

**2014-15 ANNUAL REPORT
ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION
MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM**

1. MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation has been the province's primary instrument to support the work of heritage organizations, communities, municipalities and individuals to conserve historic places and to conduct heritage research, education and awareness.

Through our many programs including the Heritage Preservation Partnership Program, Municipal Heritage Partnership Program, Alberta Main Street Program and the Provincial Heritage Markers Program, the foundation has supported the efforts of Albertans to preserve and protect Alberta's significant historic resources and promote Alberta's rich and diverse history.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the staff of the Historic Resources Management Branch of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism whose assistance and technical expertise have been of great benefit to the foundation in carrying out its mandate.

This year, Geraldine Bidulock, Bob Gaetz and Joe Friedel returned as valued members of the Board of Directors and were joined by new board members Aimee Benoit, Michael Dougherty, Kurt Paterson, Lorne Simpson, Josh Traptow and Jennifer Kirchner. Don Totten retired after over eight years of dedicated service to the foundation while Laurel Halladay and Leah Millar were renewed for another term. Board deliberations have benefitted from the expertise of the existing, returning and new board members, and as chair I would like to acknowledge their significant contributions to the work of the foundation.

On behalf of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, it is a privilege to submit the 2014-15 annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Bradley, 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 community-based 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. In 2014-15, actual expenditures were close to \$9.7 million.

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 minister affirmed the document in January 2015.

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 comprised of a board consisting of individuals from across the province with a shared passion for preserving and promoting Alberta's heritage. In 2014-15, the foundation had 13 board members. Appointments include three previous board members and six new board members. The terms of two members were renewed and one board member retired after over eight years of service (see Appendix 1). A board orientation was held in Edmonton in conjunction with the board meeting in May 2014.

Committees

The Strategic Planning Committee was formed this year to review and develop the foundation's strategic plan. Committee members are Kurt Paterson, Aimee Benoit, Bob Gaetz and Michael Dougherty. Fred Bradley and Matthew Wangler are ex-officio members.

The Heritage Awards Committee is responsible for reviewing nominations to the heritage awards and recommending winners to the board. The committee met in July to review the nominations submitted to the 2014 Heritage Awards. The committee consists of Laurel Halladay (Chair), Joe Friedel, Josh Traptow and Geraldine Bidulock.

Strategic Planning

Following the creation of the Strategic Planning Committee, the board held their first strategic planning meeting on February 27, 2015 at the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology. With the help of a facilitator, the board successfully took the initial step in the strategic planning process.

Board Meetings and Community Events

Four board meetings were held this year: May 9-10, 2014 and November 28-29, 2014 in Edmonton, September 12-13, 2014 in Pincher Creek and February 27-28, 2015 in Drumheller. Each board meeting included guided tours followed by meetings with heritage stakeholders. Board members also represented the foundation at a number of events including unveiling and anniversary celebrations, annual general meetings and conferences.

Linkages to the Ministry's Business Plan

The foundation's programs are linked to the core businesses, goals and strategies identified in the ministry's business plan for 2014-17 as follows:

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

3. RESULTS ANALYSIS

Heritage Preservation Partnership Program

The Heritage Preservation Partnership Program provides financial, technical and professional assistance to a variety of heritage initiatives. Matching grants are available for the conservation of historic places and transportation and 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. Through these grants and scholarships, the foundation continues to assist not-for-profit organizations, corporations, individuals and municipalities in undertaking heritage projects.

Grants Approved and Paid

In 2014-15, the foundation approved 135 grants from the Heritage Preservation Partnership Program with a total value of \$2,545,760 (see Appendix 2). This includes a grant of \$300,000 awarded to the Edmonton Public School Board for the conservation of the McKay Avenue School, a Provincial Historic Resource located in Edmonton. A one-time grant of \$22,500 was also awarded to the Société Historique Francophone de L' Alberta for operating and programming expenses. The list of grant recipients can be accessed at <http://www.ccs.alberta.ca/heritage-and-museums/grants-and-recognition/>.

The department's heritage conservation advisers in the Historic Resources Management Branch continued to manage the high demand for the grant program. This has been accomplished by helping applicants phase conservation projects over several years and by coordinating the timing of applicant submissions.

The foundation paid a total of \$2,391,691 in grants for the Heritage Preservation Partnership Program (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 continued to 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*.

The foundation also approved funding for the conservation of the Chinese Laundry building, a non-designated historic resource located in the Provincial Historic Area of Fort Macleod. The funding approval was contingent on the owner's consent to provincial designation. The department was also directed by the board to discuss cost-sharing options with the owner and the town.

Policy Updates and Clarifications

The board approved a number of policy updates and clarifications. These changes were effective February 2015. The significant changes are as follows:

- For conservation, applicants are limited to receive one approved grant for conservation and one approved grant for studies and architectural/engineering services per historic place per calendar year. One historic place refers to one designation order.
- For the heritage awareness category, the maximum grant was increased from \$5,000 to \$15,000.
- For the publications category, the maximum grant was increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000.
- Eligibility of projects and expenses was reviewed and clarified for heritage awareness, publication and research applications.

