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ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS

The venue for this year's APA is the Ellice (Mac) Theatre at 585 Ellice Avenue, **Monday February 15, 2:00 p.m.** This year marks the 25th anniversary of the awards, which recognizes the efforts of building owners, architects, community groups, and individuals. Celebrate heritage achievements at the historic Mac Theatre and enjoy a reception next door at the Ellice Cafe, which will be followed by an optional 30-minute building tour across the street at the West End Cultural Centre. This is a free public event. For more info e-mail info@heritagewinnipeg.com

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Annual Preservation Awards, please send a cheque to: Heritage Winnipeg 509-63 Albert Street, Winnipeg, MB., R3B 1G4. All donations are greatly appreciated.

ADVOCACY UPDATES

WINDSOR HOTEL

There has been recent speculation about the future of the 107-year-old Windsor Hotel at 187 Garry. There is a rumor that current owners want to sell the hotel so it can be demolished for surface parking. Though this is just a rumour, it is known that the current owners do want to sell the historic building. On Saturday, January 9, 2010, an outdoor rally was held for people who want to see the building saved. There is also an online petition at www.petitiononline.com/blu3/petition.html. The Windsor Hotel was built in 1903, as La Claire Hall boarding house in an area quickly developing into a modern residential neighbourhood. Over the years, the Windsor has survived through downtown Winnipeg's growth, and represents a style of architecture at the turn of the 20th century. The Windsor is best known as an excellent music venue for blues, and legendary actor Charlie Chaplin stayed there before he made it big in Hollywood.



KELLY HOUSE

Interior renovations to The Kelly House are now complete, and exterior renovations have started and will be completed in spring 2010. The current occupant, Cancer Care Manitoba, is almost finished moving in. Saving this house from the wrecking ball is a huge victory for the Exchange District. It is a remnant from an era when the Exchange District was a residential neighbourhood. Also, saving the Kelly House continues the trend of revitalization within the Exchange.



SPEAKUP WINNIPEG - HERITAGE OPEN HOUSE

On January 19, Speakup Winnipeg held a heritage open house at the Millennium Library in the Carol Shields Auditorium. Citizens were invited to join in the discussion on the significance of heritage preservation and its importance in Winnipeg. There are plans under way by the City of Winnipeg to develop a comprehensive Heritage Management Plan. It is our hope that this Heritage Plan will be used in conjunction with the new Plan Winnipeg that is being developed.

THE RYAN BUILDING

Work on rebuilding The Ryan Building is well underway. The photo below shows the walls of the Ryan Building (tarped) are being reconstructed, and the first level ramp of the parkade is visible in the back of the construction site. The black on the tarp are likely indicators of the Ryan Building's south wall.



HERITAGE WINNIPEG - NEW WEBSITE

Heritage Winnipeg will be launching a new website at the Annual Preservation Awards. Be one of the first to view the new and improved website by attending the preservation awards at the Ellice Theatre and Cafe on February 15, 2010. Hope to see you there.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

UPCOMING EVENTS



45TH ANNUAL SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD DINNER:

The Manitoba Historical Society will be hosting this annual event on February 6, 2010 at the Fort Garry Hotel. Guest speaker Dr. Jerry Gray will be discussing the future prospects for the UFG project. To inquire for ticket info, contact the MHS office at 947-0559.

HERITAGE WINNIPEG SPRING LUNCHEON:

This year's luncheon will be at the Hotel Fort Garry on Friday, March 26, 2010. Mark this date on your calendar because last year's event was a sold out success. More details will be announced later. To purchase tickets or for more info, please contact the Heritage Winnipeg office.

DOORS OPEN MAY 29 & 30, 2010:

Our largest annual event is fast approaching as we begin to accept volunteer applications and building registrations. For more information on volunteer opportunities please contact the Heritage Winnipeg office.