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Annual Report **2013 - 2014**

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ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING:

Provincial and Municipal Annual Support

The application for annual funding from the Province of Manitoba, Department of Culture, Heritage and Tourism was submitted; included in the proposal were our goals and objectives within our program elements for the 2013-2014 year. The Province of Manitoba contributed \$22,300 in 2013-14. The first payment (75%) was received in July and the remaining 25% in December. This support is essential in helping to sustain the organization's projects and programs. Heritage Winnipeg approached the Province again during the year in hopes of increasing their annual support, and will continue to advocate an increase in order to sustain the current programs.



Thank you to the Historic Resources Department for all their assistance throughout the year. Provincial support goes towards educational projects and programs such as our Educational Outreach Program, Manitoba Day Celebrations, Annual Preservation Awards program, and Doors Open Winnipeg. Thank you to the staff at the Historic Resources Branch for all of their support throughout the year.

Heritage Winnipeg's annual City of Winnipeg grant is \$29,500 for 2014, in support of our various projects and programs. Thank you to John Kiernan and Jennifer Hansell of the City of Winnipeg, Department of Planning and Property Development, Land Use Division. Their support and assistance throughout the year is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Councillor Brian Mayes (St. Vital) for his support until November 2013 and we welcome Councillor Havixbeck, appointed by the City of Winnipeg in November 2013.

Membership/Donations

Heritage Winnipeg's membership remained steady at approximately 200 members. We are trying to increase our support from the private sector with memberships from building owners, architects, engineers, business owners and developers. We recognize the vital role of membership in our organization and hope to increase our membership base over the 2014-2015 year. General membership strategy, pricing structure for members, multi-year memberships, and benefits given to members are some of the things currently being examined.

We will hopefully see many positive changes to our membership over the coming year.

Board Members/Governance

Heritage Winnipeg's Board has broad representation and counts on the support of many people to accomplish and implement its goals and objectives. The Board of Directors plays a very pivotal role in our fundraising events, projects and programs. They volunteer for our many events and support the work our organization does throughout the year. Please see the Nominating Committee report for the 2014-15 list.

During the 2014-15 year, the Board will complete the revisions to our current by-laws and our draft strategic plan.



Office/Administration

The office continues to have one full time position - Cindy Tugwell, Executive Director. Cindy continues to work under the direction of the Board on the advocacy issues, projects, events and educational programs of Heritage Winnipeg.

Thank you Matt Tworek, a Creative Communications graduate student from Red River College who worked in the office for three weeks in the month of April 2014 and provided much needed assistance in designing marketing materials for the Doors Open event, including the design of the 2014 Doors Open poster. In addition, thank you to John Conklin for the design of the 10th anniversary poster for the 2013 Doors Open Winnipeg event.

Resource Centre

Heritage Winnipeg's Resource Centre is available to those who are seeking information on Winnipeg architectural heritage, history and urban issues. The Centre, which includes digital and print media, continues to be a valuable free resource to teachers, students, organizations, and members. Heritage Winnipeg further 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 to SCE LifeWorks volunteer Avery Dayholos, for updating our resource centre database and building files.

E-Newsletters/Social Media

We continue to reach out to our members electronically to provide more cost-effective and timely updates. Our e-newsletter provides an overview of our current activities, working issues, and upcoming events. We substantially expanded our Twitter presence (@HeritageWPG) to almost 1800 followers, and began to use Facebook as well (facebook.com/HeritageWinnipeg and facebook.com/DoorsOpenWinnipeg). Twitter has proven to be an effective medium for instantaneous communication to our followers to inform them of current issues, news stories that arise, and Heritage Winnipeg events



Heritage Canada Foundation's 40th Anniversary Annual Conference 2013 - Ottawa

The annual conference was held in Ottawa in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Heritage Canada, now officially named Heritage Canada - the National Trust. Held from October 31 to November 2013 the theme was "Regeneration - Heritage Leads the Way".

The 2014 Annual Conference - Charlottetown, PEI from October 2 - 4, 2014 - the theme this year is "Heritage Builds Resilience".



