



# *Heritage Winnipeg's* **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2021-2022**

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*Advocating for and celebrating  
Winnipeg's built heritage!*



## OUR MISSION

To promote and encourage the conservation of historic/heritage structures and sites and attend to those matters which enhance and complement this purpose. Emphasis will be on restoration, revitalization, preservation, education and advocacy, in order to augment the cultural inheritance of the community, with consideration for pertinent logistics and feasibility.

# President's Message

Hello there friends! Well here we are, looking at September. Where has the year gone? It seems to pass so quickly. Soon summer will be behind us, but we will not stop working on the issues. We work year round to keep our built heritage up front in the faces of those at City Hall, those that make the decisions that affect our heritage buildings. A tireless and endless job that our Executive Director, Cindy, takes so seriously and shows her dedication to what we all are passionate about. Our support for her work is our appreciation for the issues she tackles on behalf of Heritage Winnipeg. It will continue for the years to come. Thank you all for your support for our heritage and Heritage Winnipeg.

Regards,



Greg Agnew

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## HERITAGE WINNIPEG TEAM

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 interns; Alexis Rodrigues (also our 2021 RRC intern), Kendra Wile, Hazel Bock and Tyler Chabluk. Thank you to everyone for their hard work throughout this past year and best of luck in your future endeavours!

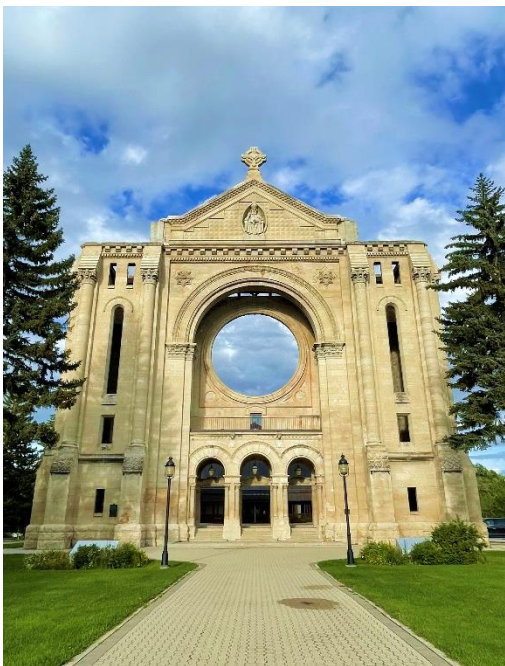
# Annual Support

Support is essential in sustaining our work, including advocacy, programming, resources and educational projects. The Province of Manitoba contributed \$22,300 in 2021-2022 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, who was appointed to the Heritage Winnipeg Board by the City of Winnipeg. Thank you to the Digital Manitoba Initiative for the grant which allowed us to purchase a much needed new computer and projector for the office. Finally, 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 dedicated membership plays a vital role in sustaining our organization with their ongoing support. To better keep our members informed of current issues and what we are working on, in October 2021 we introduced a monthly digital member newsletter. The newsletter has been well received and has helped our members feel more involved with the heritage movement.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Great Canadian Giving Challenge in June and our second annual December donation drive. While not able to hold a spring or fall fundraiser, these donation drives allowed us to raise over \$11,000, which is invaluable to our organization. Heritage Winnipeg is grateful for all our wonderful members and generous donors!



## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, talents and funds to Heritage Winnipeg! We are so grateful for all the support we received last year and cannot wait to see what the new year will bring. It is with your generosity, that Heritage Winnipeg's important work can continue!

To view our complete audited financial statements, please contact the Heritage Winnipeg office at [cindy@heritagewinnipeg.com](mailto:cindy@heritagewinnipeg.com) or 204-942-2663.

# Education, Information & Public Service

## RESOURCE CENTRE

Heritage Winnipeg's Resource Centre inventory is available on our website for anyone seeking information on Winnipeg's architectural heritage, history and urban issues. Our office offers 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 President 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

In September 2021, Heritage Winnipeg released our first YouTube video, adding new dimension to the type of content we produce and breadth of audience we can reach. As the opportunity arises, we look forward to exploring this medium further to help engage a new generation of heritage advocates. Our blog audience continues to grow with over 660 subscribers who enjoy our in depth exploration of the stories behind our heritage buildings. After introducing the monthly member newsletter, we have adjusted our blog schedule to one new publication per month, better balancing the content we produce freely for the public and that which is exclusive for our members. Social media continues to be an important medium for the timely distribution of heritage news to our audience. Our "Manitoba Monday" and "Feature Friday" posts are always popular, highlighting built heritage throughout our city and province that people can relate to on a personal level. As our following grows, we will continue to find new and captivating ways to share our message of built heritage advocacy and conservation.

