

A Middlesex County Archives

A Proposal to
Middlesex County Council
September 28, 2021

The Committee to Establish a Middlesex County
Archives



Middlesex County NEEDS A County Archives

Why?

Preserves:

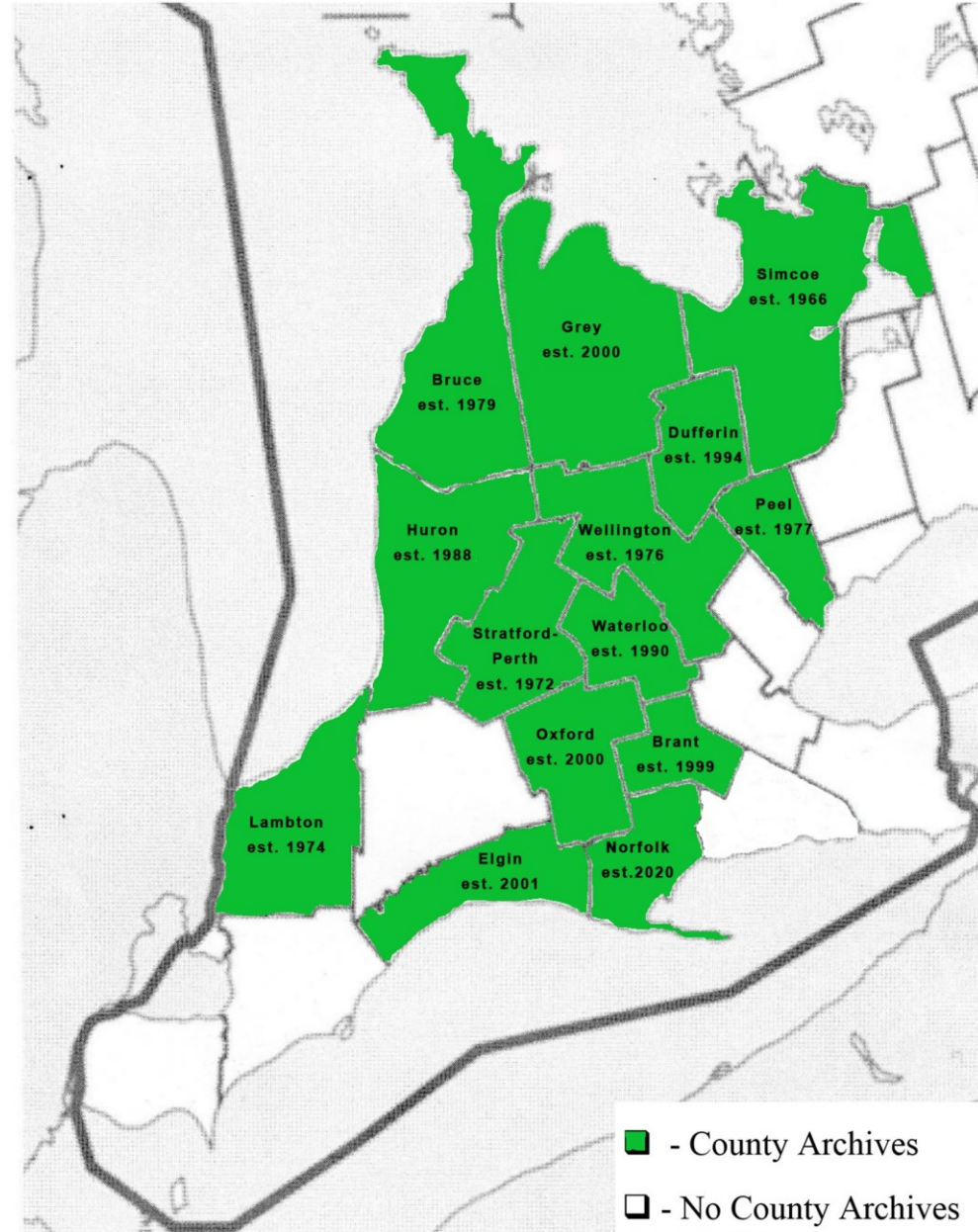
- ▶ Precious Historical Documents

Promotes:

- ▶ Efficiency
- ▶ Tourism
- ▶ Community Pride and Sense of Belonging

It is the RIGHT thing to do.

Map To Show Southwestern Ontario Counties with County Archives



What is missing?

Middlesex County Needs

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➤ A Total Archives Concept

- . Municipal Records
- . Records of Historical
& Cultural Value

An Accessible Facility

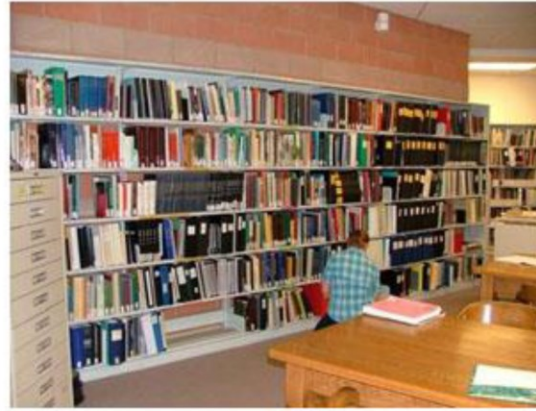
A County Archives Requires

- ▶ Professional Staff
- ▶ Separate Budget Line
- ▶ A facility that meets archival standards

