

MHAC PROJECT/ GOAL	DETAILS	VOLUNTEER LEAD	BUDGET ALLOCATION	STATUS	TIMELINE
<b>2026 MHAC Projects</b>					
<b>Heritage Property Research</b>	Photo cataloguing. Photos of non-designated assets. Early History research as it pertains to the Anniversary of the Rideau Canal (2026-2032).	MHAC, Consultants, John Welsh (Access Database Volunteer). David Gwynne (Photography)	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	Freeland Property revisions received. Some revision work requested to the Citizens of Interest circulated as part of the March 20, 2025 Agenda Package.	September - December
<b>Historic Settlement Signs</b>	There are 17 Historic Settlements identified in By-Law 2020-50 with physical signs installed by the Township and included in the Rideau Lakes Sign Plan. In 2026, order new Tag bars to read "Historic Settlement" as needed, and replace the "Ballantine sign with "Ballantyne" once By-Law 2020-50 has been amended.	All	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>In progress.</b> "Ballantine" should be spelled "Ballantyne" as recommended at the November 2025 MHAC meeting. A description is needed. By-Law 2020-50 requires amendment. The sign will need to be updated. Order tag bars that read "Historic Settlement" for Cheney's Corners near Elgin. Consider sign for Lytle Cemtery on Cedar Valley Road, and second side for sign at Clear Lake. New Vinyl for Ballantyne ordered in 2026.	Summer
<b>Historical Society Seed Funds</b>	Annual intake October 31. Refer to By-Law 2012-62. \$1,500 per organization, subject to annual budget approvals. These organizations are: Chaffey's Lock and Area Heritage Society (CLAHS); Delta Mill Society (DMS); Elgin and Area Heritage Society (EAHS); Newboro and Area Heritage Society (NAHS); Portland on the Rideau Historical Society (PHRS). The Bastard and South Burgess Heritage Society (BSBHS) is inactive and is in the process of dissolution. Changes to these organizations will require an update to By-Law 2012-62.	All	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>Complete.</b> Five letters of request received for 2026. Budget passed March 4. Seed funds were issued electronically.	October
<b>Digitization</b>	Archive Project in partnership with the Rideau Lakes Public Library and Queen's University Archives Digital Services for digitization of at-risk and sensitive archival materials.	Working Group	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	Pilot project with Queens University Archives Digital Services was successful. RLPL is willing to partner for digitization services in 2026.	TBD

<b>Memberships</b>	Maintain memberships with Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) \$75, Ontario Historical Society (OHS) \$102.25, STQRY (MyTours) \$960, Google Play (MyTours)\$37, BrockIt \$636 and OACPF (up to \$250).		<b>\$1,776.00</b>	New membership with OACPF (up to \$250) carried on March 19.	January
<b>Conferences and Seminars</b>	Members to identify opportunities to attend conferences and seminars.	All	<b>\$100.00</b>	Smiths Falls Heritage Symposium	October
<b>Storyboard</b>	Philippsville and Plum Hollow Storyboards proposed for development. An unveiling event and donor recognition plaques are anticipated.	Diane Haskins	<b>\$4,210.00</b>	Philippsville Storyboard content is in development.	
<b>Vision Exercise: Heritage Society Meet &amp; Greet</b>	A vision exercise for the members of MHAC has been recommended to develop a common path forward among heritage groups in Rideau Lakes. Link: Refer to the Rideau Lakes Cultural Heritage Strategic Plan for details. Recommendations 5.1 Creating a Joint Vision and Mandate for Cultural Heritage Within the Township; 5.2 Greater Coordination with Local Heritage Groups; 5.3 Digitization of Existing Records for One-Stop Access by Historians and the Public; 5.4 Introducing a Heritage Coordinator; 5.5 Increased Consistent Financial Support; 5.6 Investigate the Feasibility of a Museum / Township Cultural Centre.	All	<b>\$400.00</b>		
<b>Documentary Films</b>	To continue the series of documentary films created by filmmaker Allison Margot Smith. A film screening and QR Code labels are also anticipated.	Allison Smith	\$1,055.(Film \$500, Film Screening \$450, Newspaper Ads \$160, QR Code Labels \$40)	An update on film presentations provided on March 19 agenda.	Summer
<b>Rideau Lakes Map</b>	MHAC and Economic Development Committees work together to publish an annual map of the Township that features heritage and highlights villages. Formerly the Heritage Map and Village Maps were created independently. A re-print the 2025 map planned for 2026.	MHAC and Economic Development Committees	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	An early history statement developed in consultation with the Algonquins of Ontario is to be added to the new design of the map. A reprint of 5,000 copies received March 2026 for distribution, a shared cost with Ec Dev.	February-May