## THE ARTS

Heritage Winnipeg was pleased to continue to work with talented local artist Robert Sweeney, showcasing his unique historic sketches, including a special commemorative print of the Kirkwood Block at 575 Portage Avenue, which was lost to fire in on February 2, 2022. Robert also made custom sketches for the winners of our Doors Open Winnipeg 11<sup>th</sup> Annual People's Choice Awards, celebrating the wonderful effort the volunteers put into celebrating our built heritage. Prints of Robert's work, including many familiar historic landmarks, are available for purchase on our website.

We were also thrilled to work with George Mitchell, an exceptional photographer, who published *Treasures of Winnipeg's Historic Exchange*, showcasing our city's national historic site in all its glory. Through our partnership we were able to do a book giveaway and offer copies for sale on our website at a 25% discount, with special signed copies being available for purchase by our members.

## MANITOBA DAY 2021

Heritage Winnipeg celebrated Manitoba Day virtually again this year with a free printable activity book for kids. Along with Manitoba-themed trivia, words searches, mazes, and more, it included three original artworks by Robert Sweeney as colouring sheets.

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# 2021 Doors Open Winnipeg • September 11 & 12

It was another challenging year for Doors Open Winnipeg – the safety of our hosts, volunteers and guests is always our number one priority! The event once again had to be rescheduled to September, but museums and community organizations rejoiced at the opportunity to welcome visitors. The public was also thrilled to have an entertaining event to attend after over a year of having everything cancelled. We were also excited to introduce our new Scavenger Hunt, inviting kids to find our friend the Golden Boy at various participating buildings. It was a wonderful, fun, and safe weekend that everyone enjoyed! A big thank you to all the wonderful hosts, volunteers, and sponsors that made this event possible!

## 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS WINNERS

Ghost Signs Walking Tour  
BEST TOUR

Dalnavert Museum  
Choose-Your-Own-Adventure Tour  
BEST ARCHITECTURE

Vaughan Street Jail  
BEST OVERALL EXPERIENCE



## SOCIAL MEDIA CONTEST WINNER: TRISH

I love #doorsopenwinnipeg because of all the new places I get to see and learn about! I love #doorsopenwinnipeg because I am finding out so much history behind these amazing gems we have in Winnipeg and so many interesting stories! I love #doorsopenwinnipeg because I get into action from history! I love #doorsopenwinnipeg because of all the amazing history throughout Winnipeg! The amazing tour guides! Last but not least, very interesting facts!





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# 2021 Manitoba Heritage Summit

The second annual Manitoba Heritage Summit was held on October 14 as a free virtual event. The goal was to identify opportunities and challenges, and foster collaboration and communication amongst the province's heritage community. Eight provincial heritage associations, including Heritage Winnipeg, collaborated to host hundreds of heritage enthusiasts and organizations, all connected over Zoom. Thanks to the event sponsors, The Winnipeg Foundation and the Province of Manitoba.

