

**2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT
ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION
MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM**

1. MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation continues to be the Government of Alberta's primary means of providing support to heritage organizations, communities, municipalities and individuals as they conserve historic places and conduct heritage research, education and awareness projects.

Through the foundation's many programs (including the Heritage Preservation Partnership Program, the Provincial Heritage Markers Program, the Geographical Names Program and the biennial Heritage Awards), we have achieved solid and consistent results as we help Albertans preserve and protect our unique historic resources and promote our rich and diverse history.

I would like to acknowledge the staff of the Historic Resources Management Branch of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, whose assistance and technical expertise continue to be of great benefit to the foundation in carrying out its mandate. I would also like to thank the board members whose term appointments expired this year: Josh Traptow, Aimee Benoit, Kurt Paterson and Michael Dougherty.

On behalf of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, it is a pleasure to submit the 2015-16 annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Laurel Halladay
Chair
Alberta Historical Resources Foundation

2. OVERVIEW

Mandate

Created under the *Historical Resources Act* (Chapter H-9), the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation is a corporation accountable to the Minister of Culture and Tourism. The foundation is responsible for providing financial and technical assistance for heritage projects, for making decisions on naming geographical features and for hearing representations on proposed designations of historic resources.

Profile

The foundation's mission is to encourage initiatives that preserve and interpret Alberta's rich heritage. The foundation is the Government of Alberta's primary access point for heritage preservation funding.

Fund transfers from the department were \$8.2 million in 2015-16, while actual expenditures were down from \$9.6 million in 2014-15 to \$8.5 million in 2015-16. The difference in budget and expenditures is balanced by additional transfers from the ministry.

The foundation reports directly to the minister through the board chair, and receives professional, technical and administrative support from the Historic Resources Management Branch of the department. A mandate and roles document specifies the accountabilities and reporting relationships. The foundation

is also governed by a code of conduct that reflects the board's commitment to the foundation's values and provides a guide to ethical conduct for all the members.

Board of Directors

The foundation is governed by a board consisting of individuals from across the province with a shared passion for preserving and promoting Alberta's heritage. The foundation can have up to 13 board members. In 2015-16, the foundation had 11 board members. In December 2015, Fred Bradley completed his three-year term as Chair and retired after over nine years of service as a board member. Dr. Laurel Halladay was appointed as interim Chair on January 2016 for a term of six months. The terms of four members (Aimee Benoit, Michael Dougherty, Kurt Paterson and Josh Traptow) expired on March 31, 2016, leaving the foundation with six board members. A recruitment plan was developed to fill seven board positions in 2016.

Committees

Two standing committees have been established to carry out some of the work of the foundation.

The **Strategic Planning Committee** was formed to develop and review the strategic plan. Subcommittees were formed to work on selected action items that were identified in the Strategic Plan 2015-19. These are the Communications/Marketing, Board Assessment and Heritage Fairs Subcommittees.

The **Heritage Awards Committee** is responsible for reviewing nominations to the biennial heritage awards and recommending winners to the board. The next heritage award presentation is in October 2016.

Board Meetings and Heritage Events

Four board meetings were held this year: May 23, 2015 and November 27-28, 2015 in Edmonton, September 12, 2015 in Lloydminster and March 4-5, 2016 in Calgary. The board had the opportunity to meet the Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism in May and with the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation in September. Board members also represented the foundation at a number of events such as annual general meetings and conferences held by the provincial heritage organizations.

Linkages to the Ministry's Business Plan

The foundation's programs are linked to two desired outcomes articulated in the ministry's business plan for 2015-18.

Desired Outcome One: Alberta has a thriving culture that is valued by Albertans.

Desired Outcome Two: Alberta's rich heritage is promoted, and historical resources are preserved and accessible to Albertans, Canadians and international audiences.