<b>Heritage Plaques</b>	To commemorate and display the heritage of Hanna Park, the Delta Maple Syrup Factory, Effie Tett Place, the Beverley Exchange (2024).	Diane Haskins	\$0.00		
<b>Capital Projects</b>	Heritage Centre - Artifacts and Archives Project; Archival Services; Grant Matching; Information Panels etc. Partner with Heritage Societies and Rideau Lakes Public Library. See separate Line Item for Digitization.	Working Group	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	Development of a 3 year plan is underway, working with Amplitude Consulting. A draft 3 year plan is under review by the working group.	
<b>Designation By-Law Amendments</b>	Amend Designation By-Laws (refer to staff report HER-2025-01). Order of priority has been established.		<b>\$8,000.00</b>	Consultant Edgar Tumak has delivered drafts of By-Law amendments for Horace Sheldon House and The Pimple. Finalized documents are in development.	
<b>Heritage Designations</b>	Requests to designate Township owned properties in Newboro, Request to designate Hutchings Homestead, Request to list 9 Water Street in Elgin.	Consultant		<b>In progress.</b> Newboro Community Hall. Hutchings Homestead (507 Hutchings Road) has been brought forward by a member of the community for consideration, and a letter of consent from the owner was requested. A draft report has been received by Consultant Edgar Tumak and is under review.	
<b>Cemeteries</b>	Sheldon Cemetery	Staff	\$3,000.00	Legal Fees to complete transfer of ownership of Sheldon Cemetery to the municipality.	
<b>Cemetery Monument Repairs</b>	Monument Repair at Municipally Owned Cemeteries Polk Cemetery (\$1,500), Lombard (\$1,000), Brier Hill, Philippsville etc. Monument Repair, Stone Cleaning and Tree removal (\$3,000)	Staff	\$5,500.00	Work at Wood Cemetery, Polk Cemetery and Lombard Cemetery scheduled for 2026. Consider sign, monument cleaning and repair at Lytle Cemetery on Cedar Valley Road.	

**Ongoing Activities**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Volunteer Lead</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>Cemetery Grant Program</b>	Intake and Administration. Annual deadline of February 15.		\$14,872.00	<b>Complete.</b> All 14 Cemeteries that applied were supported by the program in 2026. Electronic payments to be issued in March.	January - March
<b>Heritage Plaque Program</b>	Applications open year-round.		Shared Cost - 75% Applicant / 25% MHAC	Enquires about Heritage Plaques have been received from Stoodley's Kitchen and Beverage in Elgin (for 9 Water Street, Elgin). A heritage plaque was purchased by John Draffin Manor through the Heritage Plaque Program application process.	
<b>Non Designated Properties</b>	To identify properties of historic significance across the Township. 272 properties identified.	All			
<b>Cemetery By-Law</b>	Draft Cemetery Bylaw	Marie White		Cemetery By-Law in development. Draft to be reviewed.	
<b>STQRY Updates</b>	Link: <a href="https://rideaulakes.stqry.app/">https://rideaulakes.stqry.app/</a> (Formerly "MyTours")			STQRY app content is under review. All Heritage Walking Tours and Cycling Tours have been edited, over 199 pages. Text to voice has been applied to Blessed Sacrament and Emmanuel Heritage centre.. Registration process for Apple Store is underway. Registration with Google Play Store is complete at a cost of \$25 plus HST (see Memberships).	

**Other Items Requested - for MHAC Consideration**

<b>Storyboard Request - Stone Road</b>		CEC		CEC to provide more information. Research complete.	
<b>Storyboard Request - Tett Cemetery</b>				Storyboard Guidelines in development. Request to include names of Legacy Plaques in Delta. Format as municipal guidelines.	
<b>200th Anniversary of the Construction of the Rideau Canal</b>		Howard French		Two event proposals were circulated as part of the March 19th MHAC agenda package. <b>As of April 7, the 200th anniversary will be a standing item on the Economic Development Committee.</b>	
<b>Cemetery Mapping</b>		Howard French		A presentation was delivered to MHAC in 2026, followed by a discussion on cemetery mapping.	
<b>Promote Heritage Properties that are open to the public</b>	Chaffeys Lock Museum, Newboro Blockhouse, Red Brick School	Howard French		Information about the Red Brick School Exhibit has been requested. Chaffeys Museum also has a textile exhibit planned for 2026.	
<b>Online Map Updates</b>	Request to add Heritage Plaques, Storyboard Locations, Historic Settlements and all Cemeteries to the Cultural Heritage Tab on the "MapIt" Tool	Diane Haskins		<a href="https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=818394433eb54593b3943610489afe7c">Link: https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=818394433eb54593b3943610489afe7c</a>	
<b>Effie Tett Place</b>	In Memory of Effie M. Tett - Newboro Women's Institute	Diane Haskins		The story of Effie Tett place can be added to the back of the park sign	
<b>Additional Online Map Updates</b>	Add description of Hanna Park to website	Diane Haskins			