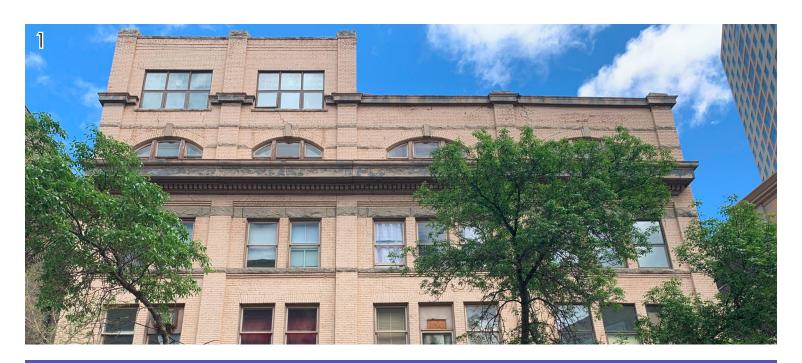




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### ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

#### **Provincial and Municipal Annual Support**

The application for annual funding from the Province of Manitoba, Department of Sport, Culture and Heritage was submitted in March 2019 including our goals and objectives within our program elements for the 2019-2020 year. The Province of Manitoba contributed \$22,300 again in 2019-2020. The first payment (75%) was received in July 2019 and the remaining 25% portion in December 2019. This support is essential to helping sustain the organization's projects and programs including advocacy, public service/information, and educational projects (Manitoba Day Celebrations, Annual Preservation Awards, Heritage Winnipeg Blog, Doors Open Winnipeg, etc). Heritage Winnipeg is intending to meet with Minister Cox and other Provincial Heritage Agencies (PHA's) to discuss increasing resources and collaboration. Thank you to the provincial Historic Resources Department for all of their assistance throughout the year on the many built heritage projects.

Heritage Winnipeg's annual City of Winnipeg grant sadly was decreased in 2019 from \$37,250 to \$31,275. We continue to increase the communication and collaboration within the Property, Planning and Development Department. Thank you to Councilor John Orlikow who was appointed to the Heritage Winnipeg Board by the City of Winnipeg in November 2019.

#### The Winnipeg Foundation

Heritage Winnipeg would like to thank The Winnipeg Foundation for their generous financial support received in 2019-2020. The Winnipeg Foundation is a very important source of funding for Heritage Winnipeg and their recent support enabling us to provide many free services including for our signature event, Doors Open Winnipeg.

#### **Membership & Donations**

Heritage Winnipeg's membership remained steady at approximately 215 members. We recognize the vital role of membership in our organization, and hope to continue to increase our membership base. We are trying to increase our corporate support and provided multi year memberships to reduce administrative costs, while providing benefits given to members. A big thank you to all the Heritage Winnipeg members!

#### **Board of Directors / Governance**

Heritage Winnipeg's Board has broad representation, with members playing a pivotal role in implementing and accomplishing its projects, programs and goals. They volunteer for our many events and support the work our organization does throughout the year. We look forward to continuing to bring new Directors on to the Board from a diverse range of backgrounds, to help us strategize and prioritize future goals and objectives. Please see page 14 of this report for a complete list of Directors.



### ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

#### Heritage Winnipeg Office

The office continues to have one full time position - Cindy Tugwell, Executive Director. For 28 years, Cindy has continued to work under the direction of the Board on many interesting and exciting projects and events throughout the year. In addition thank you to Cheryl Mann, our year round part-time employee for all her great work throughout the year!

### Young Canada Works in Heritage Institutions Program

Heritage Winnipeg again participated in the Young Canada Works in Heritage Institutions Summer Student Program in 2019. The program, which is funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage in partnership with the National Trust for Canada, aims to provide returning university and college students with valuable work experience and money for school while enriching their appreciation for Canada's heritage achievements. We applied in February 2019 and subsequently hired Riva Billows and Adam Lukowski in May. They both were a huge asset to our workplace, and gained a lot of work experience working in the non-profit sector.