FACILITY REQUIREMENTS



Easily Accessible

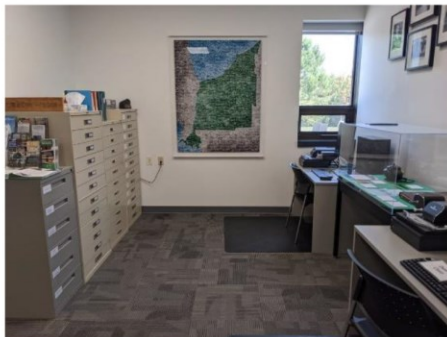


Reference & Research Area



Secure Storage Areas

Humidity & Temperature controlled



**Administrative
Office Space**



Photos courtesy of Lambton County Archives, 2019

This is a Transformational Moment.

The Time for a Middlesex County Archives is Now.



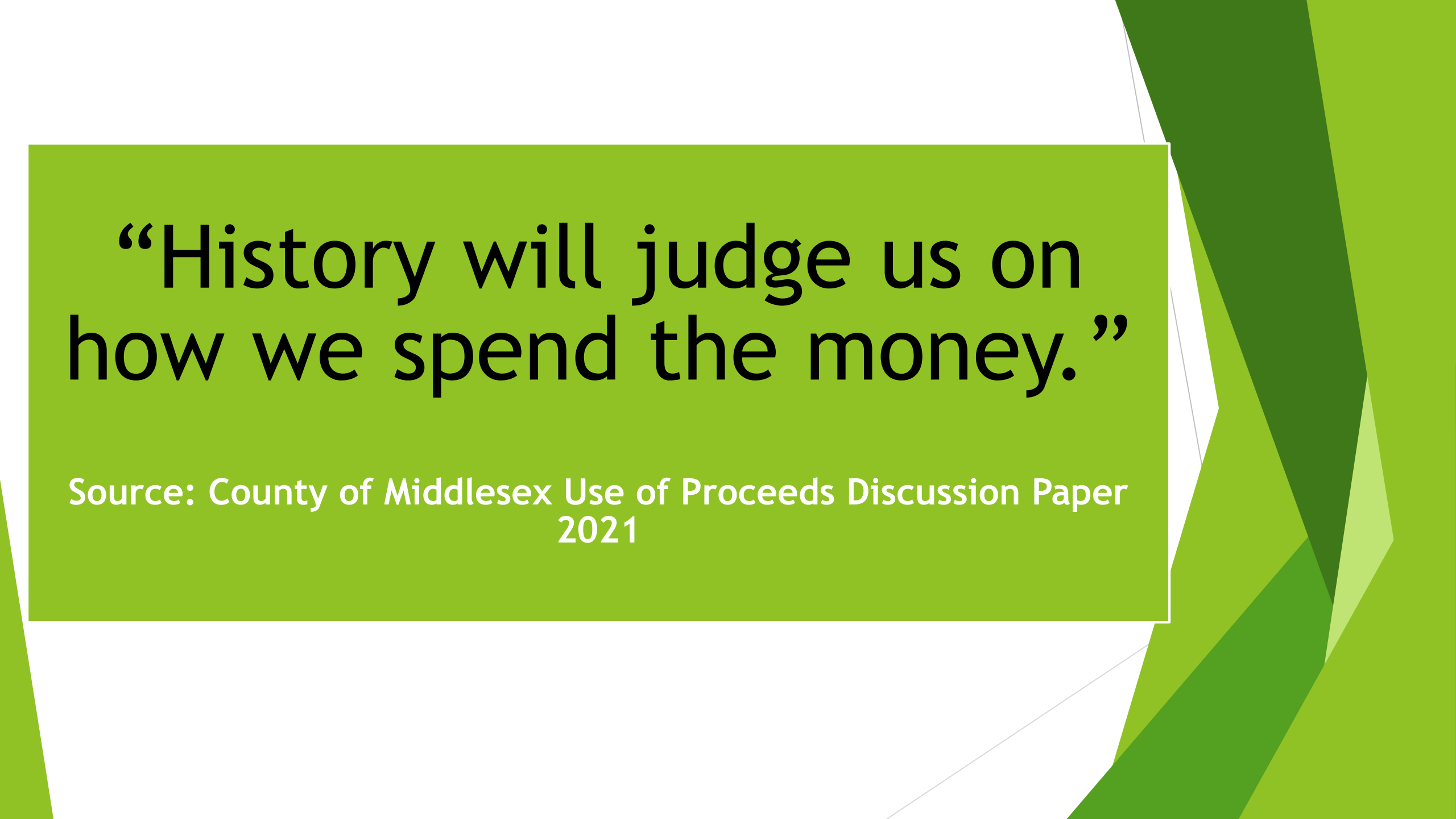
Recommendations



1. Commit to establish a Middlesex County Archives



2. Establish a Middlesex County Archives Advisory Committee by January 2022. CEMCA members are willing to be part of that Committee.

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**“History will judge us on
how we spend the money.”**

**Source: County of Middlesex Use of Proceeds Discussion Paper
2021**