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Cambridge Archives Building Temporarily Closed
Services to the Public Continue On-line

Cambridge, Ontario. January 21, 2008... The much needed renovations to the Cambridge Historic City Hall are underway and this means the City of Cambridge Archives won't be open for drop in clients. Beginning Monday, January 28, the second floor Archives centre at 46 Dickson Street will relocate to a temporary facility that is not open to the public.

"This change means we won't offer services on-site," says Jim Quantrell, the City's Archivist. "Researchers and the general public will still have access to Archive services, but requests will be made on-line or through email."

It is expected that the archives will be closed until the beginning of June 2008 to facilitate the construction period. Although the archives facilities will be unavailable to the general public for on-site services, staff at Archives will continue the work of cataloguing and describing the collection as well as providing assistance to researchers where possible. Researchers can still contact Archives by the direct link on the city's website at archives@cambridge.ca or by contacting the Archivist directly at quantrellj@cambridge.ca.

An average of 1,400 information requests a year come into the City of Cambridge Archives. The collection contains photos, maps, reports, manuscripts, paintings, newspapers, negatives and blueprints, to name a few. An environmentally controlled atmosphere of around 20 degrees Celsius and a relative humidity of 45 per cent is maintained year round.

During the renovations, every attempt to continue to provide timely responses to requests will be made. Normally researchers and the public can get a response within a week or two, but with limited access to the collection it may take longer to provide a response and in some cases a response will not be possible until full access to the collection is restored.

"We look forward to providing a more modernized workspace for the staff and Archives collection in the coming months," says Cambridge Mayor Doug Craig.

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2007, the population reached over 124,000 people with a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services. Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

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