



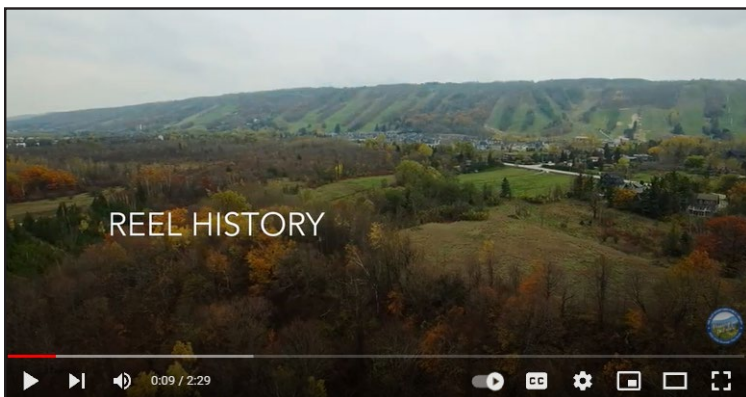
Craigeleith Heritage Depot's REEL History Film Series Wins Dorothy Duncan Public History Award

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The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the 2020-21 OHS Dorothy Duncan Public History Award, which recognizes an outstanding public history project delivered in Ontario, to [Craigeleith Heritage Depot](#) for their documentary film series entitled [REEL History](#) which included four short films and two virtual reality films.

The Craigeleith Heritage Depot put community voices and their own primary resources to work, creating a collection of accessible historical documentaries and virtual reality (VR) films. Two of the six films are VR, [taking viewers on a dive to an 1872 shipwreck](#), and [guiding them on an escarpment walk with an Ojibway-Saugeen elder](#). The project generated a great deal of public interest in the regional history, both locally and around the world.

Learn About the REEL History Project



The project provided opportunities to share new technologies and provide access through Virtual Reality to physical areas in the community that many people would never be able to visit. Craigeleith Heritage Depot worked closely with many First Nations, local businesses, archaeologists, historians, and local government. The reach of their cooperative partnerships is truly impressive, and is evidenced in the quality of content produced. The project is a fantastic example of how museums and heritage organizations can build trust with the community by engaging a multitude of voices and experiences in the process of creating new programming.

Curator Andrea Wilson's Response Video



Visitorship at the museum has increased from roughly 900 visits prior to closure to over 16,000 in-person and remote experiences. The project has dramatically increased local engagement with history and culture, while providing an opportunity for people across the world to enjoy learning about Ontario's history.

The Honours and Awards Committee is proud to present the 2020-21 Dorothy Duncan Public History Award to the Craigeleith Heritage Depot and all of their partners.

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