#### The National Trust for Canada

The National Trust for Canada is a national registered charity that inspires and leads action to save historic places, landscapes and natural areas, and promotes the care and wise use of our historic environment. Barbara Myers is the current Manitoba Governor. The National Trust Conference is Canada's largest event for professionals, practitioners and volunteers engaged in regenerating and saving our heritage places. As in previous years, those attending this year's conference will come from a diverse range of backgrounds: architects, professionals and tradespeople; planners and government representatives; heritage organizations, volunteers and the general public; and university/college instructors and students. We were very pleased that the 2019 Conference was in Winnipeg from October 17th to 19th, 2019. The conference was a huge success! Heritage Winnipeg played an important partnership role on the conference committee, as a moderator and exhibitor.

We also provided a special walking tour of the Exchange District, a national historic site that showcased our amazing collection of built heritage! Participants from cities all over Canada were awestruck with the immense collection.

In addition, Cindy Tugwell received the esteemed honour of receiving the Governor's Award at the Awards Ceremony at the Millennium Centre, for her achievements with Heritage Winnipeg, and those contributions to the heritage sector.



### EDUCATION, INFORMATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE

#### Resource Centre

Heritage Winnipeg's Resource Centre is available to those who are seeking information on Winnipeg's architectural heritage, history and urban issues. With digital and print media, it continues to be a valuable free resource to teachers, students, organizations, and the media. Heritage Winnipeg also has a large inventory of pictures, magazines, newsletters, brochures, and building files. Members and the public are encouraged to visit our resource center by appointment. Thank you again to volunteer Don Johnson for updating our resource centre. He updated the entire resource centre throughout 2019, and completed a digital database which in now available online on our newly designed website, launched in May of 2020.

### Educational Outreach & Community Presentations

Heritage Winnipeg continues to provide information to schools and participates in the annual Manitoba Teachers' Society Professional Development Day (SAGE) Teachers' Conference. Held in October at Kildonan East School, this is an excellent way to raise awareness about the work we are involved with. We attended with Friends of Dalnavert Museum and Friends of Upper Fort Garry.

Heritage Winnipeg also provides information and services to many community leaders and non-profit organizations throughout the year. Thank you to Heritage Winnipeg Board Member Greg Agnew for volunteering his time throughout the year to provide dozens of historical presentations to senior community groups around the city.

#### **Website and Social Media**

We continue to use our website to showcase our events and heritage related news and worked over the 2019-2020 year to launch the newly designed Heritage Winnipeg website! Thank you to Pattern Interactive for working on this project with us.

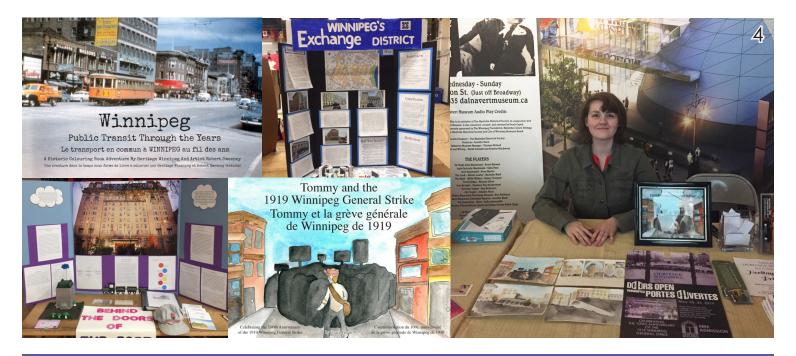
#### HERITAGEWINNIPEG.COM

We expanded our Twitter presence, now reaching over 5000 followers and similarly we grew our Instagram to over 2400 followers. Twitter has proven to be an effective tool for instantaneous dissemination of current issues, news stories, new blog posts, and Heritage Winnipeg events, while Instagram has helped draw younger interest to built heritage. On Facebook, both the Heritage Winnipeg and Doors Open Winnipeg pages have garnered a committed following.

#### Heritage Winnipeg Blog

The Heritage Winnipeg Blog, which is free to the public, has proved to be a very valuable medium for communicating with and educating the public and our members. It has covered the histories of many of Winnipeg's heritage buildings, upcoming heritage community events, interesting historic tours, relevant news articles and heritage issues throughout the city. Our support has grown to almost 600 subscribers.

