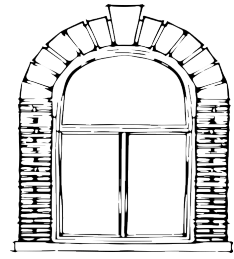


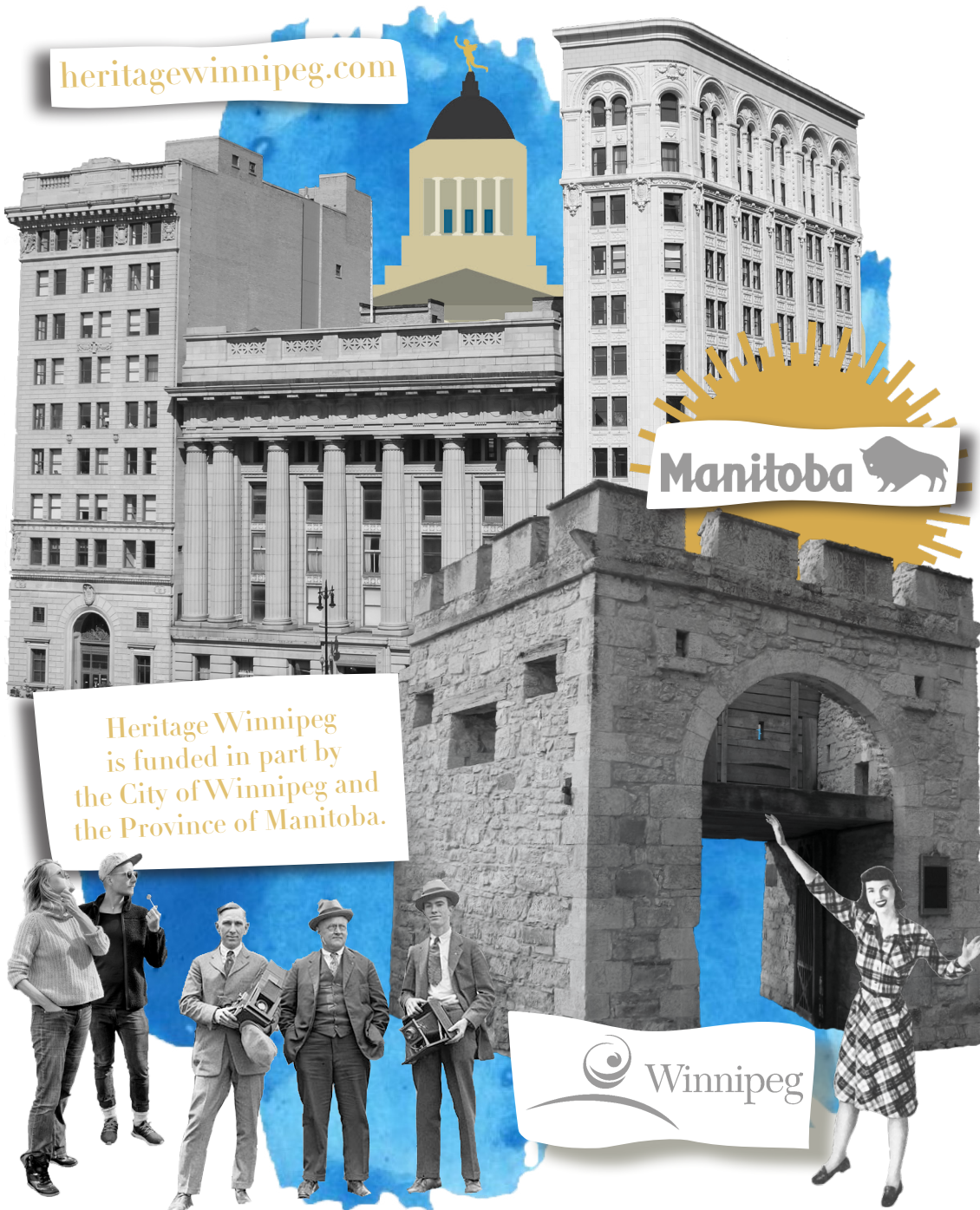
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Advocating for and Celebrating Built Heritage

This has been a difficult year for Heritage Winnipeg due to COVID-19, but we have persevered! We have adapted and managed to continue our important work, advocating for historic buildings in trouble by providing resources and support, and promoting Winnipeg's priceless community heritage. At a time when so many buildings were facing a crisis as businesses closed, tenants left and the downtown was desolate, our efforts are more critical than ever. We are proud of our ability to adjust to these challenging circumstances and we are ready to embark on a new year when we will finally be able to safely gather with loved ones and celebrate our heritage once again!

