

Sunday Market  
Stratford



Queen Street  
St. Marys



Harry  
Ten  
Shilling  
Shakespeare



Trafalgar Bridge



Hicks House  
Mitchell



Former  
Carnegie Library  
Milverton



Perth County Courthouse

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Architectural  
Conservancy  
Ontario

Stratford/  
Perth County



The Architectural Conservancy Ontario is a charitable organization with a network of 24 local branches in communities across Ontario. Headquartered in Toronto, ACO is governed by a Provincial Council consisting of an executive and branch presidents. ACO has been active in preserving Ontario's architectural and cultural heritage since 1933.

The founding of the Architectural Conservancy Ontario was sparked by interest in saving Barnum House near Grafton, now a property of the Ontario Heritage Trust. Today the tradition continues with most new branches started because of threats to local landmarks.

#### ACO Stratford/Perth County activities

Advocacy for threatened heritage properties  
Lecture series  
Publishing a local newsletter  
Doors Open volunteers  
Fundraising events, such as annual house tours  
Walking tours  
Historical Plaque Program

#### Benefits of branch membership

A recognized province-wide organization  
Access to the experience of others in the heritage and related fields,  
with mentoring from other branches  
Exposure to emerging province-wide trends  
ACORN magazine for members

#### Branch responsibilities

Representation at Provincial Council meetings, AGMs and annual conference  
Reporting on financial and other activities in a timely fashion  
Reporting to Provincial Council and contributions to ACORN on issues and activities

ACO Stratford/Perth County was officially formed on February 22, 2009.

In 2011, ACO Stratford/Perth County initiated an historical plaque program similar to the ones operating in London and Newmarket. The plaque indicates the date the building was constructed, and recognizes the first occupant and their occupation. Flowing from this program, several walking tours have been created.

In 2012, our website was organized and launched.

In 2013, the first edition of our newsletter "More Than Bricks and Mortar" was published.

In 2014, the 140th plaque was researched.

In 2015, ACO Stratford/Perth County hosted the Provincial Council for the first time.

*ACO Stratford/Perth County through education and advocacy encourages the identification, conservation and re-use of important structures and the creation of districts of heritage significance.*