



***Community Heritage Ontario***

**Join us!**

# ***Purpose of Presentation***

1. Tell you about CHO and encourage your MHC to join or renew its membership in CHO.
2. Hear what issues you are currently facing and how CHO might be able to help.

# *Community Heritage Ontario*

- Is the Association of Ontario Municipal Heritage Committees
- Is staffed by volunteers – the Directors:




# ***Community Heritage Ontario***

- Mandate:
  - Build municipal heritage committees (MHCs) capabilities
  - Encourage sharing of MHC experiences and knowledge
  - Encourage municipalities to establish MHCs
  - Seek improvements to heritage legislation
  - Promote good conservation practice

# CHO – Membership has its privileges

- CHO/PCO News
  - Published 4 times/year
  - Articles written by CHO members
  - Input from the Province
  - Provide digital (or paper) copies to all members of MHCs that are members of CHO

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### Restoring the Allandale Railway Station


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One cannot miss the 1905 Allandale Railway Station on the approach to downtown Barrie or the historic village of Allandale via Lakeshore Drive. It can be viewed from various vantage points along the waterfront parkland or when boating on Kempenfelt Bay.

An extract from the heritage designation bylaw describing the heritage attributes of this unique landmark captures its significance well:

*The cultural heritage value and interest of the Allandale Station building resides in its picturesque massing, tri-part composition, height, unified profile of its elevations, residential scale, Italianate style and other detailing, form, design, materials, orientation to the former trackbed and the Lake Simcoe Shoreline, and its visual and symbolic identity within the Allandale and large Barrie community. This is an atypical, visually unique station building within a railway related cultural heritage landscape.*

The Allandale Station lands in the City of Barrie were last used as a rail site in the late 1990s. Vacant buildings were boarded and deterioration set in until 2009 when the first phase of restoration work was initiated by the City. Today, the buildings are looking more like the "Flagship Station of the Grand Trunk Railway" for which the site was known in the glory days of the early 20th century. The restoration work completed to date was recognized in 2014 by a Lieutenant Governor's award for Excellence in Conservation.




Restored Allandale Station

Reaching this phase in the revitalization has required leadership, stakeholder commitment to the vision, and guidance through excellent project management. Some key decisions and the assembly of guiding documents and bylaws using tools available under the Planning Act and Ontario Heritage Act were put in place early in the process.

Allandale Station was among the first to be protected under the federal Act to Protect Heritage Railway Stations. When the land was sold by CN, the City acquired it in 1999 and a heritage

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# ***CHO – Workshops by request***

- Will hold a workshop in a community based on input from MHCs (*who are members of CHO*)
- Topic of past workshops
  - *Researching heritage properties*
  - *Heritage Conservation Districts*
  - *Insurance and heritage properties*

# ***CHO - webinars***

- In partnership with the Ontario Historical Society:
  - *Role of Municipal Heritage Committees*
  - *Individual Property Designation*
  - *Heritage Conservation District Designation*
- Additional webinars are anticipated:
  - *Heritage Impact Assessments*
  - *Conservation Plans*
- Open to additional topics

# *CHO – Annual Heritage Conference*

- Opportunity to:
  - Network - Meet with other MHC members
  - Learn - from conference sessions
  - Get Inspired – see what other communities have done
- 2016 – May 12 – 15 - Stratford/St. Mary's
  - Preservation in a Changing World
    - Climate change & heritage conservation; building communities while preserving heritage; new technologies & adaptive reuse.





# CHO – Membership has its privileges

- CHO/PCO Website – recently revamped  
[www.communityheritageontario.ca](http://www.communityheritageontario.ca)



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Community Heritage Ontario website. At the top left is the logo, which features a stylized purple and green building with a white flower, surrounded by the text "Community Heritage Ontario" and "Patrimoine communautaire de l'Ontario". To the right of the logo, the text "Community Heritage Ontario" and "Patrimoine communautaire de l'Ontario" is displayed in green. Below this, it says "Serving Ontario's Municipal Heritage Committees".

A navigation bar contains several buttons: "Home", "About us", "Conferences", "Education", "Member's Only", "Member Services", and "More".

On the left side, there are links for "Calendar", "CHOnews", and "Links".

The main content area includes a welcome message: "Welcome to our new website!". Below this, there is a call to action: "Help us grow our services and tell us how we can better support our members by taking our survey. Results will be posted in August. We look forward to hearing from you. [Take our survey](#)".

Another section states: "Look under the Education page for videos, webinars and PowerPoint presentations from past conferences. Information about upcoming webinars will also be presented as topics and dates are confirmed."

