

**OTF's grant helps Middlesex Centre Archives in storing
historically relevant documents**

The Middlesex Centre Archives (MCA) gratefully acknowledges the financial support received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation's, (OTF) Resilient Communities Fund, (RCF). RCF supports the non-profit sector recover and rebuild from the impacts emerging from COVID-19 so they can effectively meet the needs of communities across Ontario. The \$17,000 RCF grant spanning over 12 months, will help cover costs for archival storage materials and extra shelving to provide much-needed additional space.

Recognizing the grant, Monte McNaughton, MPP of Lambton-Kent-Middlesex stated *"Like many industries, COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the non-profit sector. I'm pleased to see the Resilient Communities Fund is helping non-profits, like the Middlesex Centre Archives, deliver their important programs and services now, and after COVID-19."*

Because MCA closed its doors from March through September, income was severely affected. However, residents were busy sorting through their boxes at home and discovering many historically relevant documents. As a result, MCA has experienced an increase in the number and volume of these documents being donated. *"The impact of this grant is tremendous. We will be using this funding to provide PPE, archival supplies, space-saving rolling shelves, and additional furnishings required to quarantine documents due to Covid-19."* says Carol Small, Chair of the Board of Directors.

[MCA](#) was established in 2013 to preserve any records of enduring historical value in both private and public hands and in a variety of unsecured locations. The mandate of MCA is to acquire, preserve, and make available to the public, records of enduring value to Middlesex Centre and to the former Townships of Delaware, Lobo, London, and portions of Westminster.

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