

President's Message

As President of Heritage Winnipeg, I would assess the past year as one of progress in several areas and continuing challenges in others. Both have been invigorating and both can certainly make for lively discussion. Heritage Winnipeg, thanks to the efforts of our Executive Director and many volunteers contributing in a variety of ways, is making a difference in our community.

Heritage Winnipeg has been fully committed to the efforts of the Friends of Upper Fort Garry in the quest to secure the land referred to as 100 Main Street and the Gate. While the task was not complete within the period covered by our 2008-09 year, as of June 01, 2009 the Friends secured the land for future generations. And, thanks to the efforts of the Province of Manitoba, it is now confirmed that it will also encompass the area currently occupied by Petro Canada. Back in February, when Heritage Winnipeg first began to watch this piece of land, no one could know how many years and all the people and hours that it would take to reach this point in the effort to protect this site for the future generations. It has been exciting to be part of the endeavour. Vision, patience and tenacity have again made a difference. Congratulations to all who have played a part in any way, at any level.

Doors Open continues to be the organization's leading public program. Each year there are additions and innovations. New areas of the city provide additional clusters of activity and offer new places to visit, stories to hear and knowledge to be gained. It was very special to have Government House involved for the first time. Thank you to everyone who worked to deliver another very successful 2008 Doors Open.

We thank the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg for their financial support to Heritage Winnipeg. We also extend a huge thank you to all the many wonderful donors and all those who attend our fundraising luncheon and evening mixer for your support. You make it possible for Heritage Winnipeg to operate. A special acknowledgement to Imperial Oil for your wonderful donation. Thank you to Past-President Celine Kear and her great fundraising committee for all your hard work. You are keeping Heritage Winnipeg alive.

Heritage Winnipeg is like the "Little Engine that Could". Limited financial and human resources, minimal notice regarding status change for buildings, dozens of activities, events, demands for attention and information and still the organization slowly but surely makes its message heard and makes a real and meaningful contribution to the community. Just imagine what could be done if we had resources.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve as your President. Thank you to the great groups of Directors for the contribution that each of you makes and thank you to Cindy Tugwell for your dedication to the organization and its principles.



Penny McMillan

ADMINISTRATION:

Volunteers and Board Members

Heritage Winnipeg again counted on the support of many people to accomplish and implement its goals and objectives. The volunteers, members, and Board of Directors play a very pivotal role in our fundraisers, events, projects and programs.

Provincial and City 2008-09 Annual Support

The application for annual funding from the Province of Manitoba, Culture, Heritage and Tourism was submitted in 2008 and included in the proposal was our goal and objectives within our program elements for the 2008-09 year. The Province of Manitoba contributed \$22,000 in 2008-09. The first payment (75%) was received in July and the remaining 25% portion in December. This support is essential in helping to sustain the organization's projects and programs. Thank you to the Historic Resources Department for all their assistance throughout the year. Provincial support goes toward educational projects and programs such as the Grades 1-12 Educational Outreach Program, Manitoba Day Commemorative Project, Annual Preservation Awards Program, and Doors Open Winnipeg.

Heritage Winnipeg's annual City of Winnipeg grant was increased to \$20,000 in 2008 in support of our various projects and programs in 2008-09. Thank you to Councillor Grant Nordman for his support during the past year as a Heritage Winnipeg Board Member appointed by the City of Winnipeg. The City of Winnipeg makes the appointments in November.

Thank you to the City of Winnipeg Department of Planning and Property Development, Land Use Division for their support and assistance throughout the year. The current City of Winnipeg grant included funding support to programs such as the Educational Outreach Program to Schools including walking tours, the Annual Preservation Awards Program 2008, Doors Open Winnipeg 2008 and the Armstrong's Point Project.

Membership/Donations/Fundraising

Heritage Winnipeg remained steady with approximately 185 active members, which has only increased nominally over the last several years. Throughout the year we have dozens of students and individuals coming into the office requesting information for projects. We thank the members for supporting our fundraising events throughout the year. We hope to continue to increase our membership base over the 2009-2010 year, as this support is a vital part of sustaining our organization.

Thank you to all current and new members who have helped support Heritage Winnipeg this past year!

Many other general donations were received throughout the 2008-2009 fiscal year and Heritage Winnipeg would like to acknowledge and thank them for their support. A special thank you to **Imperial Oil** for their unexpected and generous donation of \$6500.00 presented in the HW office to the Executive Director in February 2009.