#### HERITAGEWINNIPEG.COM/BLOG



### EDUCATION, INFORMATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE

#### The Arts

Heritage Winnipeg was pleased to continue to work with artist Robert Sweeney over the 2019-2020 year to showcase his unique historic sketches. His sketches are available on our website for purchase and all sales help raise funds for our organization. In 2019 Robert created a public transportation history colouring book, showcasing Streetcar 356 and commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike. Thank you to Commemorate Canada for making this project possible.

We would like to continue to work with other artists in the city, as the partnership between heritage and the arts community is invaluable for both groups. We would also like to thank the Manitoba Underground Opera for providing beautiful music at some of our fundraising events, including Doors Open Winnipeg.

#### **Provincial Heritage Fair 2019**

The Manitoba Regional Red River Heritage Fair took place at the University of Winnipeg's Duckworth Centre with Heritage Winnipeg sponsoring and presenting gift bags to three outstanding built heritage projects. Congratulations to all of this year's winners!

#### Manitoba Day 2019

Heritage Winnipeg celebrated Manitoba Day at the Manitoba Museum in May 2019. The Museum once again hosted a free admission day in celebration of Manitoba's birthday. The event now attracts over 10,000 visitors. Heritage Winnipeg hosted an exhibit at the event along with Friends of Upper Fort Garry and Friends of Dalnavert Museum.

Our participation in this event is part of celebrating Manitoba Day with other like non-profit organizations, and to bring awareness to all the important programs and events we provide, particularly Doors Open Winnipeg. Heritage Winnipeg put on a contest at Manitoba Day; if you subscribed to the Heritage Winnipeg Blog you were entered to win a prize pack.

Thank you to Grace Lovatt for launching her completed *Tommy and the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike* illustrated bilingual book. The book contains all original drawings by Grace and tells the story of Tommy Douglas as a teenager in Winnipeg during the Strike. This year long project is part of the MET School program. Thank you Commemorate Canada for their grant to help make this educational art project a reality.



### 2019 DOORS OPEN WINNIPEG - MAY 25 AND 26

Doors Open Winnipeg marked its 16th year in May 2019. This annual weekend event saw thousands of Winnipeggers visiting building and participating in walking tours throughout the city. The 2019 event had a record 112 different buildings, events and tours to partake in.

Each year, Doors Open Winnipeg is only made possible through the generous support of our sponsors. Please see our website at doorsopenwinnipeg.ca for a full list of our sponsors and supporters each year.

Doors Open Winnipeg continues to grow each year and we thank all those who helped make this event such a resounding success. Thank you to Linda Stilkowski for volunteering to help design the 2019 poster, which featured the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike which is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Thank you to the building owners for opening their doors, the over 550 volunteers who helped during the event and of course the public for coming out to the event! A special thank you to Board Member Greg Agnew for his dedication to volunteering for this event!

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In June of 2019, Heritage Winnipeg was proud to host the 9th Annual Doors Open Winnipeg Peoples' Choice Awards and Volunteer Reception at the Millennium Centre.

The winners of the Peoples' Choice Awards are determined by the public, who can vote for their favourite Doors Open Winnipeg building or tour. This year the categories were reduced from five to three. The winners were awarded a beautiful framed print of their building by local artist Robert Sweeney. The following buildings were recognized:

#### **Best Architecture**

Marlborough Hotel at 331 Smith Street

#### **Best New Participant**

Fortune Block at 230 Main Street

#### **Best Overall Experience**

Vaughan Street Jail at 444 York Avenue





### 2020 DOORS OPEN WINNIPEG - SEPTEMBER 12 AND 13

The 2020 Doors Open Winnipeg event had to be rescheduled from the end of May to September 12th and 13th, 2020. This decision to postpone the spring event was made as a result of COVID-19, in hopes to still hold this free public event in the fall. Details on our 2020 event will be in next year's annual report.

Thank you to everyone who persevered through this challenging year and helped make the 2020 Doors Open Winnipeg event possible!

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### THE 35TH ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS

On February 18th, 2020, in the midst of Canada's Heritage Week, we held our 35th Annual Preservation Awards at the James Avenue Pumping Station. Many significant nominations were received from projects and persons across the city. The nominations were open to the public, and were evaluated by an independent judging committee.