A third section mentions: "Our new series Heritage Research Notes can also be found under Education and our first topic is Fire Insurance Plans."

The final section discusses membership: "Membership has its privileges, if you are interested in Ontario's heritage and you are not part of a municipal heritage committee we offer individual memberships. This will give you access to the member's only area, CHOnews and our e-newsletter. [Join us today!](#)"

On the right side, there is a "Tweets" section featuring a tweet from "Heritage Toronto" (@heritagetoronto) dated 25 Aug. The tweet text is: "#Murals on '#Islington Village: An Art Walk Through History' tour are TO DIE FOR! heritageontario.org/events/islingto... #HTours pic.twitter.com/THLLHnQIKr" and it is retweeted by "Community Heritage O".

Below the tweets is a "YOUR LOGO → Here" graphic with a green arrow pointing to the right.

Underneath the logo graphic is a green button labeled "Advertising Rates".

At the bottom right, there is a "Come Join Us" graphic with a green button labeled "Membership Info".

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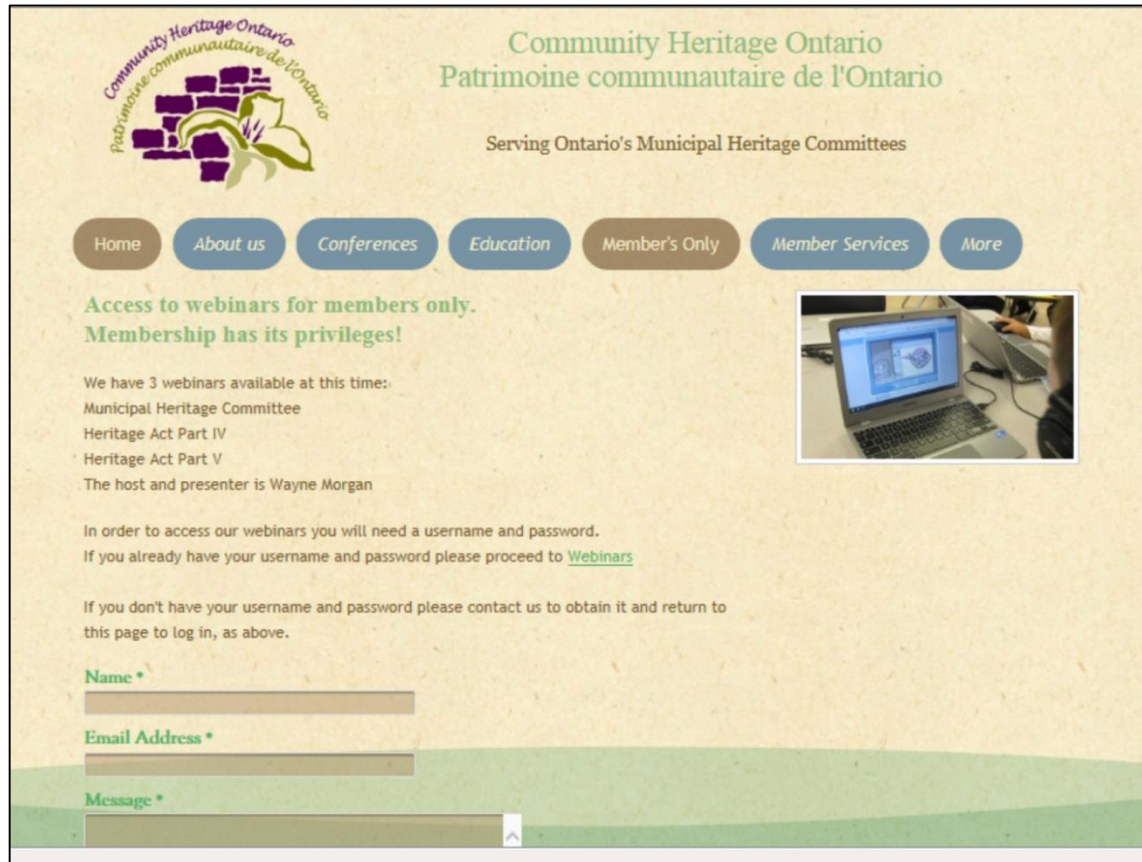
- CHO/PCO Website – research aids



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- CHO/PCO Website – access to prior webinars



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We have 3 webinars available at this time:  
Municipal Heritage Committee  
Heritage Act Part IV  
Heritage Act Part V  
The host and presenter is Wayne Morgan

In order to access our webinars you will need a username and password.  
If you already have your username and password please proceed to [Webinars](#)

If you don't have your username and password please contact us to obtain it and return to this page to log in, as above.

