

**2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT
ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION
MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM**

1. MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

For over forty years, the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation has been 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.

The board formally committed to implementing the principles and objectives of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. As such, the board will ensure that the foundation's programs and activities will align with these principles.

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, Bob Gaetz and Geraldine Bidulock.

On behalf of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, it is a pleasure to submit the 2016-17 annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Laurel Halladay

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 provincial 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. In 2016-17, \$8.5 million was spent administering and delivering the foundation's programs.

The foundation reports directly to the minister through the board chair, and receives professional, technical and administrative support from the Historic Resources Management Branch, Ministry of Culture and Tourism. 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. The mandate and roles documents of all public agencies within the ministry will be reviewed to ensure consistency.

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. With the recruitment of seven board positions, the foundation has 13 board members at the end of 2016-17 (Appendix 1).

Dr. Laurel Halladay was designated as interim Chair from January to July 2016 and then appointed as Chair for a term from September 2016 to December 2017.

In January 2017, Aimee Benoit was designated as Vice Chair. Two previous members (Michael Dougherty and Aimee Benoit) whose term expired on March 31, 2016, were reappointed. Five new members were also appointed: Shabnam Inanloo Dailoo, Bill Kells, Ruby Littlechild, Jan Olson and Evert Poor. The appointment of Joe Friedel, which expired on March 31, 2017, was extended for another term.

Committees

Two standing committees and several subcommittees carry out some of the work of the foundation.

The **Strategic Planning Committee** develops and reviews 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. With the appointment of new board members in 2016-17, the membership of these committees will be reviewed and Terms of Reference will be developed in 2017-18.

The **Heritage Awards Committee** is responsible for reviewing nominations to the biennial heritage awards and recommending winners to the board.

Board Meetings and Heritage Events

Four board meetings were held in 2016-17: May 27-28, 2016 in Edmonton; October 14, 2016 in Calgary; November 25, 2016 in Fort Saskatchewan and February 24, 2017 in Fort Macleod.

Highlights of these meetings include the adjudication of grants in May and November 2016; meeting with the Provincial Heritage Organizations in October 2016 and the orientation of board members in February 2017.



The board on a guided tour of the Fort Heritage Precinct in Fort Saskatchewan, November 25, 2016



The board on the main street of Fort Macleod, February 24, 2017

Board members also represented the foundation at a number of events such as annual general meetings and conferences hosted by the provincial heritage organizations and events associated with projects funded by the foundation.

Linkages to the Ministry's Business Plan

The foundation's programs are linked to one of the outcomes articulated in the ministry's business plan for 2016-19.

Outcome One: Vibrant communities and diverse cultural opportunities enhance Albertans' quality of life

The foundation's grant programs increase the capacity of individuals and organizations to undertake initiatives that preserve and interpret Alberta's rich heritage. Such initiatives contribute to a better quality of life for Albertans.

3. RESULTS ANALYSIS

Heritage Preservation Partnership Program

The Heritage Preservation Partnership Program (HPPP) is the Government of Alberta's primary window for funding heritage preservation in communities across the province. Through this program, the foundation assists non-profit organizations, corporations, individuals and municipalities in preserving, interpreting and promoting Alberta's heritage.

The program provides project grants as well as technical and professional advice to a variety of heritage initiatives. 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 funding through the Roger Soderstrom Scholarship and the Bob Etherington Heritage Conservation Fund. The Roger Soderstrom Scholarship provides funds to students doing research in a graduate or extended study program in heritage fields such as architectural preservation,

historic resource management, archaeology, history and palaeontology. The Bob Etherington Heritage Conservation Fund aims to develop skills in heritage conservation by providing financial support to individuals attending training and organizations delivering training in the conservation of historic buildings.

Grants Approved

The foundation approved 146 grants and six scholarship awards with a value of over \$2.2 million (see Appendix 2). Among the projects that were approved for funding were the conservation of the First Presbyterian Church in Edmonton and research on the history of Driftpile Cree Nation's historic cabins.

The list of grant recipients may be accessed at <http://www.culturetourism.alberta.ca/about/grants/previous-grant-recipients-database/default.aspx>.

The department's heritage conservation advisers 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.

Grants Paid

The foundation paid close to \$2.2 million in grants and scholarship awards (see Appendix 3). Among the projects funded were the restoration of the Lac La Biche Mission and the installation of heritage markers at the Village of Delia.

Grants were paid upon receipt of signed funding agreements (where applicable) and a review of submitted invoices and/or receipts of actual expenses incurred. In the case of conservation grants, heritage conservation advisers reviewed grant claims and closely monitored projects to ensure that all work complied with the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*.

