

HERITAGE LETTER

News from the Heritage Division's Heritage Property Program * Winter 2008

The Heritage Property Program (HPP) is pleased to present the twice annual Heritage Letter for provincial heritage property owners that will provide updates on the program and related issues affecting heritage property owners. We welcome your comments, suggestions and stories.

Advisory Council on Heritage Property

Peter Sheehan, Chair of the Advisory Council on Heritage Property (ACHP), welcomed Gordon Harmer back for his second term with the Council. Two council sessions were held in 2007 (July 26 and December 14), with a third session planned for March 18, 2008. In addition, the Annual Reports for the ACHP (covering the periods of 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006) have been prepared and will be sent to all MLA's, members of Council, registered provincial property owners, libraries and interest groups.

Heritage Properties: Recent Recommendations

At the July 26, 2007 session of the Advisory Council on Heritage Property, recommendations to the Minister were made on a few properties. Based on these recommendations, two properties were added to the Provincial Registry by the Minister. The first, **Hampton Lighthouse**, is located on a hill overlooking the Bay of Fundy, with its prominence above Chute Bay serving as a reminder of its navigational heritage in Nova Scotia. Built in 1911, the Hampton Lighthouse has a square floor plan and a centrally mounted lantern.

The second property is the **Ottawa House**, a property used as a community museum and located on Partridge Island (near Parrsboro). The property is valued for its association to early trading in Nova Scotia, its personage association to Sir Charles Tupper, and its unique architectural and Acadian construction style. Constructed in c.1770, it operated as a focal point for travelers, military deployments, trade and commerce for many years prior to its use as a prestigious country inn.

Heritage Day - February 18, 2008

Heritage Day, held on the third Monday of February, is the opportunity for Canadians to celebrate our architectural heritage and historic places of Canada. To mark this day in Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Historic Places Initiative (NSHPI) will present a *Points in Time Map* to the Town of Annapolis Royal for its role in building awareness of its heritage with the use of the on-line Register of Historic Places (www.nshistoricplaces.ca).

Outreach Activities of the Heritage Property Program

Kevin Barrett, Program Coordinator, has made a series of presentations to communities throughout Nova Scotia. To date, 13 presentations have been made to various heritage advisory committees, members of municipal council, and local residents. Each presentation provided information on the *Heritage Property Act*, opportunities for designating properties, and conservation grants.

Joint presentations with the NSHPI were made to the Municipality of the District of Digby and the Town of Bridgetown. A joint session was also held with the Annapolis County Heritage Advisory Committee to discuss the criteria used when scoring properties under consideration for municipal heritage registration.

Heritage Property Grants

The HPP has been reviewing the various grant applications made for **Conservation Work, Conservation Advice, and Materials and Labour Grants**. As a reminder, all applications must be completed and final claims made to our office by **March 10, 2008**.

For more information on registrations, grants or any other heritage matter, please contact our office at **902-424-5647** or visit our website at http://gov.ns.ca/dtc/heritage/heritage_heritageproperties.asp.

Municipal Notes

- ❑ The Heritage Canada Foundation presented **Marilyn Wilkins** (County of Annapolis Royal) with the National Achievement Award for her heritage advocacy and volunteerism. Nominated by the Annapolis County Heritage Advisory Committee, she was recognized for her 16 years serving as a local councillor promoting heritage within the community, and her role as chair of the committee.
- ❑ The **DesBrisay Museum** has developed materials for two new heritage property tours of Bridgewater. The first self-guided tour includes a stroll down Pleasant Street, and the second is for a stroll through Bridgewater's older neighbourhoods. The brochures include detailed background stories for each heritage property based on information found on the on-line Register of Historic Places (www.nshistoricplaces.ca). This material was created using the heritage reports developed by the Provincial and Municipal Heritage Property Programs. As described by **Barb Thompson, Director** of the DesBrisay Museum, the access to on-line heritage information for each property made the development of the brochures an easy project that will be of use to local residents and visitors of Bridgewater. For more information, please contact Barb at bthompson@bridgewater.ca.
- ❑ In March 2008, **Linda Campbell** will be retiring from her roles as **Heritage Coordinator** for both the **Town and District of Yarmouth**. Linda began her role in heritage preparing inventory site forms for the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth. In 1995, both the Town and District of Yarmouth offered her a position of Heritage Coordinator, where she has researched and coordinated the municipal registration of numerous heritage properties. She developed the first heritage conservation district for Yarmouth, and served as Heritage Officer to ensure building design guidelines are met. Recently, Linda has been working on developing a second heritage conservation district for Yarmouth. Linda's role with heritage is not limited to the Yarmouth area. She has been a Board Member of the Provincial Heritage Property Owners Association of Nova Scotia, Friends of the Yarmouth Light, and the Old Beaver River/Port Maitland Cemetery's Preservation Society; a member of the organizing committee for the three heritage planners conferences held in Nova Scotia; and has been a valued resource for many heritage professionals. Best wishes for a happy retirement, Linda.

Nova Scotia Historic Places Initiative

The NSHPI has been working within the Heritage Division at the Department of Tourism, Culture & Heritage for the past few years. The program offers new opportunities to celebrate heritage in Nova Scotia and to educate stewards of heritage on the proper conservation of their properties. **Jeffrey Reed, Standards and Guidelines Officer**, has been promoting the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*. He has been hosting a series of **training modules** to ensure property owners and heritage officials are aware of this conservation tool. If you would like to discuss a possible training session, please call Jeffery at 902-424-3727.

The on-line Register of Historic Places is a searchable database that is available to anyone interested in heritage. To access the Register, please go to www.nshistoricplaces.ca. **Meghan Hallett** has returned to her position as **Senior Registrar** in the fall of 2007. If your property is not on the Register, please contact Meghan at 902-424-4379.

Heritage Conference - Re-using old Buildings: March 19-20, 2008

The 3rd Annual Heritage Planner's Conference will be held in **Yarmouth** March 19-20, 2008. Titled **Re-using old Buildings - tool and techniques for their adaptive re-use**, this conference will include discussions with developers and heritage experts, property owners and advocates for heritage and provide opportunities to explore adaptive reuse of registered heritage buildings. A summary of the conference will be provided in the Summer 2008 Heritage Letter. For more information, please call **902-424-4634**.



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