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City of Peterborough Receives Prestigious *Award of Excellence* From the Ontario Museum Association

On November 3, 2011 the Ontario Museum Association (OMA) recognized the City of Peterborough with an *Award of Excellence* for "Corporate Service for the Peterborough Museum & Archives partnership with the Arts and Heritage Programs of Fleming College," during its annual conference held this year in Kitchener, Ontario.

Said Peterborough Mayor Daryl Bennett: "We are delighted with this recognition of excellence, and with the acknowledgment of the groundbreaking and unique partnership between the Museum & Archives and Fleming College."

Representatives of the Ontario Museum Association will be making a special presentation to Peterborough's City Council during the City Council meeting on Monday, December 12, 2011.

The Peterborough Museum & Archives is the only museum in Canada that serves openly as a college campus, hosting the *Museum Management and Curatorship* (MMC) program. The opportunity for Fleming College students to learn museum and conservation theory and practice in an actual museum environment is an unmatched and extra-ordinary asset.

OMA Executive Director Marie Lalonde said, "The City of Peterborough's partnership with Fleming College's Arts and Heritage Programs has created a unique and lasting legacy in the Ontario museum community."

Fleming College's Coordinator for the Arts and Heritage Programs, Gayle McIntyre noted: "Countless MMC graduates are working locally, regionally, provincially, nationally and internationally."

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