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# The City of Toronto Archives and The Friends of the Archives of Ontario

Present an Architectural Lecture Series

## Building Toronto: Archives and Architects

Hosted by Christopher Hume, Urban Issues Columnist and  
Architecture Critic for The Toronto Star

Admission free

Thursday  
February 21  
7 pm - 9 pm

### Scott Weir and Peter Hamilton

#### *Departures from the Streetscape: plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose*

Architect Scott Weir of E.R.A. Architects will speak about the vocabulary of innovation in the 19<sup>th</sup> century Toronto streetscape, drawing on archaeological work at the Bishop's Block, Goad's and Boulton maps, and construction practices evidenced by houses in the core. Peter Hamilton of Peter Hamilton Architects will take a more modern turn, showing how structures with a decidedly 21<sup>st</sup> century appearance can still meld in with the existing streetscape, as long as the context of the neighbourhood is preserved.

Thursday  
March 6  
7 pm - 9 pm

### Stephen Otto and Michael McClelland

#### *The Importance of Archives*

Historian Stephen Otto will address the challenges that archives face while trying to stay ahead of the collecting curve with respect to architectural records, and will suggest some strategies for acquiring the best of the best. Michael McClelland of E.R.A. Architects will explore how academic and popular interest in building types and materials changes over time, and how important it is for archives to support primary research in these new and different areas.

Thursday  
March 20  
7 pm - 9 pm

### Dave Meslin and Pleasance Crawford

#### *The Spaces Between Buildings*

Landscape historian Pleasance Crawford will take us through an historical survey of one of Toronto's oldest parks, exploring some of the forces that have shaped this shared space. Dave Meslin, municipal activist and co-founder of Spacing Magazine, will provide a contemporary look at how we use and abuse our visual environment. Together, they will ask how local communities influence the design and use of common spaces. Who has access to these spaces and who is being left out?

Saturday  
April 5  
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

### Andrew Waldron

#### *Researching the Recent Past: Modern Architecture and the Archival Record*

Andrew Waldron is an architectural historian at Parks Canada, specializing in the history of Canadian modernism and its architectural manifestations, and current president of the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada. Mr. Waldron's talk about his experiences researching modern architecture will follow the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Archives of Ontario.

Admission to the series is free, but pre-registration is required for each lecture. Please contact Paul Sharkey at [psharke@toronto.ca](mailto:psharke@toronto.ca) or (416) 392-0558 for tickets or information.

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