3. RESULTS ANALYSIS

Strategic Planning

The foundation led by the Strategic Planning Committee developed a Strategic Plan 2015-19. The planning process established four areas of strategic focus: organization and corporate culture; advocacy and leadership; stakeholder relations; and engagement and awareness. Each area consists of several strategic goals and associated action items or initiatives. Work on two action items from the Strategic Plan began this year.

Board Assessment

Department staff conducted two board assessment surveys in November 2015 – an individual board member assessment and an assessment of the board as a team. The results suggest that the foundation has a strong and effective board. The Board Assessment Subcommittee reviewed and updated the survey questions and developed an assessment schedule to incorporate into the board's annual cycle beginning 2016-17.

Logo and Branding

The board took part in a logo and branding exercise on March 5, 2016. This exercise strongly indicated the need to update the logo and improve the foundation's visual identity. The foundation will begin the work on the logo and branding initiative in the coming year.

Heritage Preservation Partnership Program

The Heritage Preservation Partnership Program (HPPP) is a project-based grant program that provides financial assistance as well as technical and professional advice to a variety of heritage initiatives. Through this program, the foundation assists non-profit organizations, corporations, individuals and municipalities in preserving, interpreting and promoting Alberta's heritage.

Matching grants are available for the conservation of historic places and transportation/industrial artifacts and a range of heritage awareness, publication and research projects that promote greater understanding of Alberta's heritage. The program also offers two scholarships: the Roger Soderstrom Scholarship and the Bob Etherington Heritage Trades Scholarship.

Grants Approved

The foundation approved 125 grants and three scholarship awards with a value of over \$2.2 million (see Appendix 2). The department's heritage conservation advisors in the Historic Resources Management Branch continued to manage demand by helping applicants phase conservation projects over several years and by coordinating the timing of application submissions.

The foundation also approved two special grants. The Société historique francophone de l'Alberta will receive \$10,000 to support operating and programming expenses for 2016-17. The Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary will receive a total of \$114,000 to develop the Graduate Certificate Program in Heritage Conservation and to provide scholarships. A grant amount of \$30,000 was approved for 2016-17 for curriculum development and \$28,000 each year for scholarships from 2016-17 to 2018-19.

The list of grant recipients may be accessed at <http://albertalotteryfund.ca/AlfWhoBenefitsApp/>.

Grants Paid

The foundation paid over \$2 million in grants and scholarship awards (see Appendix 3). Grants were paid upon receipt of signed funding agreements (where applicable) and a thorough review of submitted invoices and/or receipts of actual expenses incurred. In the case of conservation grants, heritage conservation advisers review grant claims and closely monitor projects to ensure that all work complied with the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*.

Policy Changes

To improve the effectiveness of the program, the board approved some policy changes associated with several funding categories.

The use of the **Bob Etherington Heritage Trade Scholarship** was expanded. Previously, this funding category was a scholarship fund available only to trade apprentices or certified journeymen in Alberta that wish to take training in heritage conservation. Funding will now also be available to Albertans who are not in the trades but would like to take training in heritage conservation, as well as to organizations who offer training in heritage conservation to Albertans. As a result, the name was changed to the Bob Etherington Heritage Conservation Fund.

The practice of providing **historic resource conservation grants** for work already completed at the time of application was discontinued in February 2015 but was reinstated in February 2016. A review indicated that allowing applicants to apply for funding after project completion is valuable in cases such as urgent or emergency work.

Graduate students were previously allowed to receive a maximum of two **Roger Soderstrom Scholarship** awards. The policy was refined to allow individuals to receive one award per degree program.

Municipal Heritage Services Programs

Following a decision made by the previous government, the Municipal Heritage Partnership Program (MHPP) and Alberta Main Street Program (AMSP) were eliminated at the beginning of the 2015-16 fiscal year.

With the elimination of these programs, the two MHPP applications were approved under the Heritage Preservation Partnership Program's (HPPP) research grant category. The AMSP applications, however, were denied as these projects do not fit in the funding parameters of HPPP (see Appendix 4).

The foundation honoured the funding commitment for projects approved in previous years. A total of \$141,318 was paid towards MHPP projects, including \$18,505 towards AMSP projects.