Policy Changes

The foundation recognized that Indigenous heritage projects often have distinctive requirements that need a tailored approach. In response to this, provisions were included for conserving historic places on reserve lands under federal jurisdiction, as well as provisions on expenses that are unique to Indigenous research and interpretation projects. The intent of the policy change is to encourage more projects on Indigenous heritage.

Updated Funding Guidelines and Application Forms

The updated funding guidelines and application forms were released on January 2017. The new guidelines incorporated policy enhancements adopted in 2015-16 and 2016-17. All application forms were revised to improve the efficiency of the grant application process.

Support to Provincial Heritage Organizations

The foundation continued to provide annual funding to five provincial heritage organizations (PHOs) to support the delivery of their programs and services. Each organization promotes the preservation and interpretation of Alberta's heritage within a particular field.

The foundation paid a total of \$2,080,000 to the following organizations:

- Alberta Museums Association - \$1,700,040
- Archives Society of Alberta - \$213,600
- Historical Society of Alberta - \$94,020
- Alberta Genealogical Society - \$36,170
- Archaeological Society of Alberta - \$36,170

In October 2016, a forum was organized to explore opportunities for collaboration among the PHOs. The forum was attended by representatives from the five PHOs and facilitated by Community Development Officers of the Community Development Unit, Ministry of Culture and Tourism.

Funding to Glenbow Alberta Institute

The Glenbow Alberta Institute received \$3,588,000 in 2016-17 through a three-year service agreement with the ministry to provide curatorial care and reasonable public access to provincially-owned collections. The collections consist of art, artifacts, archival materials and published works that document the history of Western Canada.

Heritage Awards

The sixth biennial Heritage Awards were presented on October 14, 2016, at the historic McDougall Centre in Calgary. The Heritage Awards Committee reviewed 29 nominations and recommended 10 winners and four honourable mentions.

Heritage Awareness Awards

- **“Discover Crowsnest Heritage” Signage Program:** a self-guided driving route and walking tours that increases tourism opportunities and public awareness of the Crowsnest Pass area’s rich heritage.
- **Haying in the 30’s:** an annual event that showcases and celebrates Alberta’s heritage through demonstrations of farming traditions.

Heritage Conservation Awards

- **Glen Leslie Church Restoration, County of Grande Prairie:** the comprehensive and successful restoration of a 100-year-old log building.
- **Empress Canadian Pacific Railway Station Rehabilitation, Empress:** a massive restoration project which revived the historic station’s character.

Municipal Heritage Preservation Awards

- **Municipal District of Bighorn:** the successful development of a heritage survey, inventory and heritage management plan to guide in their efforts to preserve and promote Big Horn’s history.
- **Yellowhead County:** the successful development of a heritage survey, inventory and heritage management plan.

Outstanding Achievement Awards

- **Don Hepburn (Red Deer):** a passionate voice for heritage education and preservation in Red Deer.
- **Dr. Howard Fredeen (Lacombe):** dedicated to recording and sharing the history of Lacombe and surrounding area in the last 40 years.
- **Jean Johnstone (Lethbridge):** an untiring dedication and passion for heritage in the Lethbridge community.
- **Nancy Millar (Calgary):** has shared the unique stories of Alberta through her books over the last 36 years.

Honourable Mentions

- **Heritage Awareness:** “Canuck Classic: The Story of a Treasured One-Room School”: published by the Bear Lake Canuck Historical Society, this book captured the history of the Canuck School and also contributed to preserving Grande Prairie’s regional history and the broader story of one-room schools in Alberta.
- **Heritage Awareness:** Milo Library Archives On-Line Access Project: established an archive and a searchable database of its holdings to preserve and provide public access to the archival materials of the Village of Milo.
- **Outstanding Achievement Awards:** Elizabeth and Bill Bullick received outstanding achievement awards for being actively involved in their community, particularly as dedicated long-time volunteers of the Coronation Heritage Park and Museum.
- **Municipal Heritage Preservation Award:** Town of Raymond: The town successfully completed a heritage survey and a historic context paper and was working on a heritage inventory.



Recipients of the Heritage Awards during awards night held on October 14, 2016 at the historic McDougall Centre in Calgary

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 for heritage markers were considered. One request was tabled and one request was approved (see Appendix 4).

Alberta Geographical Names Program

This program evaluates proposals from individuals and organizations pertaining to the naming of geographical features in Alberta. There were no proposals presented to the board this year.

Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

In November 2016, the board formally committed to implementing the principles and objectives of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) as the foundation’s framework for reconciliation. The board passed a number of resolutions in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Calls to Action (see Appendix 5).

Updating the Foundation's Visual Identity

Work on the foundation's visual identity continued. The board identified updating the logo as a priority as the current logo is dated and does not align with the foundation's current focus on Alberta's diverse history. A committee was formed to lead this initiative. Graphic designers from the Historic Sites and Museums Branch, Ministry of Culture and Tourism facilitated several workshops that explored the values and character that the logo should embody. The new logo will be developed in 2017-18.

