



Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador

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ST. JOHN'S ECCLESIASTICAL DISTRICT DECLARED A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



The St. John's Ecclesiastical District has been declared a National Historic Site. The Federal Minister of the Environment, the Honourable John Baird, awarded the distinction in April.

The district is largely composed of buildings and spaces associated with the Roman Catholic, Anglican, United (formerly Methodist) and Presbyterian denominations.

The collection of ecclesiastical and fraternal buildings, which comprise the district, reflects the pivotal role of the churches in St. John's society in matters spiritual, educational, charitable, political and recreational for more than 175 years.

The district, comprised of over 60 acres of historic lands, buildings and monuments, can be found in the middle of old St. John's, marked by such distinctive buildings as the Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

The Municipal Heritage designation of the St. John's Ecclesiastical District is an expression of the very high value in which the district is held by the community and the National Historic Site status enforces and confirms this value to the nation. The City of St. John's anticipates a formal plaquing ceremony by early 2010.

ENDANGERED PLACES OF FAITH ROUNDTABLE

A roundtable on endangered places of faith will be held in Quebec City on September 27, 2008 as part of the annual conference of the Canadian Land Trust Alliance and the Heritage Canada Foundation.

Participants will include provincial government officials, educators, insurance representatives and heritage advocates. The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador will be represented by Andrea O'Brien, Church Inventory Officer. Ms. O'Brien has been conducting an architectural survey of religious properties in the province and was a key organizer of the recent "Our Historic Religious Buildings: A Stewardship Forum" held in St. John's on June 6-7, 2008.

The roundtable will be a national platform to share experiences and identify challenges faced in the preservation of religious heritage buildings. It will also serve as a first step toward setting a national agenda for the protection of this important part of our built heritage.

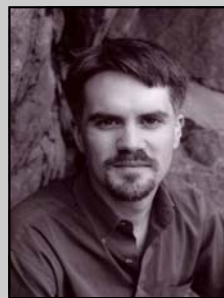
The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador will be publishing a special newsletter highlighting the successful "Our Historic Religious Buildings: A Stewardship Forum" as well as a summary document of the presentations and discussions.



Participants discussing issues at the Our Historic Religious Buildings: A Stewardship Forum held at the Lantern in St. John's in early June. Acting City of St. John's Mayor & HFNL board member Shannie Duff welcomed delegates from across Newfoundland and Labrador.

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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS ICH



The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador, with the financial assistance of the Provincial Government, has appointed the province's first Intangible Cultural Heritage Development Officer.

Veteran HFNL staffer Dale Jarvis has moved from Registrar to the new role.

Dale has worked for 13 years with HFNL. He brings to the position involvement in local storytelling festivals and events, as well as a wide knowledge of the local heritage community. Jarvis is the author of two popular books on Newfoundland and Labrador folklore and ghost stories, and a third book of world ghost stories for young adult readers. He completed his Folklore MA at Memorial University.

The position of ICH Development Officer is the fruition of six years of work in the province, drawing on the work of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), including its 2003 Convention on Intangible Cultural Heritage.

In 2002, Dr. Gerald Pocius of Memorial University's Folklore Department was involved in consultations on an early draft of the UNESCO convention. Over the past six years, Pocius has been working with various provincial government agencies on policies and programs. Anita Best, another MUN Folklore Department graduate, worked for the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in highlighting ICH as one of the main heritage priorities in the province's "Cultural Blueprint: Creative Newfoundland and Labrador," released in 2006.

During that same year, the Association of Heritage Industries organized its annual meeting in St. John's around the theme of ICH, with speakers from the Smithsonian, the American Folklife Center, and the ICH section of UNESCO.

The new provincial folklorist can be reached by telephone at 1-888-739-1892, or by email at ich@heritagefoundation.ca

DOORS OPEN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR 2008



The doors were open at the Gillams' Historical Society Museum as part of Corner Brook's Doors Open event on August 20th, 2008.

Memorial University student Hilary Grant is the coordinator of this year's Doors Open Newfoundland and Labrador program.

The first Doors Open took place in Placentia on July 20th. Communities taking part this year include Carbonear, Corner Brook, the Labrador Straits, Port Union, Trinity and St. John's.

Doors Open St. John's takes place on Sept 6th & 7th with a record 28 sites participating, including MUN Botanical Garden, Government House, Johnson Geo Centre, The Fluvarium, Anna Templeton Center, YellowBelly brewery & public house and many more.

For more information visit www.doorsopendays.com



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MAINTENANCE GRANT PILOT PROJECT ANNOUNCED

The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (HFNL) has launched a pilot program to assist owners of Registered Heritage Structures who have received restoration grants in the past.

HFNL Executive Director George Chalker says that the Maintenance Grant Pilot Program is the board's response to an identified need amongst the owners of Registered Heritage Structures for ongoing assistance in protecting and maintaining their properties.

Properties will be eligible for a Maintenance Grant only after a minimum of five years have elapsed since the last payment of a grant for

that property. Unlike other grant programs offered by HFNL, there will be no fixed deadlines for applications.

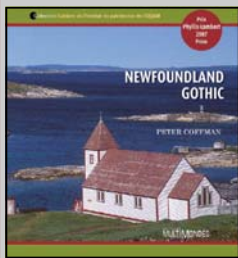
"The maximum grant awarded to a particular designated property must not exceed 50 per cent of the eligible costs, to a maximum amount of \$2,000, and all grants are awarded on a cost-shared 50/50 basis," says Chalker.

An application for a grant shall be made through a Maintenance Grant Application form, and any conditions set forth in that form shall be binding on the applicant. A complete and detailed project description is essential when requesting funding.

