



The Architectural  
Conservancy  
of Ontario

## It's effective!

*"The consultant's report confirmed the building was worth saving, and convinced the community to look for feasible uses".* Allan Macdonell, The Bishop's House, St. Raphael

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*ACO: Helping communities and owners preserve buildings and structures of architectural merit, and places of natural beauty or interest*

## Preservation Works!

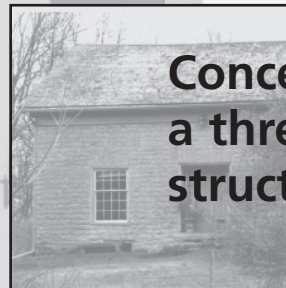
An advisory service of the ACO  
*The right advice at the right time*



**Buying an  
older home?**



**Restoring a  
heritage building?**



**Concerned about  
a threatened  
structure?**



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Having trouble convincing others of the importance of saving a heritage building? Up against powerful forces – an unsympathetic owner or developer, or a municipality? You could benefit from **PreservationWorks!**

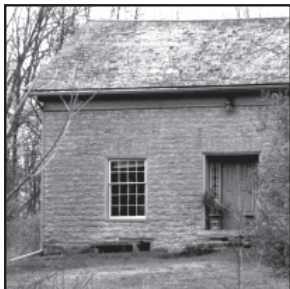


### **What is it?**

PreservationWorks! is the ACO program which provides preliminary expert advice on a wide range of built heritage and conservation projects in communities across Ontario.

Since 1972, the ACO has maintained a roster of highly skilled restoration architects, engineers, lawyers, archaeologists, landscape architects and historians, and matches requests with the appropriate professional.

Requests for service can include an overview of building conditions, structural soundness, evaluation of architectural and historical merit, approaches to repair, upgrading and restoration, and advice on reuse. The ACO provides a brief preliminary report that can be effectively used to avoid demolition, or forewarn of structural or architectural problems, or suggest an appropriate preservation strategy and gain public support.



### **Who is it for?**

Individuals and community heritage organizations in the Province of Ontario facing a threat to a piece of local heritage may access this service.

Local historical societies and citizens often find themselves unable to convince others of the importance a piece of Ontario's history. They may find themselves working against various other (often powerful) forces, whether an unsympathetic owner or developer, or a municipality. This is when an outside expert can help.



### **What do I get?**

As a client you receive a brief but significant preliminary report by an independent professional addressing your heritage problem, within six weeks of the request, or by a deadline if an urgent request has been filed.

### **What does it cost?**

For the service there is a nominal charge of \$300, made as a donation to the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. In addition the client is responsible for the out-of-pocket expenses of the consultant who does the work.

### **Are there other benefits?**

In addition to receiving the ACO consultant's report, the client is entitled to a year's membership in the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, which includes a subscription to the quarterly publication ACORN.

### **How do I apply?**

A simple, two-page "Request for Service" form is available by contacting the PreservationWorks! manager for ACO at: 416-367-8075 / fax 416-367-8630 / email: [aco@on.aibn.com](mailto:aco@on.aibn.com); or download from the website: [www.arconserv.ca](http://www.arconserv.ca)

