

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee  
Township of Rideau Lakes  
C/o Marie White  
Economic Development and  
Cultural Heritage Coordinator  
1439 County Road 8,  
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Members of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee:

Through this letter it is the wish of the Elgin and Area Heritage Society to make application to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee of Rideau Lakes Township to be awarded a Heritage Seed Grant in 2025.

EAHS was pleased to receive a 2024 Heritage Seed Grant. These funds were spent with a focus on programming for classroom visits. Because of the availability of these funds, we were able to purchase several copies of the book *"Finding Winnie; the True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear"*. Each class that visited received a copy of this book from EAHS; a fitting gift to the young people as a follow up to the classroom presentation made to them about the Canadian role played in the history of the beloved and timeless childhood hero, Winnie-the-Pooh. In addition, EAHS was able to cover costs associated with the visits of over 250 students to the Red Brick School and provide enhancements to existing and new visual displays intended to enrich every student's appreciation for their shared local history.

Following discussion at a recent EAHS meeting, it was decided that we would direct any Heritage Seed Grant funds that we received in 2025 toward the planning, design and installation of a new historical display to be mounted in the Red Brick School during the summer of 2025. As yet the theme has not been finalized, but possible topics include histories of local hamlets, Elgin and area business history, Main Street Elgin.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Mary Carty  
Secretary, EAHS