30th Anniversary – October 2009 at the Millennium Centre

We held our 30th anniversary at the Millennium Centre and over 100 supporters enjoyed it. Advocates started to protect this building and in turn formed our organization back in 1978. It was very fitting to hold this celebratory event here. Thank you to Storm Catering for the

delicious food and to the MarWest Group of Companies for their sponsorship of this event. A special short film was viewed that commemorated the historic fight to save the building using clips entirely from films shot in the building over the years.

Spring Fundraising Luncheon 2009 – March 20th, 2009

We held our third annual heritage luncheon fundraising event at Fort Garry Hotel and raised approximately \$7,000. The event was sold out and Ron Robinson gave a very interesting theatrical presentation in reference to the Kelly/Roblin Scandal. A very special thank you to the Hotel Fort Garry for the generous support! A special thank you to the fundraising committee for all their hard work. Thank you to the North West Company for their donation and a special thank you to the Hotel Fort Garry for their support.



Office

The office continues to have only one full time position - Cindy Tugwell, Executive Director. In addition, due to the added workload for The Friends of Upper Fort Garry, several people have been hired. The latest employee Chris Madden has been working in the office for over 3 months to help out.

Cindy continues to work under the direction of the Board on the various advocacy issues, projects, events and educational programs. In addition, Cindy continued her role as Manitoba Governor of Heritage Canada, attending various board meetings throughout the year to keep the organization abreast of issues of national significance such as the creation of a National Trust, and financial incentives from the Federal government necessary to help continue to make conservation feasible for building owners.

PUBLIC SERVICE & INFORMATION:

Resource Centre

Heritage Winnipeg's Resource Centre continued to add materials in the 2008-2009 year with donations and gifts, providing diverse materials for those seeking information on architectural heritage, history and urban issues. On a continual basis, we are working to increase interest and trying to obtain publications. The resource centre, including our videos and slides, continues to be valuable to many teachers, students, organizations and members. Heritage Winnipeg also carries a large inventory of magazines, newsletters, brochures and building files. Members and the public are encouraged to visit our resource center by appointment. Thank you again to John Mahaffy for digitizing our slide collection, which is

available to view in the office. Thank you also to everyone who donated resource materials for our library.

Newsletters

Heritage Winnipeg will be creating an E-Newsletter to help get information out quickly and to provide members with regular updates. We are currently trying to update our membership database with email addresses.

25th Annual Preservation Awards Ceremony

Heritage Winnipeg was very pleased to hold our annual awards ceremony on Louis Riel Day and National Heritage Day on Monday, February 16th, 2009 held at the Manoir de la Cathedrale Manor at 321 Avenue de la Cathedrale in Saint Boniface. This event to date saw the best turnout ever with over 150 people in attendance. The following individuals, businesses, and organizations received awards. Thank you to Pascale Dalcq and Sister Catherine Laviolette, for all their assistance and to Caleb Group of Companies for all their support.



Ms. Shelly Glover, M.P., Saint Boniface



Finance Minister Mr. Greg Selinger



*Manoir de la Cathedrale Manor
321 Avenue de la Cathedrale*



2009 Heritage Winnipeg Preservation Award Recipients:

2009

PRESERVATION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE - COMMERCIAL

AWARDED TO CALEB GROUP OF COMPANIES for the Manoir de la Cathedrale Manor, 321 Avenue de la Cathedrale, for the innovative reuse and the retention of the key historic elements and the maintenance of the exterior of the original 1911 building.

AWARDED TO SAUNDERS EVANS PLOSKER WOTHERSPOON ARCHITECTS INC., for the Manoir de la Cathedrale Manor, 321 Avenue de la Cathedrale, for the innovative reuse and the retention of the key historic elements and the maintenance of the exterior of the original 1911 building.

AWARDED TO THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA FOR THE A.A. HEAPS BUILDING, 254 Portage Avenue, as a fine example of a historic restoration and rehabilitation of the dome, exterior cornice and building face.

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AWARDED TO BIRKS INC., FOR BIRKS JEWELLERS (in the Union Trust Tower), 191 Lombard Avenue, as an elegant rehabilitation of an original historic banking hall interior. This project has taken extraordinary measures to retain key historic interior features for the purpose of a compatible contemporary use.

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AWARDED TO COHLMeyer ARCHITECTURE LTD., FOR THE HENDERSON BLOCK, 332 Bannatyne Avenue, for a rehabilitation project that celebrates the structure and construction of a typical warehouse building of the period. It is characterized by sensitive intervention and detailing.