## 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Preservation Awards

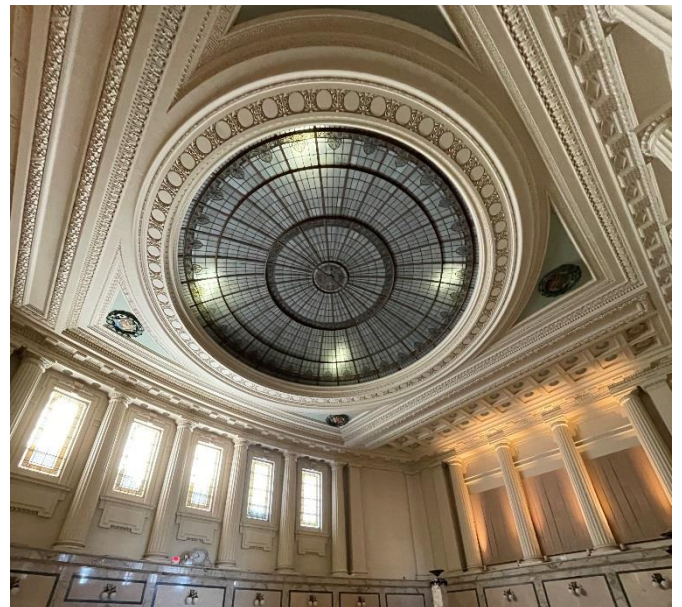
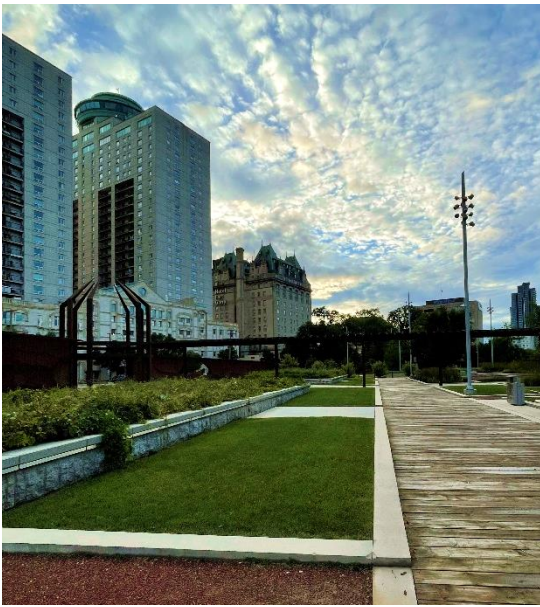
After not celebrating the Annual Preservation Awards in 2021, Heritage Winnipeg was elated to host the event once again on March 24, 2022, at the Ukrainian Labour Temple. Many significant nominations were received from across the city, covering projects from both 2020 and 2021. The nominations were open to the public and were evaluated by an independent judging committee. Thank you to our 2022 Judging Committee: Wins Bridgman, Bob Eastwood, Neil Einarson, Lisa Gardewine, Jim Kacki and Les Stechesen. Heritage Winnipeg would like to thank everyone who came out and celebrated the champions of Winnipeg's built heritage. Special thanks to the Ukrainian Labour Temple for hosting the awards ceremony and the Romanetz Ukrainian Dance Ensemble for their entertaining performance!

## 2022 Doors Open Winnipeg • May 28 & 29

Heritage Winnipeg was excited to kick off the summer with **Doors Open Winnipeg** returning to the last weekend of May after being rescheduled to the fall for the two previous years. In its 19<sup>th</sup> year, we saw many buildings, event and tours starting to return after a two year absence, rejoicing at the chance to welcome visitors once again. This free, annual event saw thousands of Winnipeggers taking part in celebrating our heritage in a fun and safe manner.

Doors Open Winnipeg is only made possible through the generous support of our sponsors - please see the Doors Open Winnipeg website for a full list of sponsors. Thank you to all of those who helped make this event such a resounding success: the building owners that opened their doors, the over 500 volunteers who helped during the event and of course the public for coming out to the event! And a special thank you to our President, Greg Agnew, for his dedication to volunteering for this event!

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# Project Updates

## 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 throughout their years at the Millennium Centre. As they departed the building at the end of 2021, they have been wonderfully helpful in supporting the transition to Heritage Winnipeg as building and event managers. This change made for a very busy new year for Heritage Winnipeg, administering another website, booking weddings, facilitating films and more, all to keep the Millennium Centre both vibrant and financially viable. After being closed for almost two years, the historic building is teaming with life once again, hosting both public and private events, while the first movie of the year, *King of Killers* was filmed in February and March of 2022.

We would like to again thank Parks Canada's Cost-Sharing Program for their generous grant 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. Also, we would like to thank the The Winnipeg Foundation for their critical COVID-19 funding that literally helped keep the doors open. In the next few years, we look forward to working on a plan for redeveloping the upper floors and after over four decades, finally bringing this heritage landmark back to full occupancy.

## STREETCAR 356 REHABILITATION PROJECT

After work was paused for a year, we were able to resume some work on Streetcar 356 in the spring of 2021 with the wheels being put on. Unfortunately, December saw both the passing of Streetcar 356 Committee member Brian Darragh, one of Winnipeg's last streetcar drivers, and the sudden announcement of the closing of the Railway Museum, the home of Streetcar 356, at the end of 2021.

