

## OHS Awards Committee Recognizes the Friends of Mindemoya Old School for Outstanding Commitment to Heritage Conservation

The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the 2021-22 Heritage Conservation Award to Friends of Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) for their continued dedication to the preservation of the Mindemoya Old School as a significant heritage structure in Central Manitoulin Township. The Heritage Conservation Award recognizes an exceptional contribution towards the conservation, preservation, or restoration of built-heritage or natural-heritage in Ontario.

Since 2014, when the Friends of Mindemoya Old School formed, the members have worked tirelessly to lobby Council, to grow public support for the cause, and to revitalize the role of the structure within the community. In 2021, the Friends became incorporated through affiliation with the OHS in a further attempt to support the preservation of the structure and to further formalize their group. Their work to-date has delayed the demolition, and their creative problem-solving techniques assist greatly in working toward a long-term preservation solution for this important heritage structure in the community.

The Friends of Mindemoya Old School's efforts over almost a decade have helped to ensure that this impressive heritage building will be preserved and enjoyed for generations to come.

The OHS Honours and Awards Committee is pleased to recognize The Friends of Mindemoya Old School with the Heritage Conservation Award.



This photo of Mindemoya Old School, taken sometime in the 1920s, shows students being dropped off by some of the earliest "schoolbuses" used in Ontario. These horse-drawn sleighs had a wood stove heater and two rows of benches under the cover.

The OHS Board of Directors incorporated the Friends of the Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) on January 29, 2021.

### President Janice McQuay Responds on Behalf of FOMOS



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