

Musgrave Harbour Fishermen's Museum Receives Heritage Designation

St. John's, NL Nov 13, 2007 – The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (HFNL) has designated the former Union Cash Store in Musgrave Harbour as a Registered Heritage Structure.

“The Fishermen's Museum was constructed in 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”, says Heritage Preservation Officer, Dale Jarvis.

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.

Jarvis says that “the Fishermen's Museum was one of three structures approved in the final round of considerations by the Foundation for 2007. HFNL approved 13 structures for designation, and granted \$178,000 to 16 Registered Heritage Structures in 2007.”

“We designate provincially significant buildings twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall. The deadline for applications to have a building designated as a Registered Heritage Structure is March 01, 2008. Additional information and/or applications can also be downloaded from HFNL's website at www.heritagefoundation.ca

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