Since then, Heritage Winnipeg has been working with the Winnipeg Railway Museum Board to find a way for them to stay in their existing building while looking for funding to upgrade the space to meet current building codes. We are confident a solution will be found and work was able to resume on Streetcar 356 in June 2022. Thank you to all the volunteers, the Streetcar 356 Committee and to all our funders who continue to be committed to this project!

## DIGITAL MUSEUMS CANADA - DISCOVERIT ARCHITECTURAL WEBSITE

Heritage Winnipeg would like to thank Digital Museums Canada for continuing to fund our bilingual DiscoverIt project during the 2021-2022 year. Heritage Winnipeg is working with Pattern Interactive to complete this website which is expected to be finished in early 2023.

## 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 adapt post COVID-19, and looks forward to new programming and events soon.

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# Advocacy Updates

## **CARNEGIE LIBRARY - 380 WILLIAM AVENUE**

A 2021 City of Winnipeg Archives report recommended the Archives return to the historic Carnegie Library building as the most economical, environmentally sustainable and feasible option. On November 10, 2021, Heritage Winnipeg spoke in support of this plan at the City of Winnipeg Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. The committee unanimously voted to support the \$12.7 million plan as part of the 2023 budget. We will continue advocating for the return of the Archives to this historic building until a resolution is reached.

## **CAPTAIN KENNEDY TEA HOUSE**

Heritage Winnipeg has been working with the Kennedy House Renewal corporation to advocate for the conservation of this historic building. Although the house is outside the city, with no provincial built heritage advocacy organization, we have stepped up to help, offering our knowledge and experience. In a surprise announcement on December 17, 2021, the Province committed \$350,000 to support the first phase of the Kennedy House Restoration Project. We are excited to see work get started on this important project and will see it through to completion.

## **CITY OF WINNIPEG HERITAGE DESIGNATIONS**

During the 2021-2022 year, our Executive Director appeared in delegations via Zoom many times at Community Committees, Standing Policy Committees, Executive Policy Committee and Council to advocate for heritage designations and against insensitive infill, all in an effort to protect Winnipeg's built heritage.

## **CRESCENTWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD**

The Heritage Conservation Districts bylaw was successfully passed in spring of 2019 and Armstrong's Point neighbourhood was the first area to receive heritage conservation district status. Now we are working with the Crescentwood neighbourhood to support their efforts in becoming the second heritage conservation district in the city, which has become more significant after the loss of the Gordon House at 514 Wellington Crescent.

## **EAST EXCHANGE DISTRICT PROPOSED INFILL - 127 BANNATYNE AVENUE**

The construction of a modern, 12 storey, 145 foot building was proposed for 127 Bannatyne Avenue in the East Exchange District. In addition to the proposed design being in stark contrast to its historic surroundings, this new building would exceed the City of Winnipeg's maximum allowable height in the area of 100 feet, setting a dangerous precedent that could result in more high rise development in the Exchange District. Heritage Winnipeg spoke in delegation in opposition of the variance, which was denied. Winnipeg firmly believes that with stakeholder consultation and a design that respects the historic context, this could be a successful building project that enhances the neighbourhood.

## **EXCHANGE DISTRICT PLAN 2022**

Heritage Winnipeg was disappointed by the lack of opportunity to participate in the Exchange District Plan 2022, a 25 year plan that will inform the City's upcoming Downtown Secondary Plan. Although the plan was adopted by Winnipeg City Council in February 2022, Heritage Winnipeg feels it is still important to look into a possible heritage conservation district nomination for the Exchange District. The area is too unique to just be part of an overall Downtown Plan - it needs more transparent checks and balances. We look forward to ongoing discussions with all stakeholders to help ensure the area's conservation.



# Advocacy Updates

## **GORDON HOUSE - 514 WELLINGTON CRESCENT**

Since the demolition of the house, Heritage Winnipeg has continued to work with the community to ensure future development of the site is respectful of the neighbourhood's historic character. On March 3, 2022, Heritage Winnipeg and residents of Crescentwood spoke at the Appeals Committee in opposition of a variance, critical to the redevelopment of the site. Originally denied by the City Centre Community Committee on January 11, 2022, the decision on the variance was being appealed by the property owner. Thankfully the appeal was denied again, pushing the developer to rethink their plans, including the design, for at least one year.

