**AMBA CELEBRATES: 25 YEARS OF OPEN DOORS & DOCUMENTS**

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| **YEAR** | **MILESTONE** | **MOVERS & SHAKERS** |
| 1986 | * Joint Coordinating Committee | Arnprior & District Museum,  Arnprior & District Historical Society |
| 1991 | * Incorporation of Arnprior and District Archives | Board of Management: 3 municipalities, Museum, WI, community members |
| **1993** | * Construction, Equipping**;** * **Doors Open to Public** – 17 fonds/collections | Arnprior Public Library  Archives volunteers |
| 1994 | * Microfilming of Arnprior newspapers | Runge Newspapers Inc. covers costs |
| 1995 | * Part-time archivist hired; * 62 fonds/collections | Anne Wimmi |
| 1998 | * Volunteer becomes part-time archivist * 3,000 volunteer hours: organize, serve * Almost 100 fonds/collections | Laurie Dougherty  15-20 volunteers |
| 1999 | * Website launched. | Millennium Grant |
| 2000 | * Storage capacity expansion; * Renfrew county Land Records received. * Lumber History outreach kit for schools | Ontario Trillium Grant, Renovation Committee, Laurie Dougherty & community volunteers |
| 2003 | * Virtual exhibit: Charles Macnamara – A Retrospective View | Department of Heritage grant,  Laurie Dougherty |
| 2005 | * Expansion of Outreach Program with growth of community displays. | John Smith |
| 2006 | * Inhouse database installed, providing searchable collection descriptions. * Research project for Arnprior Municipal Heritage Committee. | Ontario Trillium Grant  Barclay Craig & Laurie Dougherty |
| 2007 | * First Strategic Plan 2007-2012 * Name change to Arnprior & McNab/Braeside Archives | Executive and other Board volunteers |
| 2008 | * Handford Studio Collection obtained – launched in 2010 after many, many hours to process. | Archivists and volunteers |
| 2009 | * 200 fonds: 1 item to thousands of items each; 30,000 photos, 450 maps |  |
| 2010 | * Database now available online for optimal updating and access. | Ontario Museums and Technology Fund |
| 2012 | * Receipt of Moir legacy significantly advances processing of fonds, among other impacts. * Archives on Facebook! * 1998-2012: over 5000 requests for information answered. | Archivist time increased to 4 days/wk by Moir Legacy. |
| 2014 | * AMBA launches Patrick’s Family History Group (now Arnprior Family History Group) | Administrative Support from AMBA |
| 2016 | * Website and Online Search Facility upgraded * Online platform ready for future digitization | Library and Archives Canada Documentary Heritage Communities Program |
| 2017 | * Virtual Exhibit: “150 Years of Living Off the Land” | Ontario 150 Community Celebration Fund;  Laurie Dougherty, Dianne Brearley, and Community Volunteers |
| 2017 | * December - Start of Newspaper Digitization | Ontario Genealogical Society, Ottawa Branch |
| **2018** | **AMBA celebrates 25 years of ‘open doors & documents’**   * 370 fonds/collections; over 200,000 pages * 4800 online database records with 3,000 images attached | Guest speaker: Archivist of Ontario, John Roberts  30 volunteers – about 3,000 volunteer hrs. |

**Board Members at Time of Incorporation**

Peter Hessell (Chair)

Gail Cameron

Ann Carmichael

Maggie Leitch

Arthur McLean

Arnold Muirhead

Jean Sadler

R.A. Stewart

Hessel Vandervelde

Norma Hall

Enid Hinchley

Mark Willmer

**Archivists**

Anne Wimmi – 1995-1998

Laurie Dougherty – 1998-2008

Elizabeth & Carl Vincent – 2008-2012

Laurie Dougherty – 2012-present

**Administrative Assistants**

Julie Hartwick – 2010

Ginette Groulx - 2011-2013

Diane Bresson – 2013-present

**Presidents**

Peter Hessel – start to 1996

Enid Blackwell – 1996-1998

Janet Clancy – 1999

Norm Hazelwood – 2000–2004

John Smith – 2005-2014

Julie Hartwick – 2015-2017

Irene Robillard – 2018