



The CABHC Patch

News from the Community Archives

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A work in progress...

Some archival projects are more time-consuming than others. Archives volunteers have been listing the extensive negative collection donated by *The Intelligencer* newspaper ever since they were donated in 2008, as one example, with no immediate end in sight.

A recent donation of photographic slides created by the late Lloyd Syer (1928-2022), former Director of the Belleville Parks and Recreation Department presents a similar challenge, on a slightly smaller scale.

The slides arrived in September. Some were in carousels, others in plastic sleeves, but the majority were loose in a large plastic bag. The slides had been taken over the course of Lloyd Syer's long career with the City of Belleville, from 1964 to 1990, with a few earlier slides extending back to 1959.

Many of the slides have date stamps, showing the month and year that the slides were developed. This was useful in sorting the slides: we were able to create a grid of years and months into which the slides could be placed. After the slides had been sorted by date, we could then look at the slides for each month and further sort them by topic and sometimes by number.



CABHC: 2022-071/9 Unsorted slides from Lloyd Syer



CABHC: 2022-071/9
Slides during sorting

The initial sorting process took several days, and created some impressively tall piles of slides on the reading room map cabinets.

The next stage is to summarize the contents of the slides. We are now 1,000 slides into this task: many are photographs of

parks such as Zwick's and the Corby Rose Garden, while others document park construction projects. There are also a number of aerial photographs of Belleville and several slides of Santa Claus parades in Toronto (1965) and Belleville (1972). We plan to share some of the slides online and in a future newsletter.



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Sorted slides in piles

Recent Additions to the Archives

2022-068 Framed materials transferred from Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board, c.1945-2001

2022-069 Candidate materials for Ontario municipal elections, 2022

2022-070 Bob House negatives, prints, and Quinte Arts Council materials, 1983-1997

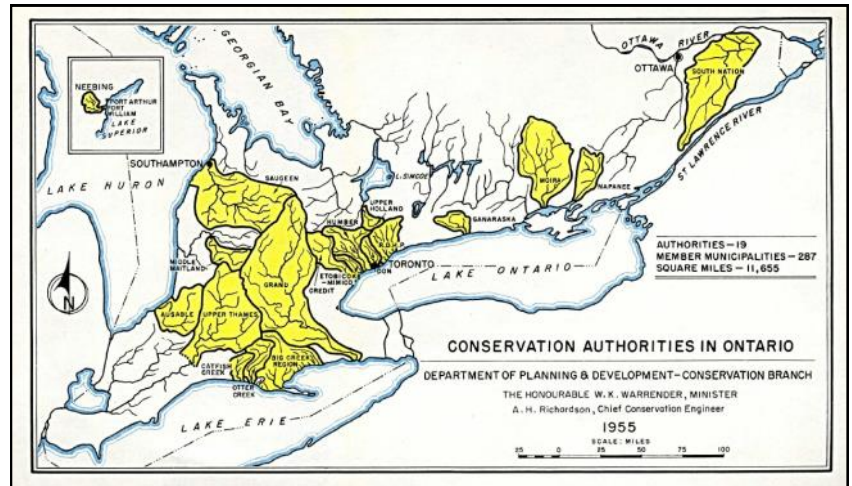
2022-071 Lloyd Syer materials, 1910-1990

2022-072 Clifford Belch photographs, 1976-2013

2022-073 Mary Elizabeth (Roberts) Haig scrapbooks, 1931-1944

What's in the Display Case?

For Fall, we take a look at the 75-year history of Quinte Conservation, first founded in 1947 as the Moira Valley Conservation Authority. Find out more about key individuals involved in the development of the Authority, such as Erle S. Denyes, Roscoe Vanderwater and George and Lois Wishart.



CABHC: TR 2298 Map of Conservation Authorities in Ontario, 1955

"CONSERVATION DRIVE"

A self-guided auto-tour through the Moira Valley to help acquaint residents and visitors alike with the history, beauty, recreational potential, and conservation achievements and problems of the watershed.



The "Colonel Roscoe Vanderwater Conservation Area" located near Thomasburg, owned and developed by the Moira River Conservation Authority

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CABHC: 2022-040/19/2 "Conservation Drive" - A self-guided auto-tour through the Moira Valley, promoting the work of the Conservation Authority [1964]

CABHC: 2017-106/2 Spring flooding of the Moira river in Belleville was a regular event before the installation of ice control dams by the Conservation Authority. This view is of the 1936 floods, taken near the Upper Bridge, looking south.