



HERITAGE WINNIPEG

# News & Views

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## NEWS FROM CITY HALL

### Sir Sam Steele School - 15 Chester St.

Habitat for Humanity applied to demolish this old school, listed on the Buildings Conservation List, to build affordable housing. The committee approved the plan to de-list the building to make way for demolition because it is in very poor condition. The roof leaks and there is no plumbing, and equally importantly, the building lacks community support for redevelopment. This is an unfortunate result of the neglect of the building for many years. It is our understanding that Habitat for Humanity will re-use bricks from the school and commemorate Sir Sam Steele as part of their housing development plan.



### River Heights Lawn Bowling Club 1360 Grosvenor Ave.

This historic Lawn Bowling Club will be placed on the Heritage Conservation List as a Grade III heritage building “based only on the age, special historical and architectural significance of the property.” Owner Rick Strauss was quite happy about the recognition of the Club, which has been continuously operating for over 100 years.



### Monte Cassino Court - 639 Portage Ave.

This building is currently on the Inventory of Historical Buildings. The developer had applied to demolish and redevelop it, which would require that Monte Cassino Court not be placed on the Buildings Conservation List. Mark Theisen, the owner of the building, informed the committee on Sept 12 that the developer had backed out and the proposal would no longer be pursued. With the proposal off the table, the Councillors decided to leave Monte Cassino on the Historical Buildings Inventory unchanged. 639 Portage Avenue is once again up for sale or lease, waiting for someone enterprising to look at redeveloping not demolishing.



### Milner House - 51 Balmoral St.

The future of this historic 1909 Dutch Colonial Revival style house remains in question. Great-West Life has put in a request to delist the building, preparing the way for demolition. The Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management could consider Milner House at their next session in October. We will keep members abreast of all developments. Visit our website for more details.

## HERITAGE WINNIPEG UPDATE

### 38th Annual Heritage Canada Conference

The Heritage Canada Foundation’s (HCF) annual conference will take place in Victoria, British Columbia from October 12 to 15. It will be co-hosted by HCF and The Land Conservancy of British Columbia. This year HCF will join forces with the first International Conference of National Trusts to be held in Canada. Conference sessions will explore new approaches to the protection of special places as well as the stories, traditions, languages & cultures that give them meaning. For further details: [www.heritagecanada.org](http://www.heritagecanada.org)

### Terracotta Shards

Surplus terracotta shards are available. Contact the office if interested in obtaining.



### Robert Sweeney Sketches Online Store

Our website is debuting Robert Sweeney’s sketches online. Robert Sweeney is a local artist and designer who has for 30 years been sketching many wonderful pictures of historical and architectural landmarks of Winnipeg. His work brings to life the bygone days of the city and shows it in its best light. He recently launched a book of his sketches, *Portraits of Winnipeg: The River City in Pen and Ink*. Visitors to the online store will be able to order prints of Sweeney’s sketches in various sizes and formats. Part of the proceeds will go to Heritage Winnipeg. Check out Mr. Sweeney’s sketches at:

[www.heritagewinnipeg.com/resources/store.html](http://www.heritagewinnipeg.com/resources/store.html)