- For all grant categories, expenses incurred after the date of receipt of the grant application will be considered for funding. Applications will be considered in the next appropriate grant cycle.

Rating System for Heritage Awareness, Publication and Research Grants and Scholarship

The process for evaluating heritage awareness, publication and research grants and scholarship applications was reviewed to improve clarity, conciseness and consistency. The technical evaluation templates were revised and a rating system was developed. These were adopted beginning September 2014.

Municipal Heritage Services Programs

The foundation continued to encourage communities and municipal governments to undertake heritage planning and conservation projects. This was accomplished through the delivery of advisory services and grant funding through the Municipal Heritage Partnership Program and the Alberta Main Street Program.

Municipal Heritage Partnership Program

Municipal governments applied on an as-needed basis throughout the year for 50/50 cost-shared funding for heritage surveys, inventories and management plans. Total grants of \$232,971 were awarded to 10 projects (see Appendix 4). Following the terms and conditions outlined in the funding agreements, a total of \$179,267 was paid. These payments are for grants awarded this year or in previous years.

On October 16-17, 2014, approximately 140 stakeholders from over 35 municipalities gathered at the Lacombe Memorial Centre for the eighth annual Municipal Heritage Forum. The forum's theme is "New Ideas for Historic Places: Conservation through Technology and Innovation". The forum continues to serve as an excellent opportunity for communities to learn best practices and help create a future for Alberta's historic places.

Alberta Main Street Program

The Alberta Main Street Program continued its efforts to expand the number of communities with historic commercial areas. Membership in the network is a key first step for communities interested in conserving their historic commercial districts. Communities that are able to maintain the highest standards of performance are eligible for accreditation as Alberta Main Street communities.

The accredited Main Street communities to date are Old Strathcona (Old Strathcona Foundation), City of Camrose, City of Lethbridge (Downtown Lethbridge), Town of Olds (Uptowne Olds) and the Town of Wainwright.

Meetings for Main Street Coordinators were organized to provide opportunities for information sharing and program updates. Coordinator meetings were held in Lethbridge, Edmonton and Camrose.

The foundation approved six Alberta Main Street grants worth \$49,181 (see Appendix 5) and paid a total of \$73,750 for completed projects. Also approved were two requests from the City of Camrose to reallocate residual funds.

Heritage Canada the National Trust Conference in 2015

The foundation is collaborating with the Heritage Canada the National Trust's (HCNT) annual conference *Heritage Energized* to take place on October 22-24, 2015 in Calgary. The foundation contributed \$36,000 to HCNT to integrate the Municipal Heritage Forum with their conference and to provide complimentary registrations to 120 Alberta delegates.

Support to Provincial Heritage Organizations

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

The foundation paid a total of \$2,230,000 to the following organizations:

- Alberta Museums Association - \$1,790,000
- Archives Society of Alberta - \$225,000
- Historical Society of Alberta - \$99,000
- Alberta Genealogical Society - \$38,000
- Archaeological Society of Alberta - \$38,000
- Government House Foundation - \$40,000

In February, the Alberta Museums Association, Archives Society of Alberta, Historical Society of Alberta, Alberta Genealogical Society and Archaeological Society of Alberta gathered to present their annual reports. This meeting provided a rare opportunity for networking and future collaboration. The organizations are interested in having a follow-up meeting.

An intern from the University of Alberta's Not-For-Profit Internship Program developed a template for the five organizations to use when submitting annual reports to the foundation.

Funding to Glenbow Alberta Institute

The Glenbow Alberta Institute received \$3,776,000 through a service agreement with the ministry to maintain provincially-owned collections of cultural artifacts and scientific specimens.

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. Two requests were approved and three were denied (see Appendix 6).

Three heritage markers were installed this year: the St. Edmund's Anglican Church urban/trail heritage marker in Big Valley, the David Thompson roadside heritage markers near Hinton, and the Drumheller roadside heritage marker. Efforts were made to coordinate the installation of the markers with important events to allow local stakeholders to hold an unveiling event.

A comprehensive review of the program was conducted using the following principles: that the public fully understand the program, that the whole breadth of provincially significant themes is covered and that the existing markers are managed strategically.

With these principles in mind, the following were proposed and approved by the board:

- Revise the application form to improve clarity.
- Clarify the difference between the Heritage Markers Program and the Heritage Awareness granting stream.
- Limit the application deadline from two deadlines to one deadline of October 1st.

Alberta Geographical Names Program

The board approved two naming proposals. The proposal were to officially reinstate the name "Gourin" for a locality in Athabasca County and to adopt "McLean Lake" as the official name for a small water feature east of the City of Lethbridge.

Provincial Designation Hearing

The foundation conducted hearings of representations pertaining to the provincial designation of the Barron Building located in Calgary. The hearing was held in Calgary on May 28, 2014. Representations were made by the building's owner and developer, Calgary's heritage stakeholders and department staff. The minister's decision was not to proceed with the provincial designation.

