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celebrating Winnipeg's  
built heritage!*

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# *Heritage Winnipeg's* **ANNUAL REPORT** 2022 - 2023

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## OUR MISSION

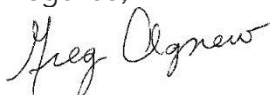
To promote and encourage the conservation of historic/heritage structures and sites and attend to those matters which enhance and complement this purpose. Emphasis will be on restoration, revitalization, preservation, education and advocacy, in order to augment the cultural inheritance of the community,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

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Hello fellow heritage supporters. Welcome. Another year is soon to pass us by, but our job is never done. Everyday we seem to be losing a heritage building to demolition or fire. That is sad, but we must not get discouraged. Our work continues on to save our heritage buildings and what they mean to the history of the City of Winnipeg. The movie industry has returned again with over four films made in part in Winnipeg, so far. And why do they come here? For our heritage buildings and streetscapes in a small area of the city, mainly the Exchange District. It puts money into the city coffers, and builds our reputation as the place to come and film. The Exchange District is not protected, so we have to be ever so prudent in knowing what is planned at all times. We at Heritage Winnipeg thank you for your continued support in our work to keep Winnipeg's history alive with its unique buildings, downtown and around the city.

Regards,



Greg Agnew

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Province of Manitoba contributed \$22,300 in 2022-2023 and the City of Winnipeg grant was \$31,275. Heritage Winnipeg would like to thank The Winnipeg Foundation for their generous financial support which helped ensure our sustainability through COVID-19 when all our in person fundraising events were put on hold. To view our complete audited financial statements, please contact the Heritage Winnipeg office.

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# THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, talents and funds to Heritage Winnipeg! Our dedicated membership plays a vital role in sustaining our organization with their ongoing support along with everyone who donated through the Great Canadian Giving Challenge in June and the December Donation Drive. The Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg also provided invaluable assistance throughout the year, along with all our volunteers. It is with your generosity that Heritage Winnipeg's important work, including advocacy, programming, resources and educational projects, can continue.



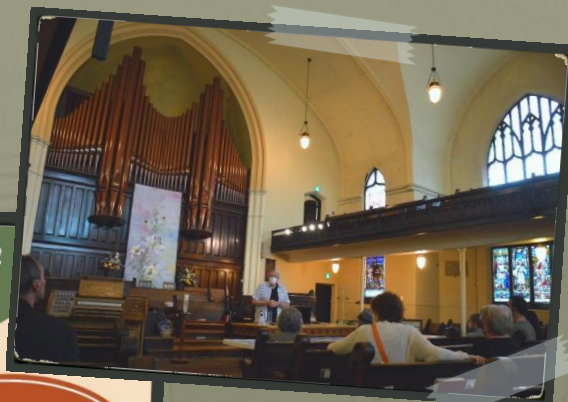




# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Through presentations, blogs, projects, social media, partnerships, mentoring and our resources centre, we continue to educate and collaborate with the community to promote and support heritage conservation.





May 28 & 29, 2022

HERITAGE WINNIPEG

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# DOORS OPEN WINNIPEG 2022

Everyone was excited to get out and celebrate during Heritage Winnipeg's 19<sup>th</sup> annual Doors Open Winnipeg on May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> with interesting buildings, engaging tours and fun events all welcoming the public for free!

# DOORS OPEN WINNIPEG 2022

With new buildings, events and tours – along with returning favourites, Doors Open Winnipeg 2022 had something amusing for everyone! Kids were excited for the second year of the scavenger hunt, fun selfies were being posted for the social media contest and people were dressed up like it was 1919 for the special screening of the musical *STAND!* at the historic Burton Cummings Theatre. All the hosts did an outstanding job of entertaining and educating thousands of Winnipeggers about their city, and three hard working hosts were presented with People's Choice Awards for their efforts. It was a wonderful weekend of celebrating the stories our buildings tell!



## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make Doors Open Winnipeg 2022 such a resounding success: the hosts, volunteers, sponsors, and the public that joined us! A special thank you to our President, Greg Agnew, for his dedication to volunteering for this event!

### *Limestone Sponsors*



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# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

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## *Manitoba Underground Opera*

Music returned to the Millennium Centre on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as local singers from the Manitoba Underground Opera performed a variety of styles from musical theatre to opera. Free and open to the public, it was a fantastic lunch hour concert. We are always pleased to support the arts, especially local non-profit organizations.

## *2022 Manitoba Heritage Summit*

The third province wide gathering of the heritage community took place October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 through a virtual event. Organized by the eight provincial heritage organizations, the diverse event explored the state of heritage in Manitoba, Indigenous heritage, opportunities and challenges in rural heritage, youth in heritage and more! It was great to see so many professionals and amateurs enthusiastic about heritage join us for this free public event.

## *Night at the Abandoned Bank*

Winnipeg Ghost Walk, in partnership with Heritage Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Ghostbusters, presented a frighteningly fun fundraiser October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 in support of Heritage Winnipeg and the Children's Hospital Foundation. The Millennium Centre was the perfect venue for this spooky event, which received rave reviews from everyone brave enough to attend!

## *37<sup>th</sup> Annual Preservation Awards*

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, Heritage Winnipeg honoured the heritage heroes that went above and beyond in the conservation and celebration of Winnipeg's built heritage in 2022. Four awards were handed out at this free public event at the Millennium Centre, including the first ever "Heritage Sustainability Award." Congratulations to all the deserving winners!