Thank you to our 2020 Judging Committee: Wins Bridgman (Architect, Bridgman Collaborative), Neil Einarson (Retired; Province of Manitoba Historic Resources), Lisa Gardewine (Heritage Winnipeg Board President), Jim Kacki (Architect/Planner), Murray Peterson (Historical Buildings Officer, City of Winnipeg), and Les Stecheson (Architect).

Heritage Winnipeg would like to thank everyone who came out and celebrated the champions of Winnipeg's built heritage. Special thanks to Think Shift hosting the awards ceremony at the James Avenue Pumping Station! The 35th Annual Preservation Awards were generously sponsored by:



### Heritage Winnipeg's 35th Annual Preservation Award Winners

#### FORTUNE BUILDING

230 Main Street

Commercial Conservation Award of Excellence Awarded to the Pollard Family, Jilmark Construction, Alpah Masonry and Unit 7 Architecture

#### REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

635 Sargent Avenue

Institutional Conservation Award of Excellence Awarded to the Redeemed Christian Church of God and John Neufeld (contractor)

#### WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

745 Westminster Avenue
Institutional Conservation Award of Excellence
Awarded to the Congregation of
Westminster United Church and Yarrow Sash & Door

#### ST. JOHN'S LIBRARY

500 Salter Street

Institutional Conservation Award of Excellence Awarded to the City of Winnipeg Library Services and Public City Architecture



### THE 35TH ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS

#### **DAVID PENNER**

Distinguished Service Award In Memoriam

For an award winning architect, in honour of a lifetime of commitment and contributions to the architectural and heritage community. For his innovative and creative thinking towards the rehabilitation of landmark projects such as the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre, the Carlton Building, Winnipeg Adult Education Centre and St. John's Telephone Exchange.

#### **BRANDON JOHNSTON**

Youth Award

For his commitment and leadership role as a longstanding volunteer on the Westminster Church Property Committee, and for going above and beyond to promote and contribute to the protection, rehabilitation, and preservation of a landmark heritage building in Winnipeg.

#### **SABRINA JANKE**

Youth Award

For her commitment and leadership role in facilitating historic walking tours, and for the endless promotion of Winnipeg's built heritage. Enthusiastically educating the public on the importance of conservation, and encouraging others to see what a valuable asset our built heritage is to the community.

#### **BRYCE ALSTON**

Youth Award

In recognition of his leadership role with Alston Properties to restore and rehabilitate heritage buildings, such as the Porter building and the James Avenue Pumping Station in the Exchange District, a national historic site. Recognizing the needs of the community through his commitment to heritage conservation and redevelopment.

# Congratulations to all of our exceptional award winners!

Nominations for Heritage Winnipeg's 36th Annual Preservation Awards are now open! Nominate an outstanding building project, organization or individual that goes above and beyond to help conserve Winnipeg's built heritage! Deadline for nominations is Friday, January 15th, 2021. Visit our website for full details and to download a nomination form.

HERITAGEWINNIPEG.COM/AWARDS



### FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND PROJECT UPDATES

#### **Annual Spring Fundraising Luncheon**

Heritage Winnipeg's Annual Spring Fundraising Luncheon was held in April 2019 at the Provencher Room of the historic Fort Garry Hotel. A very special thank you to our keynote speaker, Danny Schur, for his exciting presentation about the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike with a special viewing of the movie trailer. Thank you to the staff at the Fort Garry Hotel for the wonderful service at the event. Also thanks to Rick Bell and Ida Albo for their continued support of Heritage Winnipeg.

### The Millennium Centre 389 Main Street

Heritage Winnipeg would like to thank the tenants and the entire team at WOW Hospitality Concepts, who have been doing a fantastic job over the 2019-2020 year! We would like to again thank to Parks Canada's Cost Sharing Program and The Winnipeg Foundation. These grants enabled us to continue to restore the plaster in the main banking hall. Continued restoration is a very important component in maintaining this landmark heritage building. We also would like to thank Bill Loewen for his support of the free, Music at the Millennium Summer Concert Series featuring the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, during June, July and August 2019. The Millennium Centre always participates in Doors Open Winnipeg and is used as a venue for many non-profit events throughout the year. In addition, filmmakers continue to utilize this unique space, and therefore helping support the viability this building.

