

CHM is a province-wide association of Municipal Heritage Advisory Committees (MHACs). These committees are established by municipal councils to advise them on community heritage matters.

The goal of Community Heritage Manitoba (CHM) is to support member MHACs in their efforts to identify, protect and interpret the heritage of their communities.

#### Member benefits:

- reduced registration rates to the annual CHM conference
- reduced registration rates to CHM-sponsored workshops and seminars
- subscription to CHM "Express" newsletter
- free "On Track" information bulletins, with updates on grant programs, community support and volunteer recruitment
- voting privileges (MHAC members only)

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## Where do you get funding for your community heritage project after you've exhausted all the usual sources?

### Come to Neepawa on October 18 and find out!

Raising funds for heritage projects can be a daunting task. Money seems to be scarce and becoming more so.

Where do you turn, after you have gone repeatedly to your local municipal council or the one or two government grant programs available to you. Do you get the distinct impression that you are beginning to wear out your welcome and running out of options? You can run only so many raffles before you run out of sponsors willing to donate items, or rely on the generosity of local residents and former residents for cash donations.

A major portion of any heritage project involves locating the necessary funds. It is a difficult, but necessary step in any project. Also, it is not an easy or enviable task for committee members to undertake.

If you feel that your group has tapped out all the usual local sources of funding, and are unsure of where to turn, you need to attend the 2008 Community Heritage Manitoba conference in Neepawa on October 17 & 18.

Pat Hardy and Allan Sawchuk, two individuals with extensive experience in alternative sources of funding, will be sharing their knowledge on funding sources for heritage projects, such as major corporations and charitable foundations.

Learn where and how to locate new sources of funding by attending the 2008 CHM Conference in Neepawa. For more information call Cal Martin at 322-5235.

## Introducing Sheryl Kolt, Community Heritage Consultant

The Historic Resources Branch of Manitoba Culture, Heritage, Tourism & Sport is pleased to announce the addition of Sheryl Kolt to the HRB team, as a Community Heritage Consultant, beginning on June 2, 2008.



Sheryl is a dynamic heritage professional with 16 years of experience in community heritage resource management, specializing in museums and archives, grantsmanship, public relations, and communications. She possesses a Bachelor of Arts (History, Religion) degree from the University of Manitoba and has earned a Certificate in Museum Practice from the Association of Manitoba Museums.

Sheryl was Museum Curator for the Transcona Historical Museum (13 years) and has served on the Heritage Grants Advisory Committee (2003-2008) along with many

other committee and volunteer positions.

Recognized for building support for community heritage at the grass roots level, Sheryl has received numerous communication and leadership awards presented by the local branches of national/international organizations that include the Royal Canadian Legion, Rotary, Toastmasters, as well as local community groups and organizations.

The skills, knowledge and enthusiasm which Sheryl brings to her work will be a huge asset to Historic Resources Branch. Sheryl is married and she and husband Jack have two children Christopher and Marisa Lynne.

Sheryl is keen to keep informed of museum highlights and activities and invites you to forward any "muse news" to her. If you are planning a new museum project or have questions about museum programs, Sheryl can be reached at (204) 945-5585 or 1-800-282-8069 + ext. 5585 or by e-mail at: Sheryl.Kolt@gov.mb.ca

## Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee News

**Brandon MHAC** has been very active so far in 2008. It's many activities and projects include developing a four year Heritage Resource Management Plan and updating the walking tours and guide books. It continues to erect bronze plaques at each of its designated municipal heritage sites with 16 erected to date. It organized Brandon's Sixth Annual Doors Open event on July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> which was again highly successful. Interpretive banners on the city's heritage resources have been produced and used in a promotional display. A Cemetery Walking Tour has been published. A resource library data base providing heritage conservation and preservation articles and bulletins is being created for the City of Brandon web site, which already hosts information on over 300 of the city's heritage buildings.