Administration and Community Support

Annual Support

Support is essential in sustaining our work, including advocacy, resources, and educational projects. The Province of Manitoba contributed \$22,300 in 2020-2021 and the City of Winnipeg grant was \$31,275. Thank you to the provincial Historic Resources Department for all of their assistance throughout the year and to Councillor John Orlikow, appointed to the Heritage Winnipeg Board by the City of Winnipeg in November 2020. Heritage Winnipeg would also like to thank The Winnipeg Foundation for their generous financial support for sustainability, which was desperately needed during these challenging times.

Membership & Donations

Heritage Winnipeg's membership plays a vital role of membership in our organization, along with our generous donors. A big thank you to everyone who participated in our December 2020 donation drive as we were unable to hold our spring or fall fundraisers and to all the dedicated Heritage Winnipeg members!

To view our complete audited financial statements, please contact our office at cindy@heritagewinnipeg.com or 204-942-2663.

Board of Directors & Governance

Heritage Winnipeg's diverse volunteer Board of Directors plays a pivotal role in planning for the future and accomplishing our projects, programs, and goals. Please see page 8 for a complete list of Directors.

Heritage Winnipeg Office

Cindy Tugwell continues to work full-time as the Executive Director while Cheryl Mann worked part-time. We were fortunate to receive funding through both Young Canada Works and Canada Summer Jobs, which allowed us to hire both summer students and an intern; Georgia Wiebe (also our 2020 RRC Intern), Rheanna Costen and Sabrina Janke. Thank you to everyone for their hard work throughout this past year and best of luck in your future endeavours!

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Education, Information and Public Service

Resource Centre

Heritage Winnipeg's Resource Centre is available to anyone seeking information on Winnipeg's architectural heritage, history and urban issues. Our office offers a large inventory of pictures, magazines, newsletters, brochures, and building files, all available by appointment. Thank you to our volunteer Don Johnson who has been working on updating our resources.

Educational Outreach & Community Presentations

Thank you to Heritage Winnipeg Board Member Greg Agnew for volunteering his time throughout the year via Zoom to provide dozens of historical presentations to senior community groups around the city.

Online & Digital Content

We launched our new Heritage Winnipeg website in the spring of 2020, showcasing our events, heritage news, and more. Thank you to Pattern Interactive for working on this project with us. Our blog is now integrated into our website, sharing the stories of our built heritage with our subscribers for free. Additionally, social media continues to be an important medium for the timely dissemination of heritage news to our audience. As our following grows, we work hard to find new dynamic and engaging ways to share our message of advocacy and conservation about our built heritage.

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The Arts

Heritage Winnipeg was pleased to continue to work with artist Robert Sweeney, showcasing his unique historic sketches, including a special Manitoba 150 commemorative print. The beautiful sketches are given to the winners of our Doors Open Winnipeg People's Choice Awards, as voted on by the public. Prints of Robert's work, including many familiar historic landmarks, are available for purchase on our website.

Manitoba Day 2020

Due to COVID-19, Heritage Winnipeg celebrated Manitoba Day virtually this year with a free printable activity book for kids. Along with Manitoba-themed trivia, words searches, mazes, and more, Robert Sweeney created three original artworks as colouring sheets. They feature Upper Fort Garry, the downtown Winnipeg Hudson's Bay Company Building, and the Manitoba Legislative Building.



2020 Doors Open Winnipeg - September 12 & 13



It was a challenging year for Doors Open Winnipeg - the safety of our hosts, volunteers and guests is always our number one priority! Rescheduled to September 12th and 13th, 2020, museums and community organizations rejoiced at the opportunity to have visitors once again. The public was also thrilled to have an entertaining event to attend during a year when everything was canceled. It was a wonderful, fun, and safe weekend, the only physical Doors Open event in Canada to take place in 2020! And to top it all off, both hosts and the public raved about our new online registration system. A big thank you to all the wonderful hosts, volunteers, and sponsors that made this event possible!

