

## New Registered Heritage Designations Approved

**St. John's, NL October 24, 2007** – The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (HFNL) has designated three new buildings in the Province as Registered Heritage Structures.

“The latest three properties that met the designation requirements of the Foundation are: **The William Pardy Property** in Bonavista; **Billy Wheeler House** in Keels; and the **Fishermen's Museum** in Musgrave Harbour. HFNL approved 13 structures for designation, and granted \$178,000 to 16 Registered Heritage Structures in 2007”, says Dale Jarvis, Heritage Preservation Officer.

“We designate provincially significant buildings twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall. The foundation looks at several things when they consider a building for designation including the architectural value of the building, how it was built, how old it is, and if it is a good example of a particular style or type of construction”, says Jarvis.

The benefits of designation include a bronze plaque, and listing on the Canadian Register of Historic Places, a national website for all heritage properties in Canada. The website currently lists nearly 500 historic places from Newfoundland and Labrador that have been designated by the foundation, the federal government, or by municipal councils. The register is online at [www.historicplaces.ca](http://www.historicplaces.ca).

The deadline for applications to have a building designated as a Registered Heritage Structure and grant applications is March 01, 2008. In order to qualify for grants, a property must be a Registered Heritage Structure. Additional information and/or applications can also be downloaded from HFNL's website at [www.heritagefoundation.ca](http://www.heritagefoundation.ca)

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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **About the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador:**

The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador HFNL was established in 1984 to stimulate an understanding of and an appreciation for the architectural heritage of the province and to support and contribute to the preservation and restoration of buildings of architectural or historical significance in the province. Since its creation, the Foundation has designated 279 buildings as Registered Heritage Structures. It has disbursed nearly \$1.5 million in restoration grants across Newfoundland and Labrador, with an estimated economic spin off of close to eight times that amount.

To view designated structures, visit [www.heritagefoundation.ca](http://www.heritagefoundation.ca).

### **DESIGNATED PROPERTIES:**

#### **Fishermen's Museum, Musgrave Harbour-**

Constructed 1910, This store was also referred to as the Union Cash Store, as part of its original purpose was to have fishing families deal in cash rather than credit or barter as with the merchant system. It is one of the most distinctive buildings in Musgrave Harbour, and one which evokes a sense of time and place, set against the seascape. Its vernacular design, simple rectangular form, low-pitched roof, wood post foundation, narrow clapboard siding and cornerboards, and wooden windows and doors are typical for the time and place in which it was built. These combine with telltale features like exterior double doors on both floors and large window openings, and original interior features like wooden floors and ceilings, visible posts and beams, and retail shelving, all of which make the building readily identifiable as an historic general store.

#### **William Pardy House, Bonavista**

The William Pardy Property is located on a hill overlooking Bonavista and the ocean. Enclosed by a fence the property includes 3 original outbuildings: a barn, a workshop and a root cellar. A traditional vegetable garden is located on the site, and all are overlooked by a two-storey Mansard-roofed house. The house displays features typically found in the Bonavista area, including gable roundels, brackets and rounded-dormer windows. The house and its outbuildings were constructed by William Pardy circa 1887 and the property has remained in the family since it was built.

#### **Billy Wheeler House. Keels**

Joseph Wheeler built the house in the late 19th century. His son Billy Wheeler (1891-1964), inherited the house in 1917 and is regarded to this day as one of the premier vernacular furniture makers in Newfoundland, and he was also known as an innovative fishing-boat maker. When Billy inherited the house he began to make improvements and craft furniture for the house, including a built-in cupboard that is now being restored. Billy was the one who added the diamond and lozenge designs to the outside of the house (now restored). The pass-through opening between the kitchen and back kitchen also has the diamond motif. The staircase is exceptional, with a curving banister and keyhole design. When Billy Wheeler died in 1964, the house passed to his son, Jack, who lived alone and with very little resources to keep up the house. Most of the furniture that Billy Wheeler made was collected by the Newfoundland Museum following the death of Jack.

**High resolution photos of all properties can be downloaded at  
[http://www.heritagefoundation.ca/designation\\_photos.html](http://www.heritagefoundation.ca/designation_photos.html)**