## *Virus: Making and Breaking the Pandemic*

Working in partnership with Pattern Interactive, this free interactive exhibit explored our community's response to two historic pandemics – Spanish Influenza of 1918 and COVID-19 of 2020. On display in the Millennium Centre from March 24<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, this thought provoking experience offered a new perspective on events that greatly impacted our lives. The exhibit is now available to be viewed online at [pandemicexhibit.ca](https://pandemicexhibit.ca).

## *Doors Open Winnipeg 2023*

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of Doors Open Winnipeg took place on May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, celebrating Winnipeg's amazing building heritage treasures, cultural institutions and historic streetscapes. It was an outstanding weekend that saw thousands of visitors enjoying Winnipeg's diverse heritage – all for free. Thank you to all the generous sponsors, hosts and volunteers that made this event possible!





## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Heritage Winnipeg's goal is to showcase Winnipeg's spectacular built heritage in innovative ways that captivate the public while partnering with like minded organizations that work to promote vibrant communities. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our events this past year!





# PROJECT UPDATES

Heritage Winnipeg continues to pursue our long term projects, remaining committed to ensuring all types of heritage are conserved and celebrated.



# PROJECT UPDATES

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## *The Millennium Centre · 389 Main Street*

Heritage Winnipeg continues to manage this historic building full time; learning, adapting, conserving and allowing it to contribute to the community. Weddings, films, fundraisers and events of all kinds, public and private, have used the building's elegant spaces throughout the year. As we persist in our goal to redevelop the building in its entirety – including the original brass cage elevator – we would like to thank The Winnipeg Foundation for their grant which has helped it remain viable.

## *Streetcar 356*

After some uncertainty, Streetcar 356's current home, the Winnipeg Railway Museum in the history Union Station at 123 Main Street, has been secured for the next 25 years. Work on Streetcar 356 continued to be paused as Via Rail began repairing the roof and windows of the building, and there are also fire code issues that need to be addressed. We look forward to both the Museum reopening and work on Streetcar 356 resuming. Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to support the project!

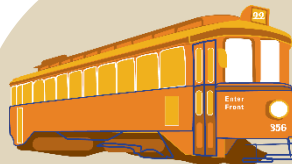
## *Digital Museums Canada · DiscoverIT Architectural Website*

Work continues on the beta version of this bilingual interactive project, created in collaboration with Pattern Interactive. We are confident that the final version will be both engaging and educational, encouraging people to learn about Winnipeg's built heritage while giving them the tools to discover the built heritage in their own back yard. Thank you to Digital Museums Canada for funding this project!

# THANK YOU

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# ADVOCACY UPDATES

## *Municipal Heritage Designations*

Heritage Winnipeg has been tirelessly speaking in support of heritage designations at Winnipeg's City Hall. As a result, both the Odd Fellow Home (4025 Roblin Boulevard) and West Kildonan Library (365 Jefferson Avenue) were added to the City of Winnipeg's List of Historical Resources in January 2023 while the owners of Leacock House (442 Scotia Street) had their bid to remove the home's protective heritage designation denied. Unfortunately, efforts to have Roxy Lanes (385 Henderson Highway) designated were unsuccessful despite community support.

## *City of Winnipeg Archives*

After years of advocacy by Heritage Winnipeg and others for the return of the City of Winnipeg Archives to their home in the Carnegie Library building (380 William Avenue), progress has been made! The City of Winnipeg's 2023 Capital Budget includes \$12.6 million for returning the archives to their historic home, which will be the perfect project to celebrate Winnipeg's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## *Crescentwood*

Heritage Winnipeg was thrilled when Crescentwood-Enderton Park became Winnipeg's second Heritage Conservation District on March 23, 2023 after years of advocating alongside the community. We continue to work with residents to speak against the proposed historically insensitive redevelopment of 514 Wellington Crescent, which has been a serious concern after the demolition of the original historic house that stood on the property.







# ADVOCACY UPDATES

Heritage Winnipeg speaks on behalf historic buildings in crisis, provides resources and support for building owners, government, media and the public, and collaborates with like minded organizations.





## ADVOCACY UPDATES

Heritage Winnipeg believes that protecting our community's built heritage fosters healthy, unique, dynamic, environmentally friendly and fiscally viable neighbourhoods that we can all be proud to call home for generations to come!



# ADVOCACY UPDATES

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## *Exchange District*

Heritage Winnipeg has continued to advocate for the appropriate design of the infill project proposed for 127 Bannatyne Avenue. While densification is important, so is maintaining the integrity of the streetscape in this national historic site. Meanwhile, Heritage Winnipeg is pleased to support the historically sensitive redevelopment of the Gregg Building (52 Albert Street), with an owner that has persevered through many obstacles.

## *Vacant Buildings*

Heritage Winnipeg has spoken at City Hall in support of charging vacant building owners for fighting fires on their properties. We hope this will help end the rash of fires in vacant buildings and encourage vacant heritage building owners to redevelop or sell.

## *Downtown Hudson's Bay Company Building*

Heritage Winnipeg is excited for the redevelopment of the Hudson's Bay Company Building (450 Portage Avenue) which was gifted to the Southern Chiefs' Organization. We hope this Indigenous mixed used project will return vibrancy to this landmark heritage building.

## *Beyond Winnipeg*

With no provincial built heritage organization, Heritage Winnipeg has joined forces with the Kennedy house Renewal Committee to advocate for the conservation of the Captain Kennedy Tea House in St. Andrews. As a result of this partnership, the house is slowly moving towards being reopened with the Province undertaking necessary sewer, foundation and interior work.

## *Recognition*

Heritage Winnipeg was honoured to be recognized by the Friends of West Kildonan Library for our advocacy work regarding the West Kildonan Library (365 Jefferson Avenue). It was a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group and we are elated that the library is now a protected heritage building. Thank you!





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