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EDUCATION AND INFORMATION:

Provincial Heritage Fair



The annual Manitoba Red River Regional Heritage Fair took place at the University of Winnipeg, Duckworth Centre in May where Heritage Winnipeg sponsored and presented 3 Heritage projects with awards including gifts, to projects of significant heritage value. Congratulations to all of the winners in May 2013:
Morgan Versteeg, Winnipeg Legislation Building
Florence Macalalad, The Exchange District
Sydney Kazina, Streetcars - The Introduction into Society

Manitoba Day

In May 2013 the Manitoba Museum hosted a free-admission day to celebrate Manitoba Day. The event attracted over 3,200 visitors. Heritage Winnipeg hosted an exhibit at the event along with the Friends of Upper Fort Garry.



Educational Outreach Program

Heritage Winnipeg will continue to augment our educational program through which we can provide ongoing presentations and walking tours to schools in Winnipeg. In the 2013-2014 year we made many educational presentations at various locations throughout the city to students and community organizations.

Young Canada Works in Heritage Institutions Program



Heritage Winnipeg again participated in the Young Canada Works in Heritage Institutions Summer Student Program 2013. The program, which is funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage in partnership with the Heritage Canada Foundation, aims to provide returning university and college students with valuable work experience, while enriching their appreciation for Canada’s heritage achievements. In the summer of 2013 Heritage Winnipeg was pleased to employ both a Red River

College student, John Conklin, and University student, Pamela Santos. The program was funded (75%) for 16 weeks. We would like to thank the Department of Canadian Heritage, and delivery organization, The Heritage Canada Foundation. We welcome Laura McKay as the 2014 summer student.



Artist Robert Sweeney

Heritage Winnipeg was pleased to continue to work with artist Robert Sweeney over the 2013-14 year on showcasing his unique historic sketches. His sketches are available on our website for purchase and in May 2013 we worked on a special 10th anniversary Doors Open Souvenir booklet and a special 100th anniversary photo of the Bank of Montreal. Both will be on sale to help raise funds for Heritage Winnipeg and to



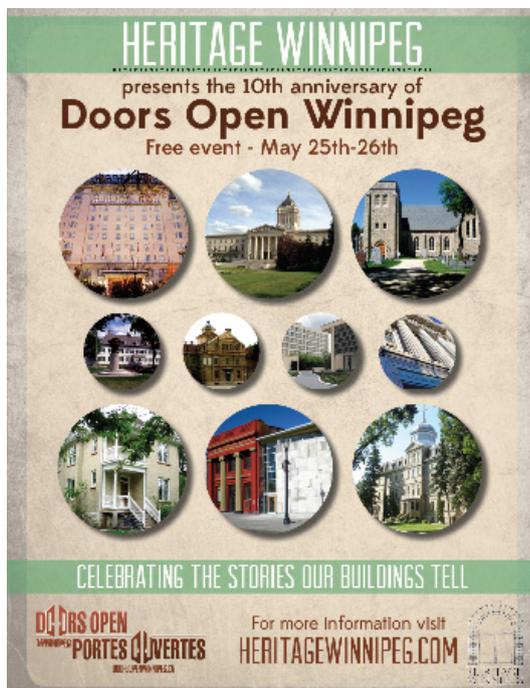
highlight ten buildings that have participated



in our event over the years. The two pictures below are included in the souvenir booklet. In addition he provided the Fort Garry Hotel original print presented to Rick Bel and Ida Albo, the owners of the hotel, at our 100th anniversary gala dinner.

Doors Open Winnipeg

“Celebrating Stories Our Buildings Tell”



Our 10th annual free public weekend event was held in May 2013. Thousands of Winnipeggers visited building sites and participated in walking tours throughout the city. The 2013 event was the largest ever, with 84 participating buildings and events.

Also in 2013, Heritage Winnipeg was proud to hold the 3rd annual Doors Open Winnipeg People’s Choice Awards at the Winnipeg Free Press News Cafe. Visitors were given the opportunity to vote for their favourite buildings. The winners were awarded a beautiful sculpture, once again created by local artist Jordan van Sewell. The following buildings were recognized:

- Best Restoration: Asper School of Business
- Best Tour: Vaughan Street Jail
- Best Overall Experience: Shaarey Zedek Synagogue
- The Hidden Gem: Ukrainian Metropolitan Catholic Cathedral of Sts. Vladimir & Olga
- Best Architecture: Millennium Centre

Each year, Doors Open Winnipeg is only made possible through the generous support of our sponsors. Please see our website at www.doorsopenwinnipeg.ca for a full list of our sponsors and supporters. Thank you to Travis Kondratuk for re-designing the website for this year.



