



THE STRATHCONA COUNTY HERITAGE FOUNDATION (SCHF) and STRATHCONA COUNTY MUSEUM & ARCHIVES (SCMA) strive to preserve Strathcona County's history and heritage, under these GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

ACCESSIBILITY

The Museum and Archives premises are fully accessible to all audiences and clients regardless of their physical mobility or their mode of transportation. Pedestrians as well as persons arriving with mobility aids, bicycles, private vehicles and buses must all have clear and easy access to the premises.

EDUCATION

SCHF and SCMA collections and programming are for community and public benefit. Key concepts are learning, knowledge, inspiration and enjoyment. Emerging technologies and ingenuity of staff and volunteers to meet these objectives are fully supported.

COLLABORATION

SCHF and SCMA are committed to creating community partnerships to increase the reach and impact of their endeavours, and to work collaboratively to ensure the Museum's role in Strathcona County is meaningful and complements Strathcona County's vision and mission.

SCHF and SCMA respect and respond to Museum stakeholders' needs and ideas equitably. The utmost institutional integrity and personal conduct is upheld.

STEWARDSHIP

SCHF and SCMA collections represent the unfolding heritage of Strathcona County in all its diversity: natural and cultural, rural and urban, from the distant past to recent events. These are acquired and preserved with care and competency into perpetuity. Indigenous collections reflect collaboration with local elders and researchers.

Objects collected will have strong provenance and storytelling capacities. They will relate directly to Strathcona County's unique identity. Collections will not be redundant, and each new acquisition will contribute an untold part of the County's story.

The Archives are the depository of historical and geopolitical/physical significance of all Strathcona County residents, organizations and governmental agencies. SCHF and SCMA are committed to expanding the Archives as well as public use and knowledge of our communal records.

EXHIBITS

Museum exhibits portray and explore the challenging, daring and moving stories of Strathcona County. They express the identity of our community and explore the interdependent relationship between people and the natural environment.

SCMA will host travelling exhibits that may not contain content directly relating to Strathcona County, but will be of wide and general interest with relevancy to residents.

MUSEUM WORKERS

SCMA staff and volunteers are essential to SCHF's vision and mission. They will act in the best interests of the Museum and Archives, as well as the Foundation, with commitment to professional standards of museum practices. Museum workers will be compensated and/or recognized fairly and equitably, and be assured of a positive work environment in which they can flourish.