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## 315 Portage Ave

Built in 1906 by J.D. Atcheson for \$65,000, then used by Canadian Bank of Commerce as a

neoclassical banking hall from 1919 to 1959. The space was vacant until 1969 when Mitchell-Copp Ltd opened a jewellery store on the site. A fire destroyed the upper two storeys of the Affleck Block in 1973. Occupancy was sporadic after Mitchell-Copp's departure in 1981. Then in July 1992 the interior was gutted by fire, leaving only the walls and frame of the former vault ceiling. Now the site will be home to a \$75 million hotel/office/retail/parkade development across from the MTS Centre. The plans are to demolish the A&B Sound building at Donald & Portage and to retain the Mitchell-Copp facade. The City plans to spend \$660,000 to ensure one of our more recognizable and historically relevant facades is preserved.

## Upper Fort Garry Heritage Park & Interpretive Centre

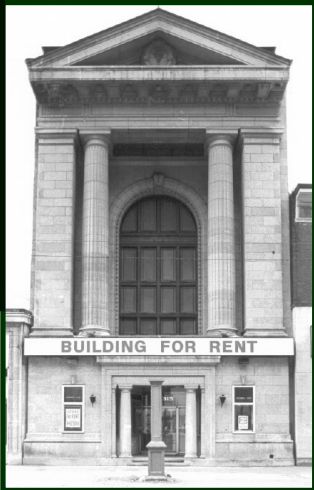
Demolition of the Grain Exchange Curling Club will begin this summer. This paves the way for work on the Park to begin. When complete, the Park will feature historic and heritage content, including demarcations of the original buildings where future artistic interpretations will be installed, a grand entrance off Broadway that will lead to the original Governor's Gate, and lighting that will enhance the inherent beauty of the site and showcase the Gate.

## Annual General Meeting



City Hall, Weds. June 29  
Councillor Grant Nordman welcomed everyone to City Hall. David McDowell took a moment to recognize Giles Bugailiskis, Senior

Heritage Planner, who is retiring. The keynote speaker was architectural historian Susan Algie, who gave a talk entitled "Middle of the Continent, Middle of the Century." She spoke about modernist architecture and heritage preservation. See our web site for the AGM Report: <http://www.heritagewinnipeg.com/aboutus/agm.html>



## Doors Open Awards, June 23 2011

Heritage Winnipeg hosted our first annual Doors Open Awards at the Winnipeg Free Press News Cafe in the historic Exchange District.

- *Best Restoration:* **Wesley Hall (University of Winnipeg)**, 515 Portage Avenue
- *Best Tour:* **Customs Examining Warehouse**, 145 McDermot Avenue
- *Best Overall Experience:* **Historical Museum of St. James**, 3180 Portage Avenue
- *The Hidden Gem:* **St. James the Assiniboine Anglican Church & Cemetery**, 525 Tylehurst Street
- *Best Architecture:* **Manitoba Legislative Building**, 450 Broadway

## Winnipeg Airport Terminal

The 1963 terminal is a heritage building of national importance. Originally part of a national network of sophisticated, art-filled terminals built between 1958 and 1964, Winnipeg's is the only major one remaining. It been highlighted in studies of Modernist architecture in Canada.



Heritage Winnipeg has been working for several years, and recently with the Manitoba Historical Society, to recognize its national importance. In 2008 the Heritage Canada Foundation put the terminal on their ten most endangered list. It was urged to the Winnipeg Airports Authority and the federal government that they designate the building to protect it while a feasible proposal for re-development could be found. **However, the WAA intends to demolish it when the new terminal opens.**



As we uncover more information, the questions about this keep growing. It is critical that HW continue to work together with the MHS to protect this historically significant building. **Stay tuned for more info to follow.**

