



HERITAGE WINNIPEG'S

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## MILNER HOUSE

Located on 51 Balmoral Street, the Milner House was purchased in 1991 by Great West Life Insurance Company, who initially had intentions of tearing it down and converting the space into a parking lot. This heritage building has been vacant since 1990, and in 2011, Heritage Winnipeg spoke in opposition of de-listing at the Standing Committee Meeting. Subsequently, the City of Winnipeg rejected the company's plans to destroy the building. However, the requirement of a rezoning application for the current parking layout surrounding the area has brought the Milner House back to the public's attention. A meeting between Heritage Winnipeg and West Broadway Community Organization was held in July 2013 to discuss future plans for the Milner House. Stakeholders will be working together over the next several months to try and come up with a mutually acceptable solution on how to proceed that will then be proposed to the owners.

## JAMES AVE PUMPING STATION

The James Avenue Pumping Station was built in 1906 in response to the challenges the City faced during a large fire on Main Street in 1904. At the time, the City could not generate enough water pressure to successfully fight the fire, so firefighters were forced to release river water into the main lines, which resulted in the contamination of Winnipeg's drinking water. With a capacity to pump up to 9,000 gallons of water per minute, this pumping station was the largest facility of its kind, globally. It was decommissioned in 1986 and has not been used since then. Various ideas on what to do with the abandoned building have been suggested and later denied due to the costs associated with the different projects. The current and most promising proposal to date 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 be used for office and/or retail space as well as apartments and/or condominiums.



## Upcoming Event: Heritage Ball

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2013** - Heritage Winnipeg is holding an inaugural gala and dance dinner to honour the centennial anniversary of the Fort Garry Hotel and to commemorate the significant role that the Fort Garry has played in the cultural and social life in Winnipeg over the last century. The Gala will feature a railroad theme and a spectacular dinner in the Crystal Ballroom. This is a fundraising event for Heritage Winnipeg, and we respectfully ask for your support. Funds from this event will go towards helping us to continue our work on the conservation of our heritage and history. Due to limited dinner seating, "Speak Easy" Dance and Dessert only tickets will be offered in addition to Full Evening tickets. To purchase tickets, please contact our office at the information found below. A tax receipt will be provided.

The Inaugural  
**Heritage Ball**

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AND "ROLL INTO LUXURY"  
IN CELEBRATION OF THE  
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE FORT GARRY HOTEL

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2013 AT THE FORT GARRY HOTEL, 222 BROADWAY, WINNIPEG MB  
DINNER, AND "SPEAK EASY" DANCE + DESSERT \$200. "SPEAK EASY" DANCE +  
DESSERT ONLY \$75. CREDIT CARDS + CHEQUES ACCEPTED. FOR MORE INFO + FOR  
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AS POSSIBLE!

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