Heritage Awards

The Heritage Awards Committee reviewed 41 nominations for the Heritage Awards and recommended 10 winners and two Honourable Mentions. The winners are listed below.

Heritage Awareness Awards

- Edmonton's Architectural Heritage Website (Edmonton Historical Board)
- Peoples of the North Saskatchewan Festival (Fort Saskatchewan Historical Society)
- Forgotten Alberta Website (Jonathan Koch)
- Life of the Trail Publication Series (Emerson Sanford and Janice Sanford Beck)

Heritage Conservation Awards

- Gleichen Water Tower, Gleichen (Wheatland County)
- Old YWCA, Calgary (CommunityWise Resource Centre)

Municipal Heritage Preservation Award

- City of Medicine Hat

Outstanding Achievement Awards

- Oliver Glanfield, Fort Chipewyan
- Marshall Rolling, Fairview
- Glenys Smith, Camrose

Honourable Mentions

- Municipal Heritage Preservation: Town of Peace River
- Heritage Awareness: Retrouvailles 100th Anniversary Homecoming (St. Jean Baptiste Historical Society)

Awards were presented to the winners on October 16, 2014 in Red Deer in conjunction with the Municipal Heritage Forum.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial statements of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation are included in the ministry's annual report and can be accessed at <http://culture.alberta.ca/about/annual-report/2015/2014-15-ahrf-financial-statements-june-24-2015.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)	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) Vice chair (February 2013)	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)
SIMPSON, Lorne Member (April 23, 2014)	April 23, 2014 to March 31, 2015	1 year (1 term)
TOTTEN, Don Member (September 27, 2006)	March 15, 2012 to December 31, 2014	8 years and 3 months (3 terms)
TRAPTOW, Josh Member (April 23, 2014)	April 23, 2014 to March 31, 2016	2 years (1 term)

Appendix 2
Heritage Preservation Partnership Program
Grant Applications Processed

Category	Amount Approved	Number of Applications				
		Approved	Tabled	Denied	Total Processed	Withdrawn
Architectural/Engineering Services	\$202,785	20		1	21	
Historic Resource Conservation	\$1,941,690	64	2	5	71	3
Transportation/Industrial Artifact Conservation	\$9,420	1			1	
Cemetery Conservation						
Total	\$2,153,895	85	2	6	93	3
Heritage Awareness	67,160	12	1	6	18	1
Publications	\$52,750	12			12	
Research	\$219,455	17	2	6	25	
Roger Soderstrom Scholarship	\$52,500	9			9	
Bob Etherington Heritage Trades Scholarship				1	1	
Total	\$391,865	50	3	13	66	1
Grand Total	\$2,545,760	135	5	19	159	4

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

Category	Amount Paid
Studies and Architectural/Engineering Services	\$130,803
Historic Resource Conservation	\$1,976,101
Transportation/Industrial Artifact Conservation	\$20,000
Total	\$2,126,904
Heritage Awareness	\$37,034
Publications	\$22,500
Research	\$150,198
Total	\$209,732
Roger Soderstrom Scholarship	\$55,054
Bob Etherington Heritage Scholarship	
Total	\$55,054
Grand Total of Grants Paid	\$2,391,691

**Appendix 4
Municipal Heritage Partnership Program
Grants Approved**

Grant Recipient	Project	Amount Approved
City of Edmonton	Heritage inventory for the Calder Neighbourhood	\$30,000
City of Red Deer	Heritage survey	\$30,000
City of Calgary	Heritage survey for Inglewood Main Street	\$20,000
City of Medicine Hat	Heritage inventory phase 3	\$11,471
City of Lethbridge	Heritage inventory phase 3	\$5,500
Municipality of Crowsnest Pass	Heritage inventory phase 3	\$30,000
Yellowhead County	Heritage management plan	\$20,000
Strathcona County	Heritage inventory phase 2	\$6,000
Town of High River	Heritage inventory phase 3	\$20,000
City of Lloydminster	Heritage survey and inventory	\$60,000
Total Grants Approved		\$232,971

**Appendix 5
Alberta Main Street Program
Grants Approved**

Grant Recipient	Project	Amount Approved
Old Strathcona Foundation	Coordinator salary subsidy	\$24,000
	Organization grant	\$3,000
	Design grant	\$8,721
	Organization grant	\$4,000
Camrose Historic Main Street Society	Organization grant	\$2,960
Olds Institute for Community and Regional Development	Organization grant	\$6,500
Total approved 2014-15		\$49,181

**Appendix 6
Heritage Markers Program
Processed Applications**

Applicant	Topic	Decision
Bezanson Agricultural Society	Old Bezanson Townsite	Denied
Vulcan County	Village of Bow City, Alberta	Approved
Glendon & District Historical Society	How the Village of Glendon Got Its Name	Denied
Stephan G. Stephansson Icelandic Society	Icelandic Settlement	Approved
Pioneer Treshermans Association at Triangle	Historical Triangle Alberta	Denied