## **GREGG BUILDING - 52 ALBERT STREET**

Heritage Winnipeg spoke in support of the Gregg Building owner, Knysh Construction, at a meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, asking for their vacant building inspection fee and empty building fee to be refunded. We believe the historic building should not be labeled as vacant while the owner is working diligently to redevelop the space. Our delegation, along with the owner, was well received by the Councillors and most of the fees paid are to be refunded by the City.

## **HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY BUILDING - 450 PORTAGE AVENUE**

Heritage Winnipeg was very pleased to be included in the group working to find a new use for this historic building. After many years of being involved in various ways, we were so excited that on April 22, 2022, Earth Day, the downtown Hudson's Bay Company building was going to be gifted to the Southern Chiefs' Organization by the HBC. This Indigenous lead project will see the building redeveloped as a mixed-use space. It will be an important step forward in adaptively reusing this historic building and in reconciliation as a country.

## **JAMES AVENUE PUMPING STATION - 109 JAMES AVENUE**

In 2020, Heritage Winnipeg held our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Preservation Awards in the newly completed commercial space, home to ThinkShift, in the James Avenue Pumping Station. At the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Preservation Awards in 2022, the project received recognition from Heritage Winnipeg for the painstaking rehabilitation of the original James Avenue Pumping Station building. The James Avenue Pumphouse restaurant opened in the fall of 2021 and the new mixed use additions are now underway. The additions are a compromise that helped make this important heritage building viable after many decades of being vacant.

## **J.C. FALLS HOUSE - 36 ROSLYN ROAD**

After very careful discussions and consultations regarding the situation the new owner faced, and with a heavy heart, Heritage Winnipeg spoke in delegation to support the delisting of the J.C. Falls House. We always strive to find a solution that will conserve built heritage but are also willing to acknowledge there are rare occasions when the right choice is to let the past go so we can move forward. We were able to secure more stakeholder involvement and consultations on the materials, scale, and design of the forthcoming replacement building.



# Advocacy Updates

## **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.

### **ODD FELLOWS HOME - 4025 ROBLIN BOULEVARD**

The Assiniboia Community Committee approved the zoning variance for a 199 residential unit building at 4025 Roblin Boulevard, adjacent to the Odds Fellows Home. The committee's Councillor Kevin Klein also recommended a motion that the Odd Fellows Home be nominated for a heritage designation by the Director of Property, Planning & Development. Heritage Winnipeg supports the proposed nomination and looks forward to the final recommendation, hoping the building's structure and integrity will be protected during the new development.

### **OLD ST. BONIFACE CITY HALL - 219 PROVENCHER BOULEVARD**

The City of Winnipeg's announcement that both the Old St. Boniface City Hall and former St. Boniface Fire Hall (212 rue Dumoulin) would be sold to Manitoba Possible for \$10,000 caused outcry in Manitoba's francophone organizations. After an 11-hour hearing with the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development on March 15, 2021, it was decided that the Old St. Boniface City Hall will be sold to the Société de la francophonie manitobaine. Heritage Winnipeg was in support of protecting this historic building for community use.

### **RELIABLE SERVICE STATION - 98 ALBERT STREET**

After the demolition of the Reliable Service Station and the proposal of a new, ultra-modern building in its place, as of March 2022 no construction has begun. It is disappointing to see a vibrant heritage building be destroyed, only to be replaced with a vacant lot. Heritage Winnipeg will continue to monitor the situation and lobby the City to reconsider the ultra-modern replacement building design, which is in complete contrast to the historic streetscape.

### **RUBIN BLOCK - 270 MORLEY AVENUE**

Heritage Winnipeg, along with South Osborne Village residents, have been advocating for the Rubin Block since it was vacated in 2014. The vacant building has the potential to serve its community as much needed affordable housing and retail space. The recent loss of buildings on Main Street to fire has sparked concern that the Rubin Block could face the same fate. We were pleased to help bring this issue to light and will continue to advocate for it to be fully occupied once again, as a vibrant part of the neighbourhood.

### **ST. BONIFACE BUILT HERITAGE - 227 & 233 PROVENCHER BOULEVARD**

On January 17, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development heard our Executive Director, along with many other delegates, speak in support of designating two heritage buildings in St. Boniface. The City owned building at 233 Provencher Boulevard (Health Unit building) was designated through a unanimous vote. On February 24, 2022, City Council approved privately owned 227 Provencher Boulevard (St. Boniface Police Station building) being added to the List of Historical Resources. It is a wonderful sign of the growing appreciation and support for Winnipeg's modernist heritage.



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