#### **Upper Fort Garry Provincial Park**

When you arrive at the Park, a sense of history will take hold. Sculptural installations will guide you to the Governor's Gate, helping to set the stage for the artistic interpretation of history that will greet you inside the Park. The heritage wall and complimentary app are now complete, providing educational programming that entices everyone to come and enjoy the park and learn about Manitoba's history. Heritage Winnipeg's Executive Director continues to be on the Friends of Upper Fort Garry's Board of Directors.

#### **UPPERFORTGARRY.COM**

#### **Shards Project**

Heritage Winnipeg did not want to see the shards (building fragments), which had languished in storage for decades, go to a landfill. We created a Shards Committee to strategize how best to get these pieces marketed and ultimately sold for other heritage projects. During the summer of 2017 Heritage Winnipeg moved the shards to a new location as per the city's agreement.

We were successful in selling all the large and significant shards by donating them to Shelmerdine's, thus enabling them to sell them to the public. We continued working on this project in 2019-2020 with the remaining shards moved off the city site and to another parcel of land just outside the city. This was made possible with this donor's generosity to store them free of charge.



### FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND PROJECT UPDATES

#### Rehabilitation of Streetcar 356

The Streetcar 356 committee is pleased to report real progress over the 2019 year. An agreement with the Midwestern Railway Association continues for the housing and workspace at the back of Track 2 at the Winnipeg Railway Museum, in the VIA Station on Main Street. We have been fortunate to secure the committee members Rob Loiselle, Steven Stothers, Greg Agnew and Sean Kapusta who volunteered during the 2019 season to work on Streetcar 356.

Thank you to the Thomas Sill Foundation for providing \$15,000 in funding to help rehabilitate Streetcar 356.

Heritage Winnipeg also participated in Rail Days 2019, a free event during a September weekend at the Winnipeg Rail Museum, where hundreds of people attended. For the event we provided tours of Streetcar 356.

Streetcar Committee members David McDowell, Steven Stothers, Rob Loiselle, and Jim Kacki, all participated in the 2018-2018 year (with room for more active volunteers!) There are many other volunteers on the working committee and their names will be posted on our website during the redesign.

#### **VMC DiscoverIt Architectural Website**

Heritage Winnipeg would like to thank the Virtual Museum of Canada for funding our bilingual DiscoverIt project during the 2019-2020 year. Heritage Winnipeg is working with Pattern Interactive and a VMC focus group of stakeholders. This project is expected to be completed in 2021.

#### On This Spot App

An app with 100 historical photos and two self guided historic walking tours was launch during Doors Open Winnipeg 2018 thanks to support from Travel Manitoba and the Exchange District BIZ. We continue to work with On this Spot to broaden their work in Manitoba, including the creation of more historic tours.



### ADVOCACY UPDATES

#### Gordon House 514 Wellington Crescent

Heritage Winnipeg worked with the Crescentwood neighbourhood to assist in the "Save 514 Wellington" campaign. Strangely this stately house was not protected from demolition and left on the commemorative list. At the final hour the Crescentwood neighbourhood was nominated as an Heritage Conservation District, resulting in the city signing a stop work order that halted the demolition of the house. Sadly, the house had already been gutted inside, and many architectural character defining elements were removed. The battle to save this home was fully embraced by the Crescentwood neighbourhood and all Winnipeggers. Currently this issue with the developer is in litigation and the fate of this heritage home rests with the court's decision.

#### Royal Albert Hotel 48 Albert Street

Heritage Winnipeg continued to monitor the situation at this historic building, which is being operated as a single residential occupancy and not a hotel. We have been following the impact that negative activities associated with this hotel have had on Albert Street and the west Exchange during the 2019-2020 year. We will continue to stay involved in the various issues surrounding this building.

#### **Armstong's Point Neighbourhood**

The Heritage Conservation Districts bylaw was passed by Council and in the spring of 2019. Armstrong's Point Neighbourhood officially received Heritage Conservation District status.

### Dalnavert Museum and Visitors' Centre 61 Carlton Street

During the 2019-2020 year the museum continued with very successful operations by the Friends of Dalnavert Museum. The ongoing success is due to the efficient and effective management by Manager Thomas McLeod, staff and the Board of Directors. Heritage Winnipeg continues to promote various events throughout the year, and volunteers on the Revenue Committee.