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Board Member Nancy Klos presenting an award to the owner of the Henderson Block.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

AWARDED TO “THE BROADCASTER”, WEST BROADWAY VIEWS & NEWS, for their efforts to strongly communicate heritage conservation in the West Broadway neighbourhood.



Councillor Grant Nordman presenting an award for the Broadcaster.

Heritage Winnipeg would like to thank our **2009 Independent Judging Committee**: Les Stecheson, Stecheson Architects, Philip Reynolds, M.A.A., Jacqueline Jasinski, M.Arch., and Jim Kacki, Architect and Heritage Winnipeg Board Member.

National Heritage Day Posters

Copies of the poster are available free of charge from the Heritage Canada Foundation online at www.heritagecanada.org.

Heritage Canada Foundation's Annual Conference 2008 – Quebec City

As Manitoba Governor the Executive Director had the pleasure of attending the conference of the Heritage Canada Foundation, which took place in Quebec City from September 25-27, 2008. This of course also fell during their 400th anniversary celebrations. The theme of this conference was “Work That Endures: Power to the People Keeping Places Alive.” Heritage Canada Foundation and Canadian Land Trust Alliance Conference. Delegates stayed at the historic Hotel Clarendon.

Designed to make the heritage workforce stronger by *nourishing* ideas, *enriching* the conservation sector and *strengthening* ties between built heritage and the environmental movement. Over 60 speakers joined us in historic Québec City. The range of subject matter covered, and the level of partnership on workshops and public lectures was very interesting. The 160+ delegates—who ranged from planners, architects and heritage conservation educators to students, volunteers and advocates—were inspired by the keynote speaker.

Virtual Website – www.virtual.heritagewinnipeg.com

We continue to present a very successful virtual website. Completed in 2004, it continues to get a lot of activity and feedback.

We are also looking to update and augment our organizational website at www.heritagewinnipeg.com during the 2009-2010 year.

Doors Open Winnipeg 2008 – Celebrating Stories Our Buildings Tell



Over the past five years Doors Open Winnipeg attracted approximately 170,000 site visits to some of Winnipeg's most interesting and architecturally significant buildings, free of charge.

Thousands of Winnipeggers attending building sites throughout the City of Winnipeg. We thank all those who helped make this event such a resounding success! Thanks to the building owners for opening their buildings, the over 300 volunteers who helped during the event, the sponsors, and of course the public for coming out to the event!

Doors Open Winnipeg 2008 was presented by Heritage Winnipeg. **It was made possible with support from our sponsors:** The City of Winnipeg, CTV, The Winnipeg Foundation, the Winnipeg Free Press, CentreVenture, The University of Winnipeg, CHUM radio, Great-

West Life, Neuhaus Design, Great West Life, Investors Group, Destination Winnipeg, CentreVenture, Forks North Portage, The Prolific Group, Pollard Banknote, TelPay, The Downtown and Exchange District BIZ, Manitoba Architects Association, and Blacksheep Strategy.

We raised just under \$70,000 in 2008 to help support this event. With additional in-kind contributions, staff and volunteer time, this event would cost over \$200,000.

Participating buildings ranged from museums and churches to theatres and hotels. In total 2008-showcased over 50 buildings and several walking tours. This event will now be held the weekend after the long-weekend every year. For more information or volunteer opportunities on this event, please visit www.doorsopenwinnipeg.ca.

In addition, the School Banner Project in partnership with Daniel MacIntrye and The University of Winnipeg continues to be a huge success. In 2008 we completed three more banners. We held our media launch again at Government House to announce that the public levy had been changed to the Doors Open weekend.

The event continues to grow each year. We will provide an update on the Doors Open 2009 event in the 2009-10 Annual Report.



Government House/Grounds – approx. 2,000 people stopped by over the weekend.

Upper Fort Garry Project

The 2008-09 year again has been very exciting and intense. The Friends of Upper Fort Garry Steering Committee has been meeting regularly to discuss and strategize how to proceed with this major historic project and to finalize the deal for the City of Winnipeg to transfer the property at 100 Main Street and the existing Fort Garry Gateway Park. All conditions have been met in accordance to the original conditions set by the Downtown Committee. The FUG expect to finalize everything in early June. Negotiations are underway to also provincially designate the park. The project will then proceed over the next five years.

Thank you to members of the Steering Committee for all their hard work over the last year. Dr. Jerry Gray as Chair, Bob Cunningham, Fundraising Chair, Bill Norrie, Penny McMillan, Cindy Tugwell, Otto Lang, Gary Filmon and Garry Hilderman of Hilderman Thomas Frank Cram, and Jim August, F.N.P.P.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO THIS HISTORIC PROJECT!