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2021 Doors Open Winnipeg - September 11 & 12

The 2021 Doors Open Winnipeg event had to be rescheduled from the end of May to September 11th and 12th, 2021. 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 2021 event will be available in next year's annual report.

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36th Annual Preservation Awards

As a result of COVID-19, the 2021 Annual Preservation Awards will be combined with the 2022 Awards.

The event will be celebrated during Canada's National Heritage Week. Nominate an outstanding building project, organization, or individual that goes above and beyond to help conserve Winnipeg's built heritage! The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 14th, 2022. Work completed in 2020 and 2021 is eligible. Visit our website for full details and to download a nomination form. To help celebrate National Heritage Week when our awards were cancelled, we facilitated a virtual summit on the downtown Hudson's Bay Company Building. There was a diverse group of expert panelists to discuss the history and the importance of this historic 1926 landmark building to Winnipeg's downtown along with some of its challenges going forward.

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2020 Manitoba Heritage Summit



The inaugural Manitoba Heritage Summit on October 1st was a free virtual event. The goal was to identify opportunities and challenges, foster collaboration and communication, and produce a white paper on the state of heritage in Manitoba, with a long-term vision for the province. Eight provincial heritage associations, including Heritage Winnipeg, collaborated to host over 340 heritage enthusiasts and organizations connected over Zoom. Thanks to the event sponsors, The Winnipeg Foundation, and the Province of Manitoba. Be sure to join us for the 2nd Annual Manitoba Heritage Summit on October 14th, 2021!

Fundraising Events & Project Updates

🌿 Fundraising Events 🌿

Due to COVID-19, Heritage Winnipeg was unable to host any in-person fundraising events. We hope to resume our annual events by the end of 2021 and in 2022.

🌿 The Millennium Centre - 389 Main Street 🌿

Heritage Winnipeg would like to thank the tenants and the entire team at WOW Hospitality Concepts, who did a fantastic job over the past year! We would like to again thank Parks Canada's Cost-Sharing Program and The Winnipeg Foundation for their generous grants enabling us to continue to restore the plaster in the main banking hall, repointing, and other critical maintenance work. Continued maintenance and restoration are very important components in preserving this landmark heritage building. In addition, filmmakers continue to utilize this unique space, helping support the viability of this building. This building continues to be a place for both private and public events. We look forward over the next few years to work on a plan for redeveloping the upper floors and after over four decades, finally bringing this heritage landmark back to full occupancy.

🌿 Upper Fort Garry Provincial Park 🌿

Heritage Winnipeg's Executive Director continues to be on the Friends of Upper Fort Garry's Board of Directors, which manages Upper Fort Garry Provincial Park. The Board continues to try and stay solvent during COVID-19, and looks forward to new programming and events soon.

🌿 Shards Project 🌿

Heritage Winnipeg continues to store shards (architectural building fragments) from demolished built heritage, ensuring they do not end up in a landfill. We hope to continue selling them once restrictions are lifted.

🌿 Streetcar 356 Rehabilitation Project 🌿

Work was paused in 2020-2021 due to COVID-19, but we were able to resume some work on Streetcar 356 in the spring of 2021. Thank you to all the volunteers and the Streetcar 356 Committee who continue to be committed to this project! More updates will be provided on our website.

🌿 Digital Museums Canada - DiscoverIT Architectural Website 🌿

Heritage Winnipeg would like to thank the newly named Digital Museums Canada for funding our bilingual DiscoverIt project during the 2020-2021 year. Heritage Winnipeg is working with Pattern Interactive and a stakeholder focus group. This project is expected to be completed in early 2022.

🌿 On This Spot App 🌿

The On This Spot app was launched during Doors Open Winnipeg 2018 with 100 historical photos and two self-guided historic walking tours, with 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 throughout the province.

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 a 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. This issue with the developer was in litigation and sadly this heritage home has since been demolished.

🌿 Royal Albert Hotel - 48 Albert Street 🌿

Heritage Winnipeg continued to monitor the situation at this historic building, which is being operated as single residential occupancy, not a hotel. We have been following the negative impacts that activities associated with the management of this hotel are having on Albert Street and the West Exchange during the 2020-2021 year. We will continue to stay involved in the various issues surrounding this building and the adjacent buildings.