#### Carnegie Library / City of Winnipeg Archives 380 William Avenue

Over the 2019-2020 year, Heritage Winnipeg met with staff within the Planning Department, and subsequently with an outside consulting company hired to interview stakeholders for the report. We continue to advocate to the City of Winnipeg that it is important to move the City Archives back into the building for its future sustainability. Throughout the year the building continued to remain vacant with no commitment from the city to return. There is an administrative report that was expected to be released in the spring of 2020 but it is still pending.



### ADVOCACY UPDATES

### **Gregg Building 52 Albert Street**

Heritage Winnipeg continued to work with the new owner of the Gregg Building who is very passionate about rehabilitating and re-purposing this heritage building so it can once again be an important part of the Exchange District streetscape.

The owner, Mr. Knysh, continued to work on cleaning up and starting a redevelopment plan for the building. He also graciously offered tours for tenants of 201 Portage Avenue in the summer of 2019. In addition he provided students participating in the National Trust for Canada Conference in October 2019 to tour the vacant heritage building. We look forward to supporting and working with the owner in the coming year.

#### Public Safety Building 151 Princess Street

During the 2019-2020 year, CentreVenture, with the support of the Mayor and the City of Winnipeg, continued with the demolition of the Public Safety Building and the proposed Request for Proposal of a new building on the same land, but on the adjacent corner of Princess Street. We were given access to the interior of the building in 2019 and it is in better condition than expected. Existing historic plaques on the property will be protected.

#### Hudson's Bay Company Building 450 Portage Avenue

An unofficial Friends of Hudson's Bay group spearheaded by Heritage Winnipeg paused discussions in 2019-2020 but will continue to following the issues facing the future of this historic landmark. Our hopes are still to have a public/private partnership to redevelop the building so it can once again be an integral part of the historic, social and economic landscape.

### James Avenue Pumping Station 109 James Avenue

To date this project is almost complete, with the expectation of a sympathetic addition and rehabilitation of the historic building completed sometime in 2020-2021. It will be a residential and commercial redevelopment with a public space for gatherings.

### Siloam Mission Expansion 300 Princess Street

The original building was officially designated at a 2017 Downtown Committee meeting and Siloam then continued in 2019-2020 to complete their addition to the site.



### ADVOCACY UPDATES

#### Reliable Service Station 98 Albert Street

Heritage Winnipeg is continuing to lobby other organizations to write the Councillors and the Mayor to stop the new ultra modern design at Arthur Street and Albert Street. It is in complete contrast to the historic brick and stone heritage streetscape and on the pivotal corner of Albert and Bannatyne. Sadly the Service Station was passed over for designation and therefore unprotected and demolished by the owners. The city's design process of the new building involved the HBRC and UDAC, and without any explanation why an ultra modern design would be preferred over a building that would continue the continuity of the existing streetsape in the West Exchange. It should be noted that movies are shot twice as often in the West Exchange compared to the East Exchange.

#### Rubin Block 270 Morley Avenue

Heritage Winnipeg, along with the support of Fort Rouge residents, continued to work during the 2019-2020 year to possibly get this building sold and redeveloped. If sold, the building will rehabilitated immediately with many affordable apartments, which are in high demand. Making it again a vibrant part of the community and viable is our highest priority.

#### St. Regis Hotel Oak Room 285 Smith Street

Heritage Winnipeg, in partnership with Brock Coutts from Patent 5, successfully removed the character defining elements of the historic Oak Room in the summer of 2017 before the St. Regis Hotel was slated for demolition. Brock was able to sensitively remove the materials with and recreated in part, the Oak Room as a tasting room in his micro-distillery in the East Exchange on Alexander Avenue. Patent 5 participated in Doors Open Winnipeg 2019 to hugely interested crowds.

### Museums and Historic Properties Managed by Non-Profits

To date there has been no report on the final recommendations regarding the management of city owned and funded museums.

#### City of Winnipeg Heritage Designations

During the 2019-2020 year, the Executive Director appeared in delegation many times to both standing committees, EPC and Council to advocate for designation and future protection of Winnipeg's built heritage.



### THANK YOU!

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Thank you to the Board of Directors and all of our members for contributing your time, expertise, and monetary support to Heritage Winnipeg during the 2019-2020 year!



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