The event continues to grow each year and we thank all those who helped make this event such a resounding success. Thank you to the building owners for opening their buildings, the over 400 volunteers who helped during the event, the sponsors, and of course the public who attended the event! A special thank you to Greg Delorme and Greg Agnew for their dedication and support.

Doors Open 2014 was held on May 31, & June 1, 2014 to accomodate the RCAI Conference. Doors Open 2015 will be held May 30 & 31, 2015 - Save the date!

FUNDRAISING & PROJECTS:

100th Anniversary Heritage Ball, September 2013 - Fort Garry Hotel, Crystal Ballroom

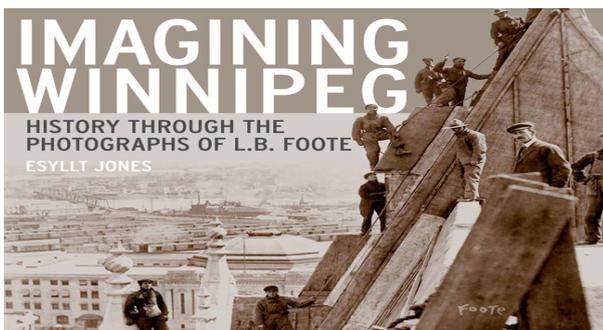


Inaugural Heritage Ball...Rolling into Luxury - Heritage Winnipeg was proud to hold our first Heritage Ball on Friday, September 27th at the Fort Garry Hotel celebrating their centennial anniversary. This fundraising event was a great success, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out to support the gala!

Over 200 people attended the dinner where MC Big Daddy Tazz tickled our heritage funny bone and Frank Albo received a standing ovation for his historic presentation, surrounded by the fabulous decor in the historic Crystal Ballroom. The FGH served spectacular cuisine, we had wonderful doors prizes, and great raffle prizes. Thank you to the Danny Kramer Band for the great live music in the Concert Room. It is important we recognize everyone who made this event possible.



Spring Fundraising Luncheon, March 2014 - Fort Garry Hotel, Crystal Ballroom



We held our 7th annual heritage luncheon fundraising event at Fort Garry Hotel. A very special thank you to keynote speaker and author Professor ESYLLT JONES. Thank you to Dr. Jerry Gray, Chair of the Friends of Upper Fort Garry and to Councillor Paula Haxisbeck for bringing greetings on behalf of The City of Winnipeg.



Streetcar 356 - Update

During the 2013-14 year, the streetcar continued to be stored at the Union Station, 123 Main Street in the Winnipeg Railway Museum located on the 2nd floor. Over the last year, the Streetcar 356 Committee has continued to secure an agreement with the Midwestern Rail Association for the future storage and work on Car 356. Unfortunately, the current location is not conducive to year round work.

The Streetcar is about to get a new lease on life. There is a preliminary planning meeting with the Winnipeg Museum and will be joined by the owner of 3 other streetcars on a farm in Southern Manitoba, Mr. Fred Janzen. The construction phase is under the supervision of Rob Loiselle, former instructor at JobWorks, and now with the YouthBuild program, associated with the UFCW Training Centre and South Winnipeg Tech. There will need to be a concerted fundraising campaign to enable this project to advance, so please consider making a donation or pledge now.

Thank you to the Streetcar Committee Members: David McDowell, Steven Stothers, Christian Cassidy, Robert Loiselle and Jim Kacki for all their work over the 2013-2014 year.



Upper Fort Garry Project - Update



Dr. Jerry Gray, Chair of Friends of Upper Fort Garry, gave an update to the those in attendance at our annual spring fundraising luncheon on March 30th at the Fort Garry Hotel.

Provincial Park Status - in 2010 The Manitoba Legislature passed the Upper Fort Garry Heritage Provincial Park Act which created a Provincial Park in the heart of the city! The design of the Upper Fort Garry Heritage Provincial Park will promote curiosity and Canada's history in an intriguing and architecturally fascinating way and will provide another green community-

building space in Winnipeg's Downtown. All ages will be able to enjoy the year-round sounds, sights and community-driven artistic elements of the Park. Construction on the Heritage Park portion will be completed this summer with a celebratory event to be announced shortly. Construction of the Heritage Wall will commence in 2015.