Armstrong's Point Publication –

During the 2008-09 the Armstrong's Point Committee made up of members from Heritage Winnipeg and the Armstrong's Point Association worked tirelessly on the Armstrong's Point publication. The book was written by author and historian Randy Rostecki and thanks to funding received by The Winnipeg Foundation, the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg, we were able to see this book go to print. The 2009 AGM marks the official launch of the book. We currently have 1,000 books to sell at \$39.95 each.



Streetcar 356 - Update

During the 2008-09 year, the streetcar continued to be stored at the Union Station - Winnipeg Railway Museum. Over the last year, the Streetcar 356 Committee has pursued funding for the restoration of the original wooden car.

The committee is now well underway to planning initial stabilization of the car as it officially turns 100. During the second weekend of September 2008 the committee had a display in the Rail Museum to raise awareness for the streetcar and to sell t-shirts to help raise money. The t-shirts sell for \$19.95 and are still available at the office. We also partnered with the Manitoba Transit Heritage Association and a vintage 1937 bus was on display in front of Via Station during the weekend. You can check out detailed information on the streetcar at www.winnipegstreetcar.com.



Thank you to the Streetcar Committee: David McDowell, Steven Stothers, Christian Cassidy, Jim Kacki and David Wyatt, the Manitoba Transit Heritage Association's representative, for all their hard work over the 2008-09 year.

ADVOCACY

Millennium Centre – 389 Main Street (former Bank of Commerce)



photo courtesy of Joel Ross Photography

The 2008-09 year has again been very successful financially and from an operations point of view. Over the past year, many issues have been addressed and successfully completed. The Board of Directors has been dealing with a vast array of issues from sound equipment, to the heating of upper levels, kitchen completion, promotional materials, a website, as well as the possibility of an elevator.

Thank you to Mitch Rouire from Storm Catering for the successful management of catering and events at the building. Thank you to Mr. Bill Loewen for his dedication and hard work towards making this public heritage treasure the success that it is!

Successful daily operations continue to be run by Storm Catering. Cindy Tugwell currently sits on the Millennium Board.

Overview of Advocacy Issues for 2008-09

Ryan (King) Building

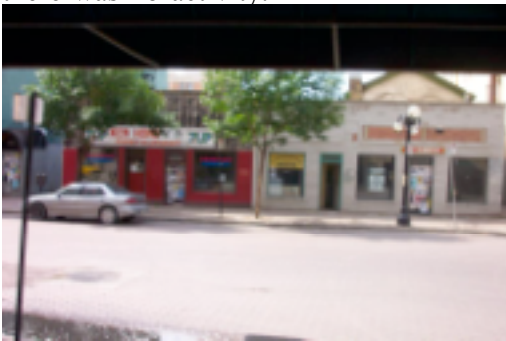
The owners of the Ryan Building at 104 King Street reached a successful negotiation with CentreVenture last year. A multi-level parkade will be built with the structure's North and East facades being reused. The parkade will include the adjacent surface parking area.



104 King Street

St. Charles Hotel/Albert Street Business Block –

We advocated the protection of the Business Block on Albert Street at City Hall, as part of the St. Charles Hotel revitalization project. It seems that there are a lot of concerns in the Exchange District about the expansion of the hotel and the demolition of the ASBB. The current owner of the hotel plans to proceed with this project but during the 2008-09 year there was no activity.



Albert Street Business Block



St. Charles Hotel – Archival photo

Kelly House –

Heritage Winnipeg advocated the protection of this historic home from becoming a surface parking lot. In partnership with CentreVenture, we were successful in protecting this significant property and construction will begin in June 2009 with a \$450,000 investment.



The Kelly House at 88 Adelaide Street

Other heritage buildings that were in the new during 2008-09 included the First Church of Christ at 511 River, and historic buildings on McDermot that Manitoba Hydro had been looking at for relocating their Sub-hydro station currently on King Street.

LEGAL AND ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS

CentreVenture Development Corporation

Under the Downtown Heritage Program, the Capital Grants Initiative and Heritage Tax Credits Program were again available on a first come basis to heritage buildings in the downtown that are municipally designated.

There continues to be interest in residential living in the downtown area with the completion of condos on Waterfront Drive, Princess Street and in the Travellers Building. There is also a significant need in the downtown for residential units for rent as they are more affordable.

