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Manulife has provided insurance and financial solutions to Canadians for more than 125 years and has a strong presence around the world. The company is being recognized by the AAO for its 20-plus years of support for its internal corporate archives and its support of archival professionalism. The main mission of the corporate archives is to document the growth and development of the company and to provide reference support to internal business decisions. The company also supports public use of its archives for academic and business research. Dignitaries and business partners are often provided with archival exhibits and tours which highlight company history when visiting the Manulife head office on Bloor Street in Toronto.

Manulife strongly supports the professional development of staff and their volunteer contributions to the archival profession as a whole. Over the last 20 years, archival staff have served in executive positions on the Toronto Area Archivists' Group (TAAG) and the AAO. The company has also hosted professional development opportunities and AAO workshops.

Manulife is proud of its strong Canadian roots. The company's founding President was Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald. The AAO is pleased to recognize the company for its outstanding support of its corporate archives and its commitment to the archival profession.

Fraser Award



Carolynn Bart-Riedstra began her archival career in 1981 as a contract archivist and researcher at the Stratford-Perth Archives, and subsequently worked there as an archivist from 1986-2005. She then served as the AAO's Archives Advisor from 2005-13. Carolynn has her MA in History from Wilfrid Laurier University, an Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario certificate from St. Lawrence College, and records management certificates from ARMA.

She was President of the AAO from 1996-98, and has also been very active in community heritage, serving on Stratford's Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, chairing a Heritage District Study steering committee,

serving on the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and as President of the Perth County Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS). She is the author or co-author of two books on the history of Stratford and has written numerous articles. She has taught as part of the AAO's Professional Development program and is currently an instructor at Mohawk College and Western University.

Carolynn is a passionate champion of archives. It was during her tenure as AAO President that Archives Awareness Week was introduced. While a private member's bill to gain provincial recognition was ultimately unsuccessful, it has become a regular initiative of many institutions across Ontario. Her contributions to local history, archives, and the community have previously been recognized by awards from the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Perth County Branch, OGS, and the Festival City Rotary Club. The AAO is pleased to add the Alexander Fraser Award to this growing list of distinctions.



Matt Szybalski is a worthy candidate for the Alexander Fraser Award. His education and training (B.A., York, MLS, Toronto, and CA, Academy of Certified Archivists) prepared him to undertake the work of managing and promoting archives and records management in a variety of archival settings during his career, including nineteen years with Scotiabank Archives, and the past seven years as the City Archivist and Corporate Records Manager in Thunder Bay.

His abilities and talent have enabled him to plan and execute major developments in his workplace, and in engaging the community in which his archives operates. He has also shown his leadership in the profession - president of TAAG, Vice-President ACA, the IDC Chair of AAO, and active member with the Academy of Certified Archivists.

Since moving to Thunder Bay in 2007, he has demonstrated leadership and ability as a team player within the wider community. To cite two examples, as a member of the innovative Public Art Committee, and as the mastermind behind the brilliant Waterfront History Virtual Exhibit, he has shown how archival resources can be utilised in a creative, compelling way to relate important civic topics to the widest possible audience. Keeping archives relevant and accessible is critical. As noted archival educator Tom Nesmith has noted: "It is a splendid example of how archives can help provide the historical and documentary context for issues of great current public importance in a community." Matt's career is a legacy of which Alexander Fraser would be proud.