National Trust for Canada Conference 2015

The foundation collaborated with the National Trust for Canada's annual conference, "*Heritage Energized*", held October 22-24, 2015 in Calgary. The foundation and the Historical Resources Management Branch participated in planning and coordinating the Alberta content of the conference. The Alberta delegates indicated that the conference provided a unique opportunity to gather valuable insights and tools to promote heritage preservation and appreciation.

In addition to providing complimentary registrations to Alberta delegates, the foundation also provided a heritage awareness grant of \$7,000 in support of the Moh-Kins-Tsis Calgary Indigenous Heritage Roundtable held as part of the conference.

Support to Provincial Heritage Organizations

The foundation continued to provide annual funding to six provincial heritage organizations (PHOs) to support the delivery of programs and services essential to fulfill their mandates.

The foundation paid a total of \$2,121,900 to the following organizations:

- Alberta Museums Association - \$1,701,600
- Archives Society of Alberta - \$213,800
- Historical Society of Alberta - \$94,100
- Alberta Genealogical Society - \$36,200
- Archaeological Society of Alberta - \$36,200
- Government House Foundation - \$40,000

Funding to Glenbow Alberta Institute

The Glenbow Alberta Institute received \$3,588,000 in 2015-16 through a three-year service agreement with the ministry to maintain provincially-owned collections of cultural artifacts and scientific specimens.

Indigenous Heritage Grants

The department proposed to develop an Indigenous granting stream under HPPP to actively support projects on Indigenous heritage. This aligns with the Government of Alberta's priority of improving collaboration with the Indigenous community. Work on this proposal is underway.

Provincial Heritage Markers Program

The foundation funds the design, production and installation of heritage markers to promote greater awareness of the historical people, places, events and themes that have defined the character of the province. Three requests for heritage markers were considered. One request was approved. Two requests were denied (see Appendix 5). The subjects of the proposed heritage markers are of local rather than of provincial significance. The board has encouraged the unsuccessful applicant to re-apply in the future for a grant under the Heritage Awareness category.

Five heritage markers were installed this year: Whiskey Gap in Cardston County, Romanian Settlement near Boian, the Peace River Fur Trade in Peace River, the Raymond Stampede in Raymond, and the Shaftesbury Settlement at the St. Augustine's Mission site, also in Peace River.

Alberta Geographical Names Program

This program evaluates proposals from individuals and organizations pertaining to naming of geographical features in Alberta. The board considered six naming proposals. Three proposals were approved, two were denied as the proposals did not conform with the principles of geographical naming and one was tabled pending further consultation (see Appendix 6).

Provincial Designation Hearing

The foundation conducted a hearing of representations pertaining to the proposed designation of the Tipton Investment Company Building in Edmonton (10428 – 82 Avenue) as a Provincial Historic Resource. The hearing was held in Edmonton on February 12, 2016. Representations by the owner's representatives, Edmonton's heritage stakeholders and department staff were heard by the board. The minister chose to proceed with the provincial designation.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial statements of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation are included in the ministry's annual report and can be accessed at <http://www.culture.alberta.ca/about/annual-report/2016/2015-16-annual-report.pdf>.

