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The Manitoba Historical Society, founded in 1879, is the oldest organization in Western Canada dedicated to preserving our past for future generations. For over 141 years, the MHS has carried out its work, amassing collections of books and artefacts which over time became the basis of today's Archives of Manitoba, Winnipeg Public Library, and Manitoba Museum. Today, the MHS holds fast to the mandate of our founders, continuing their legacy of preservation, promotion, research, and education.

Our mandate is to:

- encourage research and publications relating to the history of Manitoba and Western Canada
- promote and encourage public interest in Manitoba and Canadian history
- foster the preservation of property relating to the history of Manitoba
- assist in the work of local historical societies in furthering the objectives of the Society throughout Manitoba

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Cover: In the early 1960s, Cold War tensions led the Canadian government to establish a network of monitoring posts where levels of radioactive fallout could be measured in the aftermath of a nuclear bomb detonation. Two hundred of these posts were to be built in Manitoba, many in the basements of government-owned buildings. In places where no suitable building existed, a cylindrical metal structure was buried shallowly in the ground, with a vertical access port with ladder to climb down into it. This photo shows one such post, long abandoned, in southeastern Manitoba.

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Executive & Council

Executive

Gordon Goldsborough President
Gary McEwen Past-President
Dan Furlan Vice-President
Habtom Tedla Treasurer
Carl James Secretary
Rick Frost Member at Large
Holly Thorne Member at Large

Council

2019-2022 Christian Cassidy
Ross Metcalfe
2020-2023 Wayne Arseny
Harry Duckworth
Charles Huband
Heather Richardson
2021-2024 Peter Bjornson
Leona Devuyt
Jim Ingebrigtsen
Dwight MacAulay
Janis McMorran
Clarence Nepinak
Carol Scott
Jan Sirski
Greg Thomas

Executive Director
Tracey Turner

The Manitoba Historical Society Executive and Council extend their sincere thanks to all members, volunteers, contributors, and staff for their continued support and dedication.

AGM 2020-2021 Minutes

24 June 2021, 7:00 PM
via Zoom

Present: Gordon Goldsborough, Holly Thorne, Jim Smith, Carol Scott, Leona Devuyt, Janis McMorran, Tracey Turner, Carolyn Peters, Bill Zuk, Gary McEwen, James Kostuchuk, Kara van Damm, Rick Frost, Ross Metcalfe, Wayne Arseny, Linda Dietrick, Jan Sirski, Barry Dye, Christian Cassidy, Bruce Jamieson, Peter Bjornson, Ed Tyrchiewicz, Greg Klassen, Francis Carroll, Susan Bolton, Erin Unger, Dan Furlan, Dwight MacAulay, Dennis Butcher, Bob Coutts, John Burchill, Denise Kolesar, Rick Wishart, Anne Morton, Jim Ingebrigsten, Beverly Hicks, Manuel Quintero, Brenda Williams, Belle Jarniewski, Al Thorliefsen, Carl James, Betty Young, John Lehr

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM.

The president requested that non-members refrain from voting.

1. Reading of MHS Reconciliation statement
2. Approval of the agenda – Motion 2021-27 to approve by Carol Scott, seconded by Ross Metcalfe. Carried
3. Approval of minutes of 2019-20 AGM – Motion 2021-28 to approve by Jim Smith, seconded by Greg Thomas. Carried
4. Old Business - None
5. New Business
 - A. President’s report – The submitted report from Gordon Goldsborough covered the many MHS activities, achievements and Gordon thanked all contributors and volunteers who made the past year possible.
 - B. Executive Director’s report – The submitted report from Tracey Turner noted many positives in a most challenging year – growing membership, greater social media and YouTube activity and a successful spring fundraiser.
 - C. Treasure’s report – In regards to the financial condition of the society, Harry Duckworth asked “what is the bottom line?” Tracey Turner commented that in spite of a year without dinner and program revenues, the society was in a good financial position having benefitted from increased grants, donations and membership fees plus several large bequests.
 - i. Motion 2021-29 to approve financial statements by Dennis Butcher, seconded by Harry Duckworth. Carried
 - ii. Motion 2021-30 by Holly Thorne, seconded by Jim Smith to approve M Group as auditor for the year 2021-22. Carried
 - D. Committee reports – Discussion followed on some of the submitted reports

The Historic Preservation Committee report listed a “Top Ten” of endangered structures in Manitoba of which 2 have already been lost – the International Harvester Building in Brandon and the Gordon House at 514 Wellington Crescent in Winnipeg. Carl James asked what

endangered structures might be most at risk in the near future. Gordon Goldsborough felt the bridge at Holmfield is threatened. Greg Thomas suggested the Kennedy House is at risk.

