An important part of the Community Archives’ work involves getting out into the community and letting people know what goes on here behind the scenes. The last month or two have been particularly busy in this respect, with the archivist delivering a number of public talks and making appearances on local radio and TV.

The television segment involved taking part in the CogecoTV ‘Tower Talks’ series, where Mayor Taso Christopher interviews various members of City of Belleville staff from different departments to find out more about their role in serving the community. For this, the Community Archives was converted into a television studio for a few hours.

There was a surprising amount of cable involved and it was interesting to observe how much work is involved in making even a short recording. And it’s a great way of sharing information about what the Community Archives does. Thanks to all involved for the opportunity!
Digitization progress report

Archives volunteers Trevor Parsons, Thomas Brown and Robbie Saunders have scanned some 4,000 photographs in recent months. The digital images are steadily being added to our online collections at www.flickr.com/photos/cabhc/.

This is our latest addition: the Belleville and Napanee Bicycle Club posing with their penny-farthings behind City Hall in Belleville.

What’s in the Display Case?

This month we are dipping into the Hastings County Historical Society’s poster collection for our display. The collection covers a range of subjects, including bands who played at local theatres and sporting teams such as the Belleville Bulls.

It also contains a number of public safety information posters, and we have chosen a selection of those for this month’s display.

Award-winners!

Congratulations to the Hastings County Historical Society, which was granted a Corporate Award by the Archives Association of Ontario on April 28th, 2017. The Society was honoured for its role in developing the project which culminated in the successful construction of the new Community Archives of Belleville and Hastings County. Pictured are President Richard Hughes and Past President Orland French, receiving the award from David Sharron of the AAO Awards Committee.