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PRESERVATION in a changing world

Welcome

Preservation in a changing world. Certainly, a daunting challenge. But the place to assess, argue and address that challenge is not at all daunting. In fact, it's welcoming.

Join us May 12-14 in Stratford and St. Marys, where as many as 300 professionals and advocates, young and old, will zero in on the future of our rich Ontario heritage.

It's an ideal setting, the Festival City and the Stonetown, with their tree-lined streets, their walking trails, their rivers and parkland, and their assortment of history-soaked buildings, the styles of which run from Queen Anne Revival to Gothic Revival to Romanesque Revival, from Georgian to Italianate to late Victorian.

In addition to built heritage, the two centres are richly steeped in the history of sports and culture. On Morenz Drive along the Avon River in Stratford is the oldest working arena in the world. On the Thames River flats in St. Marys is Milt Dunnell Field, and not far away, the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame.

Then, of course, there's live theatre, for which the trump card belongs to Stratford and its long-running and internationally recognized Festival, whose 2016 offerings, beginning in April, include *Macbeth*, *A Little Night Music*, and *A Chorus Line*. It's quite a backdrop for the 2016 Ontario Heritage Conference, and a program that will examine the impact of climate change on preserving our heritage, new approaches to building our communities while preserving our heritage and cultural values, the effect of new technologies on the adaptive re-use of heritage properties, and the use of social media to more effectively organize heritage activism initiatives.

Among those taking part in that examination will be David Prosser, communications director for the Stratford Festival; Ken Greenberg, an urban planner, writer, teacher, and former director of urban design and architecture for the City of Toronto; Christopher Hume, the architecture critic and urban issues columnist for the *Toronto Star*; and Jim Young, an engineer, and air-quality and weather specialist.

As well, we invite you to play a role. Register early, registration to open in February.

As the Bard of Avon put it, *"It's not in the stars to hold our destiny, but in ourselves."*

