



BELL ISLAND No.2 MINE HERITAGE STRUCTURE DESIGNATION

OCTOBER 24, 2008 - The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador is proudly participating in the celebration of the Registered Heritage Structure Designation for the Bell Island No.2 Mine on Monday, October 27th.

The Bell Island No. 2 Mine is the site of an early twentieth century iron ore mine located in the community of Wabana on Bell Island and also under the waters of Conception Bay. The No. 2 Mine was first begun in 1902 by the Nova Scotia Steel Company Ltd. Bell Island was a major producer to the world steel market during the early 1900s. The No. 2 Mine ceased operations in 1949, though other Bell Island mines continued to operate until 1966, ending 71 years of an industry that saw 79 million tons of ore extracted and sold worldwide.

The designation is confined to the area defined by the entrance or collar of the mine at ground level, excluding any above-ground structures, to a depth along the Main Slope to Mine Level 23 at a distance of 650 feet from the entrance, and extending on both sides of the main slope to a width of two “rooms”. It is accessed through an underground entranceway located in the basement of the Bell Island No. 2 Mine and Museum.

Heritage and community leaders will be participating in a ceremony on October 27th at 2:45 p.m. at the Bell Island No. 2 Mine and Museum building in Wabana. A bronze plaque, provided by the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador indicating the heritage significance of the structure, will be unveiled.

The Heritage Foundation works together with Newfoundland and Labrador communities to promote the municipal and provincial designations. Under the Municipalities Act, communities can designate their heritage places, whether they are buildings, other structures, or lands.

The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador is a non-profit organization which was established by the Provincial Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in 1984 . It's mandate is the protection and preservation of our province's built heritage.

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