**Appendix 1
Board of Directors**

Name / Position / Date Appointed	Current Term	Total Years Served Including Current Term
BRADLEY, Frederick Member (September 27, 2006) Chair (January 2013 to December 2015)	January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015	9 years, 3 months (3 terms)
BENOIT, Aimee Member (April 23, 2014)	April 23, 2014 to March 31, 2016	2 years (1 term)
BIDULOCK, Geraldine Member (December 2, 2010)	April 23, 2014 to March 31, 2017	6 years, 4 months (2 terms)
DOUGHERTY, Michael Member (April 23, 2014)	April 23, 2014 to March 31, 2016	2 years (1 term)
FRIEDEL, Joe Member (December 2, 2010)	April 23, 2014 to March 31, 2017	6 years and 4 months (2 terms)
GAETZ, Robert Member (December 2, 2010)	April 23, 2014 to March 31, 2017	6 years and 4 months (2 terms)
HALLADAY, Laurel (Dr.) Member (December 2, 2010) Chair (January to July 2016)	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017	7 years and 1 month (3 terms)
KIRCHNER, Jennifer Member (December 19, 2014)	December 19, 2014 to December 31, 2017	3 years (1 term)
MILLAR, Leah Member (December 2, 2010)	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017	7 years and 1 month (3 terms)
PATERSON, Kurt Member (April 23, 2014)	April 23, 2014 to March 31, 2016	2 years (1 term)
TRAPTOW, Josh Member (April 23, 2014)	April 23, 2014 to March 31, 2016	2 years (1 term)

Appendix 2
Heritage Preservation Partnership Program
Grant and Scholarship Applications Processed

Category	Amount Approved	Number of Applications				
		Approved	Tabled	Denied	Total Processed	Withdrawn
Architectural/Engineering Services	\$163,910	16		1	17	
Historic Resource Conservation	\$1,554,190	65	10		75	14
Transportation/Industrial Artifact Conservation	\$18,250	1			1	
Total	\$1,736,350	82	10	1	93	14
Heritage Awareness	\$83,050	9	1	7	17	
Publications	\$66,150	11	1		12	
Research	\$327,040	23	3	6	32	
Total	\$476,240	43	5	13	61	
Roger Soderstrom Scholarship	\$25,000	3		2	5	
Grand Total	\$2,237,590	128	15	16	159	14

**Appendix 3
Heritage Preservation Partnership Program
Grants Paid**

Category	Amount Paid
Transportation/Industrial Artifact Conservation	\$10,524.88
Studies and Architectural/Engineering Services	\$112,102.30
Historic Resource Conservation	\$1,481,494.16
Total	\$1,604,121.34
Special grant	\$22,500.00
Heritage Awareness	\$58,782.78
Publications	\$41,330.00
Research	\$257,943.62
Total	380,556.40
Roger Soderstrom Scholarship	\$25,000.00
Total	\$25,000.00
Grand Total of Grants Paid	\$2,009,677.74

**Appendix 4
Municipal Heritage Services Programs
Applications Processed**

Applicant	Project	Decision
Municipal Heritage Partnership Program		
Town of Raymond	Municipal heritage inventory	Approved funding of \$20,000 each under the Heritage Preservation Partnership Program
City of Edmonton	Municipal heritage inventory – Glenora Neighbourhood	
Alberta Main Street Program		
Camrose Historic Main Street Society	Marketing grant	Denied
Olds Institute for Community and Regional Development	Design grant	Denied
	Economic development grant	Denied
	Marketing grant	Denied
	Organization grant	Denied

**Appendix 5
Heritage Markers Program
Processed Applications**

Applicant	Topic	Decision
Athabasca Landing Trail Steering Committee	Athabasca Landing Trail	Approved
Lucien Raymond Duigou	Gourin School District No. 4755	Denied
Lucien Raymond Duigou	Gourin General Store, Café and Post Office	Denied

Appendix 6
Alberta Geographical Names Program

Naming request	Decision
Adopt the name Silver Lake for a small alpine lake in Banff National Park near Castle Mountain	Denied
Adopt the name Whispering Pines Lake for a small lake in the Wildcat Hills northwest of Cochrane	Denied
Confirm the 1999 decision to rescind the name Squaw Coulee for the coulee, southwest of Nanton	Approved
Confirm the 1999 decision to adopt the name Women's Coulee for the coulee near Cayley and High River	Approved
Confirm the 1999 decision to rescind the name Old Women's Buffalo Jump and adopt the name Women's Buffalo Jump for the sandstone cliff near Cayley	Approved
Rename Mount Petain – a mountain located on the Alberta-British Columbia boundary – to Mount Frederick Banting	Tabled pending consultation with the Government of British Columbia