**Stonewall MHAC** recently produced and published a 16-page pamphlet entitled: *Town of Stonewall Heritage Walking Tour*. The pamphlet highlights 18 of the community's heritage attractions. It also includes a site location map, photos and short histories of the heritage buildings, cairns and sites, as well as archival photographs of the town and quarry. To receive a copy, or for information on the project contact the Stonewall MHAC at (204) 467-7980 or E-mail: stoneqp@stonewall.ca

**Gimli MHAC** in partnership with Becky Raddatz, an Historic Places Initiative funded student at the Historic Resources Branch, recently prepared a Neighbourhood Heritage Character Statement (NHCS) for Loni Beach, a 1912 cottage subdivision adjacent to the town. The statement highlights how street layout, lot orientation, and even drainage maintain and reflect heritage value of the community. This heritage statement will be used to support recommendations made by the Gimli MHAC to the planning board on future development in and around Loni Beach. Through such initiatives the MHAC members also hope to become more engaged with municipal planners to raise the importance of "community" planning as opposed to just "land use" planning.

**Lac du Bonnet MHAC** in 2008 erected a series of plaques commemorating various significant themes and sites present during the district's early decades. The 10 bronze plaques, some with photos and sketches, describe and illustrate such sites as: the former Lac du Bonnet brick plant, the Inter-West Fuel & Peat Company plant, the John McArthur sawmill, local investor and businessmen Wm Wardrop and Alex McIntosh, and the former RCAF # 1 Wing's seaplane airport. To receive photos of any of the plaques or for information on the project contact the Lac du Bonnet MHAC at (204) 345-8916 or E-mail Gord Emberley at vergo@mts.net or the municipal office at: rmldb@mts.net

**The Manitoba Prairie Churches Project** is seeking a new round of funding from sponsors. Established in 2003, the Manitoba Prairie Churches Project is a partnership of the J.M. Kaplan Fund (New York), the Thomas Sill Foundation (Winnipeg) and the Province of Manitoba.

During its five year period of operation the Prairie Churches program provided over a quarter of a million dollars in non-government funds in support of the restoration of 29 churches designated as either provincial or municipal heritage sites under *The Heritage Resources Act*.

A request for a second round of sponsorship will be submitted in December of 2008 and the fund managers are optimistic the request will be successful.

### Federal Building Communities Through Arts & Heritage funding program announced.

Do you know of any groups planning an event open to everyone in the community OR any communities celebrating a significant anniversary of a historical local event or person?

If so, they may be eligible for funding through the Building Communities Through Arts & Heritage (BCAH) Program offered by the Department of Canadian Heritage.

The next deadlines for submitting applications are April 1 and September 1, 2009.

For more information on BCAH visit [www.pch.gc.ca/communities](http://www.pch.gc.ca/communities) or call a Program Officer at 1-800-661-0585.

## Heritage Worthy of a World Stage

by David McDowell

Neepawa, the Lily Capital of the World, will host CHM's 16th annual conference this October. Situated on the first major hill as one proceeds west along the Yellowhead Highway from Westborne and Gladstone, this picturesque town has heritage to show to the world. The Whitemud River valley offers camping and hiking trails. Neepawa is the trail-head for the Rossburn Subdivision portion of the Trans-Canada Trail. It is a very picturesque 176 km route following the abandoned rail line to Russell. The natural areas and lakes along the trail will be host to thousands of migratory waterfowl during this time of year.

The conference's Saturday afternoon tour will include stops at the 1895 Margaret Lawrence House provincial heritage site, and the 1902 Beautiful Plains Museum located in the converted and heritage designated for Canadian National Railway Station. These are but two of Neepawa's many well-preserved heritage commercial, residential and government structures. The 1884 Beautiful Plains County Courthouse, the 1891 Knox Presbyterian Church, and the 1904 IOOF Lodge are three other provincial designated heritage sites. Municipal level heritage sites include the 1905 Roxy Theatre and the 1887 John A. Davidson House. Other architectural gems include the Provincial Land Titles Building and the Empire Block on Hamilton Street, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce on Mountain Avenue, and the nearby Neepawa Federal Building, which has housed the town's post office since 1909. A visit to Neepawa wouldn't be complete without a pause at the Stone Angel on the Davidson Family monument, in the Cemetery. See you there.