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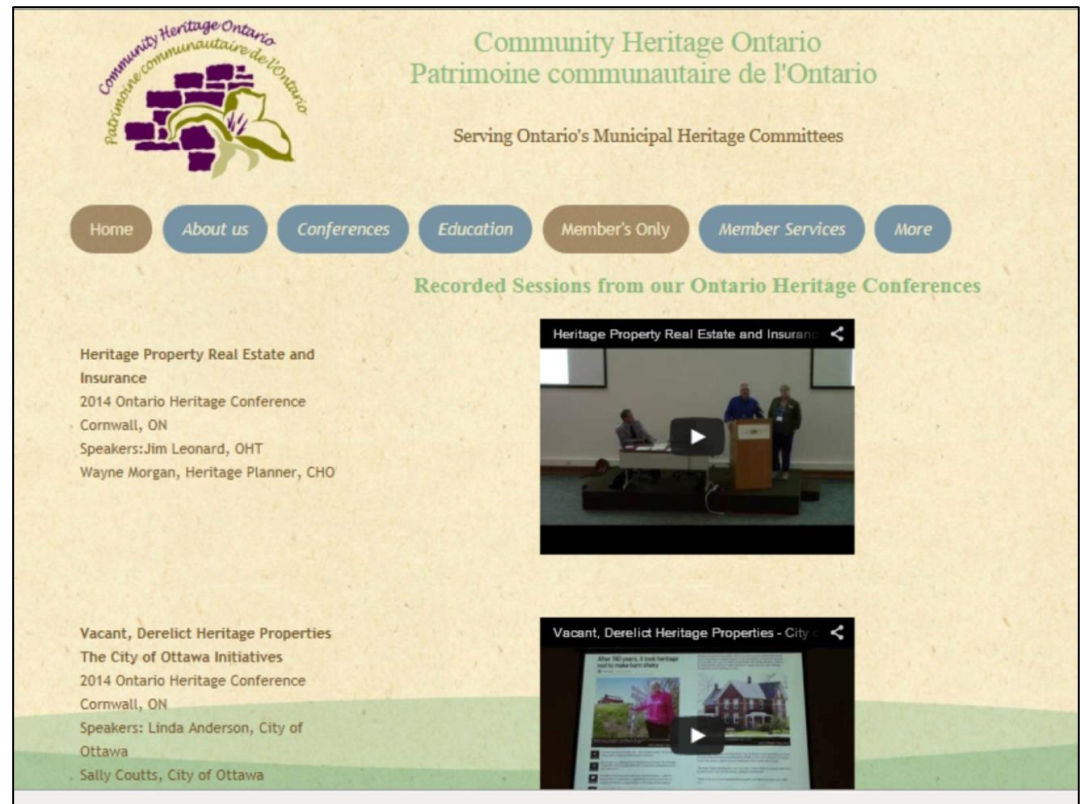
- CHO/PCO Website – access to some prior conference sessions

- Insurance & Heritage Properties

- Vacant heritage buildings

- Accessibility

- Adaptive Reuse



The screenshot displays the website for Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) and Patrimoine communautaire de l'Ontario (PCO). The header includes the organization's name in both English and French, along with the tagline "Serving Ontario's Municipal Heritage Committees". A navigation menu contains buttons for Home, About us, Conferences, Education, Member's Only, Member Services, and More. Below the menu, a section titled "Recorded Sessions from our Ontario Heritage Conferences" lists two sessions:

- Heritage Property Real Estate and Insurance**  
2014 Ontario Heritage Conference  
Cornwall, ON  
Speakers: Jim Leonard, OHT  
Wayne Morgan, Heritage Planner, CHO
- Vacant, Derelict Heritage Properties - City**  
The City of Ottawa Initiatives  
2014 Ontario Heritage Conference  
Cornwall, ON  
Speakers: Linda Anderson, City of Ottawa  
Sally Coutts, City of Ottawa

Each session is accompanied by a video player thumbnail showing a presentation slide or a speaker at a podium.

# ***CHO – input to heritage legislation***

- Provided input to:
  - The 2005 changes to the Ontario Heritage Act
  - The Provincial Policy Statement issued under the Planning Act
  - Accessibility regulations
- Promote good local heritage legislation
  - By-laws to protect vacant heritage buildings

# ***CHO – Join Us***

- All for \$75 per year per MHC
- Individual membership are also possible

# ***Now let's hear from you***

- What issues are you facing?
- How can CHO help?