CentreVenture Development Corporation has been working with many partners to help develop heritage buildings in the downtown. The purchase of the Union Bank Tower at 504 Main Street during the 2008-09 year was being pursued as a Red River College project. Centre Park will see a \$10 million revitalization and the Exchange District is seeing the completion of the Old Market Square rehabilitation. In addition, CentreVenture has purchased several buildings on Main Street for potential rehabilitation.

Other properties on the radar are the Avenue Building, the James Avenue Pumping Station, and the Sport Manitoba project at 145 Pacific Avenue.

Historical Buildings Committee

The Historical Buildings Committee completed a review of Historical Buildings By-Law 1474/77 and it is still under review at the Legal Department of the City. As part of the process Heritage Winnipeg will make a recommendation and submit to continue with our goal of representation to the Historical Buildings Committee.

Under the terms of the Historical Buildings By-Law, the city identifies, designates and otherwise protects heritage structures from demolition and unsympathetic alterations. In addition, the Downtown Winnipeg Zoning By-Law provides for design controls in the Exchange District as a means of preserving that area's nationally significant collection of pre-and-post 1900 warehouses, office towers, banks, and industrial buildings. Heritage Winnipeg recommended that several discussions take place regarding the Historical Buildings By-Law and the Vacant and Derelict Buildings By-Law.

The Executive Director attended several workshops regarding the Secondary Plan for the Exchange District. It should be completed in 2009.

EDUCATION

Part of Heritage Winnipeg's role is to help educate students, and others of all ages, about history and heritage. Currently, Heritage Winnipeg participates on an ongoing basis to speak to schools, libraries and various groups and/or organizations throughout the city. This also includes special walking tours of the Exchange District and surrounding areas. We also participate in Heritage Fairs and the Teachers SAG Conference.

Manitoba Day 2008

In May 2008, Heritage Winnipeg again partnered with Creative Retirement Manitoba in which we were very grateful to help celebrate Manitoba's 138th year. The celebration was held at Queenston School. This marked the 8th year of celebrating Manitoba Day and our history with a Winnipeg school.



Dr. Jon Gerard, Leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party

Celine Kear and Executive Director Cindy Tugwell enjoyed the daylong activities. They both made presentations throughout the day to Grade 4, 5, & 6 students regarding the city and province's rich history. In addition to the presentations, we enjoyed opening and closing ceremonies in the gym, which included some wonderful entertainment by the students and greetings by Dr. Jon Gerard.

Educational Outreach Program

Heritage Winnipeg will continue to augment our educational program in which we can make ongoing presentations and walking tours to schools in Winnipeg with the help of some funding. In the 2008-09 year we made many educational presentations at various locations throughout the city.

Young Canada Works in Heritage Institutions Program

Heritage Winnipeg again participated in the Young Canada Works in Heritage Institutes Summer Student Program 2008-09. Again, the objective is to provide returning university and college students with valuable work experience, while enriching their appreciation for Canada's heritage achievements. The Department of Canadian Heritage, in cooperation with the Heritage Canada Foundation, covers a percentage of funds, with the remaining percentage being the responsibility of the employer. Although in recent years the percentage of support has continue to decrease significantly.



In the summer of 2008, Heritage Winnipeg was pleased to employ Devon Clark, a University of Manitoba student. The program was funded for 12 weeks. We thank to the Canadian Wheat Board's fundraising committee, which made a gracious donation of \$500.00 for the 2008-09 year.

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2008-2009**

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Current Representation:

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Manitoba Historical Society
City of Winnipeg

Cindy Tugwell,
Executive Director,
Manitoba Governor, Heritage Canada

Thank you to all of the Board Members for contributing your time and expertise to Heritage Winnipeg over the past year.

WHAT IS HERITAGE WINNIPEG?

The Corporation is a charitable non-profit organization, (incorporated in 1978) and whose mandate is as follows:

To promote the establishment of heritage conservation areas in the City of Winnipeg, with particular focus on the restoration, revitalization and preservation of the built environment.

To initiate and promote research, study, publicity and activities and to seek protective legislative or regulatory measures to that end.

To provide information and assistance to individuals, organizations, and government agencies and to form or support other societies or associations with similar or allied purposes.

To exercise all powers permitted to Corporations registered under the Corporations Act and more particular power.

To acquire and take by purchase, donation, devise or otherwise all kinds of real estate and moveable property, and to sell, exchange, mortgage, lease, let, improve, and develop the same, and to erect and maintain any necessary buildings.

To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as is required.

To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable or transferable instruments.

To undertake and execute any trusts or any agency business which may seem directly or indirectly conducive to any objects of the Corporation.

Complete by-laws available upon request.