Eligible items for cost-sharing within the grant include the following, subject to the satisfaction of the Foundation: any exterior restoration work to repair, preserve, stabilize and/or protect the significant heritage, structural and design features; and repair or restoration of heritage features using original materials in order to emphasize the historic nature of a structure.

If you have questions about the granting process, contact Deborah O'Reilly at 1-888-739-1892. Applications and program guidelines can be downloaded in PDF at www.heritagefoundation.ca

NEWFOUNDLAND GOTHIC BOOK LAUNCH



The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador joined Peter Coffman, Ph.D as he launched his award winning book **Newfoundland Gothic** at the Anglican Cathedral Crypt Tea Room on June 18th.

Officials from the heritage community and Anglican and Roman Catholic churches were on hand for Dr. Coffman's delightful and informative multi-media presentation - which was followed by a book signing.

Copiously illustrated with original photographs showing many previously unpublished monuments, Newfoundland Gothic reveals a fascinating and unique chapter in the history of Canadian architecture.

The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador assisted in ensuring the publication and its breath-taking photography was printed in color. Copies of the book can be purchased from the Foundation or at fine bookstores.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR UNVEILS PLAQUE



L-R: Mr. Ken Flynn, Board Member Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador, Mrs. Shelly Blackmore, Vice-Chair of the Sir William Coaker Heritage Foundation and Hon. John Crosbie, PC, OC, QC, ONL, Lieutenant Governor.

His Honour, Lieutenant Governor, John Crosbie joined the heritage community in Port Union for the official plaquing of the Factory/Advocate Building as a Registered Heritage Structure on August 11, 2008.

Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador board member and Executive Director of MANL, Ken Flynn and Sir William F. Coaker Foundation Vice-Chair Shelly Blackmore joined Mr. Crosbie in unveiling the plaque.

Mr. Crosbie spoke of the contribution made by Sir. William Coaker and Port Union to the province's history. The three storey wooden structure, located on Main Street in Port Union is home to a museum, meeting rooms and the Advocate press.

The Port Union Registered Heritage District is municipally, provincially and federal designated.

HOLYROOD CELEBRATES MUNICIPAL HERITAGE DESIGNATIONS by Lara Maynard

On June 21st the Holyrood Heritage Society held a special event as part of its town's Come Home Year activities. On that day the society unveiled their newly designed municipal heritage plaque, which was installed at four recently designated municipal heritage places:

Lulah-Oh!/Carroll Property: a collection of 1940s structures and wooden buildings, which includes some remarkably well preserved barns and other outbuildings on North Side Road.

Veitch Property: includes a mansard-roofed home overlooking the bay from Station Road, as well as the remnants of outbuildings, a stone retaining wall and an old cart road.

Fjordheim: the former home of Captain Olaf Olsen includes a former maid house and a rock wall with an arched entry made of whale bones on its grounds.

Roman Catholic Chapel Cemetery: the oldest known consecrated cemetery associated with the Roman Catholic faith in Holyrood, it evokes the late nineteenth century period when a mission chapel stood at the site.

"The event drew even very distant family connections of the heritage properties, which gave us new insight into the properties. We were more than pleased with the attendance," says Linda Fraser, President of Holyrood Heritage Society. The society arranged for a bus to bring guests to visit each of the sites, ending with a reception at the Tea Garden Restaurant, located at Fjordheim Municipal Heritage Site.

The event also included a special stop along what was formally Refinery Road, and is now renamed Sir Albert Walsh Drive, after the Holyrood native and first Lieutenant Governor of our province. A commemorative plaque was unveiled to honour his place in history. Dr. Kevin Walsh, son of Sir Albert Walsh, and his family were in attendance, along with Chief Justice Clyde K. Wells and his wife Eleanor.

George Chalker, Executive Director of the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador, attended the event. "Holyrood really

has a breadth of heritage represented among its first municipal heritage designations," he says. "Some of the aspects of the sites that stand out are the barns at the Carroll Property and the lovely old gate which has been restored and erected at the Chapel Cemetery."



Daphne Greene, owner of the Lulah-Oh!/Carroll Property accepts a framed copy of the Statement of Significance for the site provided by the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador, presented by Chief Justice Clyde Wells during the reception held at the Tea Garden Restaurant. Photo courtesy Holyrood Heritage Society Inc.

Linda Fraser and the Holyrood Heritage Society are grateful for the support they had making the municipal heritage designations a reality, and in putting together the special event to celebrate them. "We would like to thank artist Gerry Squires for designing our logo, Images in Slate of South River for supplying the plaques, Furey's Bus Lines, Elizabeth Burry Fine Art and Gift Gallery for their glass production of our logo, and Brendan and Marie Hunt of the Tea Garden for hosting the reception at their newly designated venue.

We are also grateful to the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador and its staff, and in particular Lara Maynard, Municipal Outreach Officer for her dedication to our efforts. Most certainly we thank the existing owners of the heritage properties who willingly supported our efforts in recognizing the important role of their properties to our town and province's culture and traditions."

"Feedback from the event is quite complimentary and positive," says Fraser. "The Town Council is proud of the event and we have had several inquiries from other heritage property owners who want to pursue municipal heritage designations."



Unveiling the municipal heritage designation plaque at the recently restored Roman Catholic Chapel Cemetery. Pictured left to right are: Fr. Patrick Offin, Priest in Residence Holyrood/Harbour Main; Fr. Pio Sumbilon, Administration; Roger Roy, Treasurer, Holyrood Heritage Society; Phil Lewis, Past President of Holyrood Heritage Society and Chair of Cemetery Committee; Brendan Hunt, Member of Holyrood Heritage Society; Shirley LaCour, Member of Holyrood Heritage Society; Margaret Swinimer, Member of Holyrood Heritage Society; and Linda Fraser, President of Holyrood Heritage Society. Photo courtesy Holyrood Heritage Society Inc.