For more information or to make a donation to the Friends of Upper Fort Garry, please visit their website at www.upperfortgarry.com. **4.0 ANNUAL AWARDS:**



29th Annual Preservation Awards Ceremony

Heritage Winnipeg was very pleased to hold our 29th Annual Preservation Awards ceremony on Louis Riel Day/National Heritage Day, Monday, February 17, 2014 at the Asper School of Business. Many were in attendance, and thank you to Councillor Paula Havixbeck of The City of Winnipeg.

Heritage Winnipeg would like to thank our 2014 Independent Judging Committee: Neil Einarson, Province of Manitoba; Murray Peterson, City of Winnipeg; Jim Kacki, Architect and Board Member; Les Stecheson, Architect; and a big thank you goes out to all the nominees and award recipients who continue to do good heritage sensitive development in Winnipeg. Special congratulations go out to this year's winners:

2014 PRESERVATION AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE:



COMMERCIAL CONSERVATION AWARD

The Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba, 1x1 Architecture Inc., Smith Carter Architects and Engineers Inc., Alpha Masonry, Crosier Kilgour and Partners Ltd., and Akman Construction Ltd. for their undertaking to conserved the Workers Compensation Board Building at 333 Broadway.



COMMERCIAL CONSERVATION AWARD

The owners of Public Capital Company and the architects of Prairie Architects for their work done at the Canada Building at 352 Donald Street.



COMMERCIAL CONSERVATION AWARD

Mark and Shelley Buleziuk, the owners of the Scott Block Building at 272 Main Street for their daring unveiling and conservation of the Scott Block's original handsome facade.



INSTITUTIONAL CONSERVATION AWARD

The Winnipeg School Division, Public Schools Finance Board, and Syverson Monteyne Architects for their stewardship in the conservation analysis and detailing of the Heritage Roof Replacement Project at Laura Secord School located at 960 Wolseley Avenue.



RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION AWARD

The owners of Streetside Development Corporation and 701 Architecture for their work on the residential conversion of the historic Ryan Brothers Building at 110 James Avenue.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Heritage Saint-Norbert Board of Directors for over 33 years of service to the heritage community, their pivotal role in advocating for the preservation of many historic buildings in Saint Norbert, and the immensely successful Farmers Market.

SPECIAL PRESIDENT’S AWARD

The owners of Stonebridge Development Group and the Architects of GW Architecture Inc. for their contributions to the residential conversion of the historic First Church of Christ Scientist, now known as Studio 511 at 511 River Avenue.



ADVOCACY ISSUES FOR 2013-14

Friends of Dalnavert Museum, 61 Carlton Street - After a surprise closure following Labour Day in September 2013, the fate of the historic Dalnavert Museum has yet to be determined. This sudden closure frustrated many of the volunteers who came to work one day only to find the doors locked, without any advance notice. Low attendance rates in conjunction with the cost to keep the museum running played a big role in the decision to close its doors. The Manitoba Historical Society has been spending these past winter months deliberating on and trying to reach, an acceptable solution on how to proceed regarding this important Winnipeg landmark.

Heritage Winnipeg, along with other stakeholders, have formed the Friends of Dalnavert Museum and responded to a recent request for proposals from The Manitoba Historical Society. We are currently working to move forward to look at all options to re-open this historic and unique museum. 2014 marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of Dalnavert Museum.



St. Charles Hotel, 235 Notre Dame Avenue - Heritage Winnipeg advocated for the city to pursue taking the title so a new owner could have an opportunity to make this a successful heritage project, which is in a very prominent location and a National Historic Site. Currently, the owner has not proposed a new business plan for redevelopment and may be open to selling the property, although possible demolition is still a threat. We are also very concerned about the vacant Royal Albert Hotel and the adjacent vacant Gregg building.

Former Normal School (210 Rue Masson) – The St. Boniface Normal School, built in 1902 and enlarged in 1928, stands as a symbol of the determination of francophones to sustain their language and culture through education. As the new owner, Port In the Storm is looking at various options for the redevelopment of the heritage building, along with the a new development that is heritage sensitive and economically viable. The original goal was to integrate the historic 1902 building and important interior elements as part of a new development.

Kildonan Presbyterian Church – Friends of Historic Kildonan Church (FHKC) are very excited to announce plans for stabilizing and restoring the Old Kildonan Church. We have been challenged over the years working with the current church congregation and all levels of government to find a viable solution regarding the stabilization of the second-oldest stone church in the province, in addition to supporting a feasibility study regarding the long-term protection and sustainability. It is currently designated by the City and Province. Not unlike other heritage buildings and projects, finding a solution that works for all stakeholders is not always an easy or fast process.

