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DOORS OPEN WINNIPEG

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Heritage Winnipeg held the 6th annual Doors Open Winnipeg event on May 23 & 24, and it was our biggest yet. Fifty-four buildings were opened to the public and six events took place throughout the city. This free event takes place every May on the weekend after Victoria Day, and our theme this year commemorated the 90th anniversary of the Winnipeg General Strike. Danny Schur's abridged version of "*Strike! - Winnipeg Shocks the Nation*" closed down Main Street in front of City Hall and attracted a crowd of approximately 5,000 eager spectators. Overall event attendance was very high with several venues recording over 500 visitors per day. This year, in conjunction with the Manitoba Transit Heritage Association (MTHA), we successfully introduced the *Doors Open Connector*: a vintage bus that ferried Winnipeggers between venues. Thanks to everyone who came out - especially to the building owners and the hundreds of volunteers who made the event possible.

STREETCAR 356 RESTORATION

A significant grant has been approved to bolster the ongoing campaign to restore Streetcar 356 - the final remnant of Winnipeg's streetcar era. Work is moving forward and we thank both the Midwestern Rail Association and the MTHA for their continued support, but we still need your help - please donate generously. If you would like to purchase a t-shirt for \$20, please call or email the Heritage Winnipeg office.

SPRING CLEANING

In our continuing effort to keep members up to date with what Heritage Winnipeg is doing, we've established *News & Views*. Please send us your **email address**, as we will change this format to an **e-newsletter** next month so you can get information more quickly while we use less paper. Also, please remember to renew your annual membership with the enclosed forms - your membership fees support our many projects.



Above: Premier Gary Doer speaks at the Friends of Upper Fort Garry announcement on June 1. He is joined on-site by FUG Chair Dr. Jerry Gray, Fort Rouge MLA Jennifer Howard, and students from Clifton School, who helped raise money to save the gate last year.

FRIENDS OF UPPER FORT GARRY

It has taken many years of patience, but the battle to preserve Manitoba's birthplace was won on June 1. Dr. Jerry Gray, Chair of the Friends of Upper Fort Garry, officially announced that the FUG took possession of two parcels of surplus city land in and around the former fort's footprint. Earlier that same day, Premier Gary Doer made a surprise announcement that the province recently purchased the Petro Canada on the corner of Main and Broadway below cost for \$1 million and that Petro Canada is donating \$1.35 million to the heritage park. The removal of the service station will greatly improve the gate's visibility from the street. Please visit upperfortgarry.com for more details about this exciting development.

MILLENNIUM LIBRARY DISPLAYS

We encourage you to stop in at the Millennium Library from time to time over the summer and fall months to see Heritage Winnipeg's various historical exhibits on the Main Floor. Thanks to all of the library staff for the fantastic display that was put together for Doors Open.

FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

"THE KELLY/ROBLIN SCANDAL"

Thank you to everyone who attended our 3rd annual fundraising luncheon on March 20 at the Hotel Fort Garry. The event was a sell-out, raising over \$7,000. As you know, Heritage Winnipeg is a not-for-profit organization that relies heavily on membership fees and donations to carry on.