

OHS Best Local History Book Award Winner: *North Gower: A Village History, 1820-2020*

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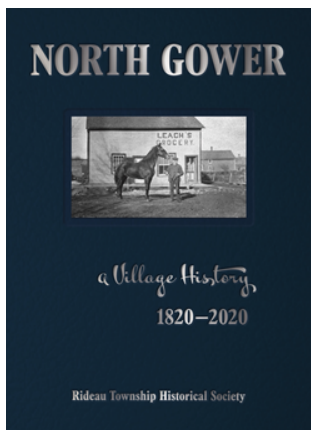
The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) is proud to recognize the winners of the 2025 Best Local History Book Award, Susan McKellar, Ruth Wright, William Tupper, Georgina Tupper, and Owen Cooke, for their book *North Gower: A Village History, 1820-2020*, published by the Rideau Township Historical Society. The Best Local Book Award recognizes an outstanding book on local history in Ontario published in the last three years.

The committee of co-writers of *North Gower* has woven stories submitted by local families and institutions with historical archival records into a well-organized and compelling text. This substantial and well-designed book is accessible and useful to everyone with an interest in the history of the small communities of the National Capital Region that were amalgamated into the City of Ottawa in 2001. The book features numerous colour, black and white photographs, and drawings that enhance the story told within. The extensive appendices are a thorough compendium of maps showing the development of the village and a “who’s who” throughout the history of this evolving community. The Ontario Historical Society congratulates the authors and the Rideau Township Historical Society.

The Awards Committee would also like to recognize two outstanding runners-up from the shortlist of nominees:

Ian McKechnie & Tom Mohr, for *Reflections on Old Victoria County: In Tribute to R.B. Fleming*
&

Ann Love and Sharon Bentley, for *The History of King Township – A Community Shaped by the Land*



The OHS Best Local History Book Award was presented at the 2025 OHS Awards Ceremony on December 6, 2025 at the Historic John McKenzie House in Willowdale. Left to right: Co-Chair of OHS Awards Committee Hans Bathija, co-author Susan McKellar, co-author Ruth Wright, and co-author Owen Cooke. Not pictured: co-authors William Tupper and Georgina Tupper.

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