



The CABHC Patch

News from the Community Archives

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Behind the Mask

The City of Belleville's [Façade Improvement Program](#) encourages owners of buildings in the Downtown Improvement Area of Belleville to "encourage preservation of the architectural traditions upon which the character of the downtown". It has been interesting to see old buildings emerging



CABHC: 2021-040-01 232 Front Street
by Barry Brown and Gary Magarrell, 24
April 2021

from behind modern materials as owners take advantage of the grants available to make changes to the appearances of their properties.

Hastings County Historical Society members have been recording some of the restoration work and donating photographs of the process to the Community Archives. On April 24th, work on the former Maze Mall building at 232 Front Street was recorded by Gerry Fraiberg, Barry Brown, and Gary Magarrell.

In the first picture here, taken in the morning of 24 April, half of the steel cladding formerly covering the building has been removed. By the time of the second photograph, taken in the afternoon of the same day, all of the building's original windows and details have been revealed.



CABHC: 2021-039 232 Front Street
by Gerry Fraiberg, 24 April 2021

This building housed the Metropolitan store until around 1975, when it was replaced by Encore Mart. It became the Maze Mall in 1978.

Our thanks to the roving photographers for their work in recording and sharing this restoration process!



CABHC: HB-07-18 Photograph
commissioned by Heritage Belleville,
c.1977

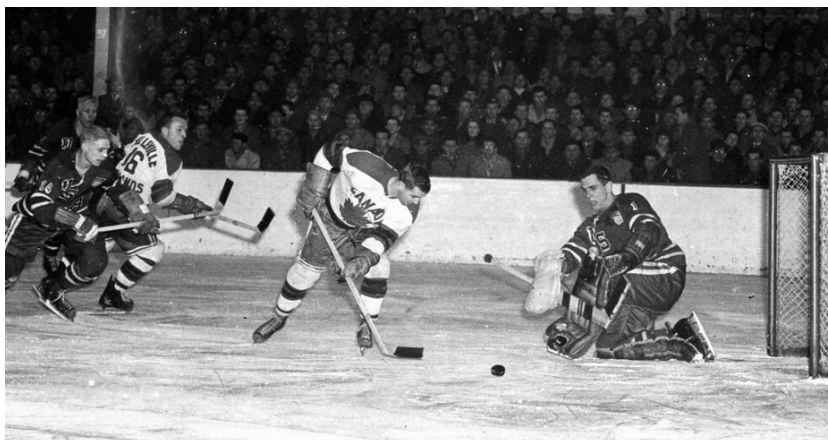
Recent Additions to the Archives

- 2021-026** Mounted prints of Belleville institutions, 1870-1876
- 2021-027** Photo and negative of Belleville City Hall, c.1910
- 2021-028** Photographs of Belleville floods, 1918-1936
- 2021-029** City of Belleville Cultural Master Plan and supporting files, 1988-1990
- 2021-030** Belleville McFarlands hockey team poster, 1959
- 2021-031** Photocopy of photograph of class at Deseronto Public School 2021-027, c.1957
- 2021-032** AIDS Awareness Committee materials, 1994-2004
- 2021-033** Covid-19 vaccination sticker, 2021
- 2021-034** Photographs of closed-off items in Walmart, April 2021
- 2021-035** Screenshot of Government of Ontario emergency alert text message about Stay-at-Home order, 2021
- 2021-036** Tweed High School Reunion edition yearbook, 1984
- 2021-037** Scanned copies of photographs relating to the Ireland family of Belleville, c.1940
- 2021-038** Additional materials from Quinte Curling Club, 1994-2021

Belleville McFarlands images

For the last year or two we have been working through the Community Archives' storage area, checking that everything on the shelves has a corresponding description in our online catalogue. In the process we are discovering items which have not previously been shared. Last month's find was a [photograph album](#) (2010-49) commemorating the Belleville McFarlands hockey team's trip to the Ice Hockey World Championships in Prague in March 1959, where they represented Canada.

The album was compiled by the Czechoslovakian Glassexport enterprise. As well as photographs of the McFarlands' Championship games, it includes pictures of the tourist activities the team enjoyed during their time in Prague. [View the album here.](#)



CABHC: 2010-49-042 Canada vs. USA, 14 March 1959



CABHC: 2010-49-018 McFarlands admiring Czech glassware, 1959