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**FOUNDATION ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR DESIGNATION & GRANTS
Deadline March 1, 2007**

PROVINCIAL, NL, January 23, 2007 - Do you have an old building that you think deserves recognition? The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (HFNL) is currently accepting applications for Registered Heritage Structures and for funding under its grants program for Registered Heritage Structures. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2007.

“The Foundation looks at several things when they consider a building for designation,” says Dale Jarvis, Heritage Officer HFNL. “We look at 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.”

“Basically, a building must tell an important story,” says Jarvis. “The property must be shown to be important beyond the community level. It must have some value to the region or the province as a whole.”

The foundation designates provincially significant buildings twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall. Restoration grants, however, are only given out once a year.

“We are building on the success of last year’s approach of one granting session a year,” says Jarvis. “By having a single deadline of March 1 each calendar year, we are better able to assess the proposals and approve funding in a timely manner”.

The Registered Heritage Structure grant is available to any owner of a Registered Heritage property. The grant, to a maximum of \$10,000.00, is matched 50/50 with funding supplied by the owner. The funds will assist with preservation measures and/or exterior restorations only.

“These grants help us preserve some of Newfoundland and Labrador’s most important heritage buildings,” says Jarvis. “Since 1984 we have approved over \$2 million in heritage grants, and the interest in our architecture and heritage continues to grow.”

Application forms are available online at www.heritagefoundation.ca, or by calling the office at 1-888-739-1892.