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.culturetourism.alberta.ca/about/annual-report/>.

**Appendix 1
Board of Directors
As of March 31, 2017**

Name / Position / First Date of Appointment	Current Term	Total Years Served Including Current Term
BENOIT, Aimee Member (April 23, 2014) Vice Chair (January 18, 2017)	January 18, 2017 to January 10, 2020	5 years (2 terms)
BIDULOCK, Geraldine Member (December 2, 2010)	April 23, 2014 to March 31, 2017	6 years, 4 months (2 terms)
INANLOO DAILOO, Shabnam Member (January 18, 2017)	January 18, 2017 to January 10, 2020	3 years (1 term)
DOUGHERTY, Michael Member (April 23, 2014)	January 18, 2017 to January 10, 2020	5 years (2 terms)
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 27, 2016)	September 14, 2016 to December 31, 2017	7 years (3 terms)
KELLS, Bill Member (January 18, 2017)	January 18, 2017 to January 10, 2020	3 years (1 term)
KIRCHNER, Jennifer Member (December 19, 2014)	December 19, 2014 to December 31, 2017	3 years (1 term)
LITTLECHILD, Ruby Member (January 18, 2017)	January 18, 2017 to January 10, 2020	3 years (1 term)
OLSON, Jan Member (January 18, 2017)	January 18, 2017 to January 10, 2020	3 years (1 term)
MILLAR, Leah Member (December 2, 2010)	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017	7 years and 1 month (3 terms)
POOR, Evert Member (January 18, 2017)	January 18, 2017 to January 10, 2020	3 years (1 term)

Appendix 2
Heritage Preservation Partnership Program
Grant and Scholarship Applications Adjudicated
April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017

Category	Amount Approved	Number of Applications			Total Adjudicated
		Approved	Tabled	Denied	
Architectural/Engineering Services	\$171,480	17	2	1	20
Historic Resource Conservation	\$1,627,375	84	7	1	92
Transportation/Industrial Artifact Conservation	\$0			1	1
Total	\$1,798,855	101	9	3	113
Heritage Awareness	\$108,160	18	3	9	30
Publications	\$26,030	7	0	5	12
Research	\$234,240	20	2	9	31
Total	\$368,430	45	5	23	73
Grants Total		146			
Roger Soderstrom Scholarship	\$37,500	5	2	2	9
Bob Etherington Heritage Conservation Fund	\$12,800	1			1
Total	\$50,300	6	2	2	10
Grand Total	\$2,217,585	152	16	28	196

Appendix 3
Heritage Preservation Partnership Program
Grants Paid
April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017

Category	Amount Paid
Transportation/Industrial Artifact Conservation	\$6,895.12
Studies and Professional Services	\$150,429.70
Historic Resource Conservation	\$1,602,778.36
Total	\$1,760,103.18
Heritage Awareness	\$66,915.14
Publications	\$49,490.00
Research	\$199,473.38
Other projects	\$68,000.00
Total	\$383,878.52
Roger Soderstrom Scholarship	\$37,500.00
Grand Total of Grants Paid	\$2,181,481.70

**Appendix 4
Heritage Markers Program
Processed Applications
April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017**

Applicant	Topic	Decision
Grassland Pioneer Historical Society	The Plain Trail from Carleton	Tabled
Delia Historical Society	Violet Barrs, First Woman to Become Mayor in Canada	Approved with modifications

Appendix 5
Board Resolutions in Response to the
Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action

- That board members formally commit to implementing the principles and objectives of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) as the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation's framework for reconciliation. That our foundation and its policies, programs and practices comply with the principles and objectives of UNDRIP.
- That as a sign of respect and recognition, each board meeting of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation shall begin with an acknowledgement of the host Indigenous Peoples and their treaty territory.
- That Alberta Historical Resources Foundation will take advantage of educational opportunities for board and staff members to develop intercultural competency and anti-racism strategies.
- That the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation will be prepared to provide input and guidance to the Government of Alberta regarding Indigenous heritage matters, and that when possible, the foundation will financially support worthy post-secondary research on Indigenous topics.
- That the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation shall inform all Provincial Heritage Organizations and their chapter/member groups that the foundation funds, that the foundation supports the principles and objectives of UNDRIP and that the foundation expects that they do the same.
- That the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation will support the preservation and interpretation of cemeteries associated with residential schools, at the behest and with the guidance of the associated Indigenous communities.
- That in places and situations where the local Indigenous community gives approval, the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation's Heritage Markers program will make it a priority to mark and provide interpretative signage at the locations of residential schools in this province.