

Collecting Burlington's Responses to COVID-19



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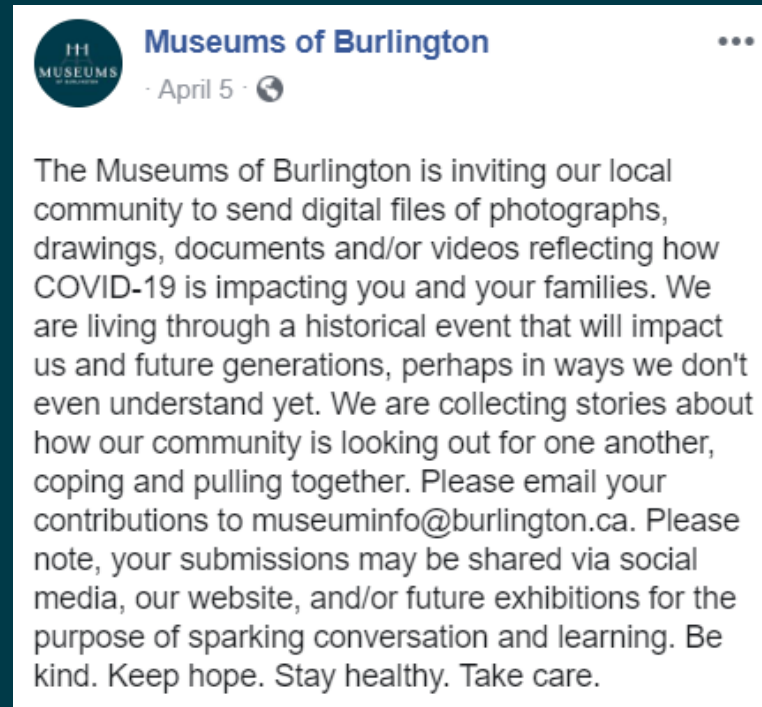
General Framework

- Adhere to our institution's guiding documents
- Ensure legal requirements are followed
- Maintain personal and professional ethical standards
- Do all of the above safely



Specific Approaches: Passive Collecting

- Digital submissions through our online platforms
- Candid about current and future uses
- Not being automatically accessioned
- Adjustments moving forward



Front Porch Clap

From Marsha:

"On Friday April 3, 7pm, we participated along with our neighbours in "clapping" our thank-you to all essential workers. My sister and I borrowed sidewalk chalk from a young neighbour to express our gratitude on our driveway with this message."

Specific Approaches: Active Collecting

- Reaching out to local businesses, public agencies and residents
 - Accept that transfers will not occur quickly
 - Be clear, open, and patient
- Supporting photographic and digital documentation
- Oral histories



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Final (not really) Thoughts

- This is an ongoing situation
 - Adapt on the fly
 - Review others' work within the field
- Create a collection that's as representative as possible
 - Stick to your Mission and Policies
 - Stay within your means
- Be transparent and compassionate in your interactions