🌿 Armstrong's Point Neighbourhood 🌿

The Heritage Conservation Districts bylaw was successfully passed in spring of 2019 and Armstrong's Point Neighbourhood officially received Heritage Conservation District status! We were proud to be part of this long and arduous process, as it has opened the door to reviewing other significant historic areas of the city.

🌿 Dalnavert Museum and Visitors' Centre - 61 Carlton Street 🌿

During the 2020-2021 year the museum continued with operations by the Friends of Dalnavert Museum. The ongoing success is due to the efficient and effective management, staff, and Board of Directors. Heritage Winnipeg continues to promote various events at it throughout the year, including Doors Open Winnipeg. We are very proud to see the success of the new management after its reopening in 2015.

🌿 Carnegie Library / City of Winnipeg Archives - 380 William Avenue 🌿

Heritage Winnipeg met with staff within the City's Planning Department, and subsequently with an outside consulting company hired to interview stakeholders for the City's report. We continue advocating for the importance of moving the City Archives back into the building for its future sustainability. The building remains vacant with no commitment from the city to return. The report is anticipated to be released in 2021 with recommendations from the consulting company. Advocacy work will continue in the coming year.

🌿 Gregg Building - 52 Albert Street 🌿

Heritage Winnipeg continued to work with the new owner of the historic Gregg Building who is very passionate about rehabilitating and re-purposing it, so it can once again be an important part of the Exchange District's streetscape. The owner continued clean up and working on a feasible redevelopment plan for the building. He also graciously offered tours for tenants of 201 Portage Avenue in the previous year. In addition, he provided students participating in the National Trust for Canada Conference in October 2019 to tour the vacant heritage building. We will continue to support and work with the owner in the coming year.

🌿 Public Safety Building - 151 Princess Street 🌿

During 2020-2021, CentreVenture, with the support of the Mayor and the City of Winnipeg, continued with the demolition of the Public Safety Building and the Request for Proposals of a new building on the same land, but on the adjacent corner of Princess Street, called Market Lands. We were given access to the interior of the building in 2019 and it was in much better condition than expected! We were very sad to see this significant modernist building destroyed as opposed to repurposing for private and public space. Existing historic plaques on the property were protected and relocated.

Advocacy Updates

»»» Downtown Hudson's Bay Company Building - 450 Portage Avenue »»»

An unofficial Friends of Hudson's Bay group spearheaded by Heritage Winnipeg continued with virtual discussions in 2020-2021, focused on issues facing the future of this historic landmark. Our hopes are still to have a public/private partnership to redevelop the building as a downtown community hub, so it can once again be an integral part of the historic, social, cultural, 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 2021-2022. It will be a residential and commercial redevelopment with a public space for gatherings. There have been some challenges along the way but we held our 2020 Annual Preservation Awards in the building, with guests given a tour of the spectacular repurposed space.

»»» Siloam Mission Expansion - 300 Princess Street »»»

The original building was officially designated by the City in 2017 and Siloam Mission then continued in 2020-2021 to complete their addition to the site.

»»» Reliable Service Station - 98 Albert Street »»»

Heritage Winnipeg continued to lobby other organizations to write the Councillors and the Mayor to stop the new proposed ultra-modern design at Arthur Street and Albert Street. It is in complete contrast to the historic brick and stone streetscape and on the pivotal corners of Albert, Bannatyne, and Arthur. Sadly, the former Service Station was passed over for designation, put on the City's Commemorative List rendering it unprotected and it was subsequently demolished by the owners. The City's design process for 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 streetscape 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 2020-2021 year to possibly get this building sold and redeveloped. If sold, the building will be rehabilitated immediately with many affordable apartments, which are in high demand. Making it again a vibrant part of the community and viability 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 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, 2020 and 2021 to hugely interested crowds. It has become a popular destination for visitors!

»»» 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. We will continue to follow this issue.

»»» City of Winnipeg Heritage Designations »»»

During the 2020-2021 year, the Executive Director appeared in delegation via Zoom many times to both standing committees, EPC, and Council to advocate for designation and future protection of Winnipeg's built heritage.





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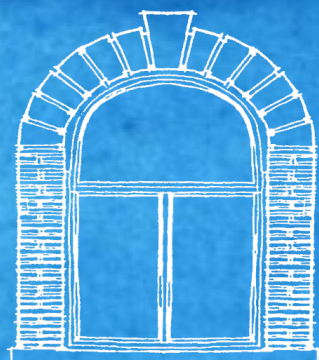
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