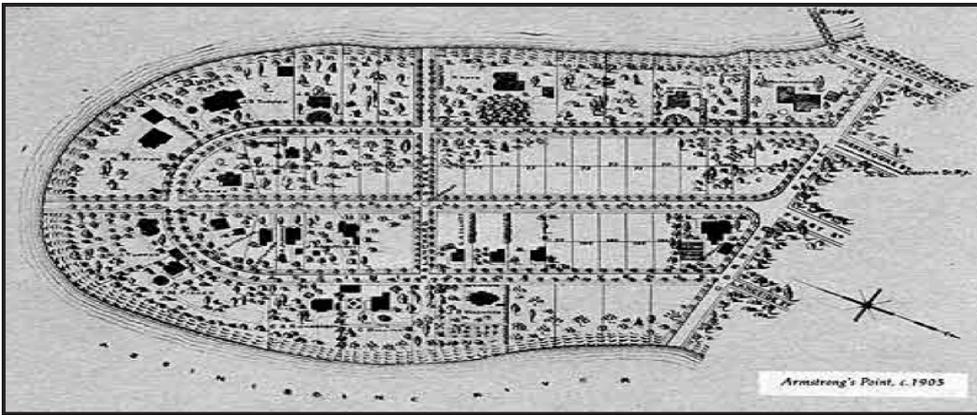
James Avenue Pumping Station - Various ideas on what to do with this abandoned historical building have been suggested and subsequently declined due to the costs associated with the different projects. What makes this building even more difficult to redevelop is being able to incorporate the architectural character and history of the building into the new design - neglecting to do so would defeat the purpose of trying to preserve it. The current and most promising proposal to date for the James Avenue Pumping Station is a mixed-use 24-storey high-rise tower that will preserve the original brick structure and pumping equipment on the ground floor. Upper floors can potentially serve as office space, retail space, small restaurants, apartments, and/or condominiums.

Milner House - The West Broadway Development Corporation has confirmed that there is no vacant land available in the West Broadway area, nor is it feasible to purchase property. Recommendations of this proposal, which will go forward to Great West Life, will go to both Boards for approval. I will be meeting with the City Planning Department on February 28 to brainstorm over the possibility and details of a “heritage fund” as one component of our proposal, and what kind of fund would be most beneficial for heritage projects. The Board will discuss a draft proposal before it is discussed with the the West Broadway Development Corp.

Millennium Centre, 389 Main Street - The Heritage and Arts Centre Initiative is still moving forward and we are still working very hard to move forward on critical funding necessary for operations and capital



improvements, in order to move our office there. Over the last year several meetings were held with all levels of government. The concept of supporting “Creative Communities” will also help our case for support. Concurrent with this initiative we are still working on the restoration of the Tapestry Room and the re-development of the upper floors.



Heritage Conservation District Study - The City of Winnipeg is currently undergoing a review of its Heritage Program, in part, to update services and tools used to celebrate our history. This includes examining the option of creating Heritage Districts, which has never been done here, but has been common practice in most other cities nationally and internationally for decades. The goal is to gather information on popular models used by other cities to create Heritage Districts and to propose a model that could be used in Winnipeg to begin creating Heritage Districts

The benefits of a Heritage Conservation District are:

- Protect and conserve an area’s special and distinct cultural heritage resources;
- Revitalization of an area;
- Enhance community identity, pride and involvement;
- A legacy for future generations;
- Provide a consistent approach to protecting and enhancing those features that give an area its unique identity;
- Potential for economic spin offs and tourism generation.

Armstrong’s Point has a number of attributes that could merit a potential Heritage District, including a cohesive stock of heritage homes, associations with prominent Winnipeggers, unique streetscapes and layout, and distinct geographic boundaries. Of Winnipeg’s residential neighborhoods constructed pre-WWI, the Point is one of the most steeped in history and also one of the most intact.

This information was taken from the City of Winnipeg website.

Revisions to the City of Winnipeg Heritage Bylaws - Over the past year Heritage Winnipeg has been aware of the changes being made to the bylaw with a presentation provided by the city. In addition we will speak in delegation at the Standing Committee on Downtown Development.



Board of Directors Heritage Winnipeg Corporation 2013-2014

Thank you to all the Board Members and the membership for contributing your time, expertise and monetary support to Heritage Winnipeg during the 2013-2014 year.

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