participating for several years. Members who are interested in serving on this committee should contact Alicia Hawkins (president@ontarioarchaeology.org) and William Ross (memberservices@ontarioarchaeology.org).

TORONTO IS ON THE HORIZON!

After great demand, Toronto will be holding the 2019 Symposium right downtown in the 6burg. The planning committee has already come up with events and opportunities to make your symposium experience even better.

The theme of the symposium will be 'What's under the pavement: Doing archaeology in an urban environment'. We will be calling for papers shortly which encompass not only archaeology (both historic and Indigenous) but on methodology as well. Stay tuned for more details in future issue of ArchNotes.

ANNOUNCING THE OAS AWARD WINNERS FOR 2018

By Sheryl Smith

Five awards were presented at our recent Symposium, held at the John D. Bradley Convention Centre in Chatham-Kent.



The **J.V. Wright Award for Lifetime Achievement** went to **Dr. Christopher Ellis**, Professor Emeritus of Western University. Beginning as an undergraduate student in archaeology over 40 years ago, Chris has substantially

increased our knowledge and understanding of pre-contact lifeways (especially the Paleolithic and Archaic periods) and has mentored generations of students and avocational archaeologists. He has served on the OAS London Chapter board of directors for 30 years and has been editor of *Ontario Archaeology* since 2011. His list of publications extends to 13 pages on his c.v.!

Thank you, Chris, for your outstanding record of achievement, and for your collegiality.

Dr. Ron Hancock was given the **J. Norman Emerson Silver Medal** for non-archaeologists. With a PhD in Analytical Chemistry, his work at the University of Toronto's SLOWPOKE reactor with induced neutron activation analysis or INAA, has helped countless archaeologists pose and solve questions about the sources of archaeological materials. He has worked with many archaeologists over several decades and has authored or co-authored significant publications that have expanded the field of archaeometry. Congratulations, Ron!

Both **Carole Stimmell** and **Darryl Dann** were recipients of the **Charles and Ella Garrad Award for Outstanding Service to the OAS**.

Carole has been a tireless volunteer for the OAS for many years through her participation in the Toronto Chapter, on the OAS Board of Directors, and currently as co-editor of our newsletter, **Arch Notes**. She also designs our annual reports. Currently, she has stepped forward to chair the organizing committee for the 2019 Symposium in Toronto.

Darryl Dann has contributed to the activities and research of the London Chapter of the OAS for almost 20 years, after his retirement from public education. Indeed, he is well known to all three of the southwestern Ontario Chapters. Darryl has represented the archaeological community and interests in





municipal heritage matters and planning, and has helped revitalize the chapter's outreach to the general public. He volunteers on many projects including laboratory work, and his people skills make him an ideal mentor and friend on archaeology projects big and small.

The **Award for Excellence in Publishing** was given to *The*

high profile dig before construction of a new courthouse in the city's downtown. The book highlights the public interest in archaeology and shows the value of archaeology in explaining how people adapted to their local circumstances.

We are pleased to be able to celebrate all these award winners. Well done, everyone!

Ward Uncovered: The Archaeology of Everyday Life, edited by Holly Martelle, Michael McClelland, Tatum Taylor and John Lorinc. With six chapters and 25 contributors, the book contains stories by historians, material culture specialists, archaeologists and journalists about life in the 19th and 20th centuries in one Toronto neighbourhood. It contains accounts of what was uncovered in an extensive and

ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION GROW GRANT

One of the reconciliation projects that the OAS has engaged in during the last two years is the offering of Field Liaison Representative (a.k.a., Monitor) training workshops at no cost to interested First Nation communities (see, for example, the July/August 2018 issue of **Arch Notes**). We consider it a privilege to be trusted to offer such workshops. Many individual OAS members have travelled considerable distances and contributed time and expertise to these workshops.

When encouraged by Ministry staff to apply for additional funding to further the OAS mandate, expansion of the FLR training program seemed an obvious choice. However, given that this would be our first full application in many years, we considered it to be fairly unlikely that we would receive the grant.

We are delighted, therefore, to announce that our application was successful. The grant will fund six FLR training programs during the summers of 2019 and 2020. The workshops will take place in the Sudbury-Mantoulin-Algoma-Cochrane districts, expanding the geographic reach of previous workshops. We have been able to hire a staff person, Sarah Hazell, to coordinate the



workshops and she can be reached at workshop@ontarioarchaeology.org.

We will be asking OAS members to assist us in a number of ways.

We would again be most grateful for individual contributions based on expertise of our members. In the

past, members have taught modules on different aspects of archaeology. These have dealt with things like artifact identification, zooarchaeology, botanical analysis, field methods, and so forth.

We aim to provide communities with a package that summarizes the known archaeology of their traditional territories. While some recent reports may be accessible through the report registry, many older ones will not be. We would be very grateful if members could provide us with reports and possibly assist with identifying ones we may not be aware of. In future issues of **ArchNotes**, we will be identifying areas in which we are interested.

Similarly, we attempt to determine the locations of extant artifact collections, and assistance from members on this question will also be gratefully accepted.

Thank you Ontario Trillium Foundation!



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