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Port Hope Architectural Conservancy Presents \$10,000 Cheque to Port Hope Archives

Port Hope, Ontario — March 24th, 2007 — In January of this year, the Port Hope Archives requested financial assistance from the Port Hope Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. The Archives were in need of a records storage upgrade for the ever-growing collection of historical documents, photographs and other valuable records entrusted to them. The current shelving was in danger of collapse. After only a short deliberation, the ACO was happy to respond with a cheque for \$10,000, a sum that will more than cover the cost of new, specially constructed, archival storage that can be adjusted to more closely fit the items stored there. This will make much more efficient use of the space available in the historic building on Mill Street where the archive is located.

Says Richard Vincent, President of the Port Hope ACO, “We are happy to help the Archives, they play such a vital role in preserving the record of our local heritage. It is the reason we exist.”

This is not the first time the ACO has benefited the Archives. Early on, the ACO provided financial support to help the Port Hope Archives, then known as the Ganaraska Archives, get established.

The Port Hope ACO organizes fundraising events in the area throughout the year, including the Annual Port Hope House Tour, The Bi-Annual Garden Tour and the Antiques & Artifacts Auction and Tag Sale, which is to be held Sunday, April 15th at the Town Park Recreation Centre. Monies collected by the Port Hope ACO go towards grants and projects for the restoration of heritage designated buildings in the area and to a restoration arts scholarship fund.

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario was founded in Toronto in 1933 by architect Eric Arthur to help preserve Ontario's architecturally significant landscapes and structures for future generations. There are eleven branches across Ontario of which the Port Hope ACO Branch is the largest and most active.

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For further information on the Port Hope ACO, call Ken Burgin 905-885-2510.

Photo Caption: Richard Vincent, ACO President, presents a cheque for \$10,000 to Krista Taylor, Archivist, Port Hope Archives and Lisa Foucault, Chair of the Port Hope Archives Board.