The 2020 Lieutenant-Governor's Awards had to be rescheduled from May to September because of covid. Again because of covid the 2021 LG awards and the naming of the recipients has been postponed until later in the year. Gordon Goldsborough noted that the number of award recipients was reduced from five to three but hopes that next year there will again be five awards.

The four recipients of Margaret McWilliams Awards will speak at the conclusion of the business portion of the AGM. Harry Duckworth commented that he was pleased to see the McWilliams Awards resumed this year after years of inactivity.

The Membership Committee has developed a plan to contact new members by phone. Harry Duckworth asked if Facebook posts has aided in the increase in membership. Tracey Turner felt that Facebook, Gord Goldsborough on CBC radio and the new "Prairie History" journal have contributed to increased membership.

The Marketing and Communications committee is working on an online auction for October. Jim Ingebrigsten noted that the August edition of Lifestyle 55 magazine will feature the first of a series of articles featuring "Memorable Manitobans" . Christian Cassidy will be contributing articles on Winnipeg Street names for Canstar community newspapers. Tracey Turner will send out requests for donated items for the auction.

From the Publications Committee , "Prairie History " journal editor Bob Coutts noted there will be a special edition of the journal on indigenous issues. This extra journal edition will be funded by a grant from The Winnipeg Foundation.

Nominating Committee chair Gary McEwen thanked departing members of executive and council for their service. Gary also thanked his committee members for their work reaching out to the nominees for council and executive.

- E. Nominations – Motion 2021-31 by Ross Metcalfe, seconded by Jim Smith that nominations for council and executive close. Carried
 - i. Motion to accept nominations – Motion 2021- 32 by Carol Scott, seconded by Dwight MacAulay that the 2021-22 slate of nominees for council and executive be confirmed. Carried.
- F. Membership fees – A review of membership fees and the cost of producing and distributing the "Prairie History" journal has resulted in the proposed fee changes. The increase is necessary to offset the increased cost of mailing the journal to American and overseas members. The proposed fee schedule would see MHS membership for Canadians remain at \$50, for US members an increase to \$80, an international membership increases to \$110 and a corporate membership has been set at \$250.
 - i. A motion 2021-33 to approve changes to the membership fees by Christian Cassidy, seconded by Wayne Arseny. Carried
6. Other business - Gary McEwen thanked Tracey Turner for all her efforts as the society's Executive Director in a very challenging year. Gordon Goldsborough added that Tracey is now employed full time.
7. Motion 2021-34 for adjournment by Jim Smith at 8:13 PM

President's Report

My term as President ends at this Annual General Meeting and, as I reflect on the past three years, there is, of course, sadness at thinking about what might have been. The year 2020 was supposed to have been a year of commemoration for Manitoba's 150th birthday and, as a representative of western Canada's oldest historical organization, I expected to take an active role in raising awareness of our province's rich history. Alas, nearly all those plans were cancelled. The last two years will undoubtedly be remembered as a momentous event in world history and it could have been disastrous for the MHS. All of our traditional fundraising efforts were for naught but, thanks to government intervention and the generosity of our members, we came through okay. And I truly believe that real progress on at least eight fronts was made during the pandemic.

First, we broadened the reach of our already-exceptional journal, *Manitoba History*, to encompass the three prairie provinces and the American borderlands. Launched at the beginning of the pandemic, we now have seven great issues of *Prairie History* to our credit, and a ground-breaking issue on Indigenous history will be published shortly, with financial support from The Winnipeg Foundation.

Second, the MHS was asked in early 2021 to lead a major research project, supported by a grant from the provincial government, on the legislative history of Manitoba. We have hired a great creative team led by Bob Coutts, Paul Legris, and Tracey Turner and appointed an oversight committee to guide it. The committee is co-chaired by Elliot Sims (representing the Government of Manitoba) and me, with former MHS presidents Harry Duckworth and James Kostuchuk, and retired MLA Mavis Tailleau as members. Design work must be completed by mid-2023 so the exhibit can be constructed later that year. To date, the team has developed a document that summarizes the major themes in Manitoba's political history. Some general facets of exhibit design have been conceptualized. We have toured potential sites where the exhibit will be located. I anticipate there will be much more to say at next year's Annual General Meeting.

Third, I have long believed that the various heritage-related organizations in Manitoba should communicate with each other better. To that end, I proposed in 2020 that Manitoba's eight provincially-funded heritage agencies (PHAs; Association for Manitoba Archives, Association of Manitoba Museums, Heritage Winnipeg, Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada, La Société historique de Saint-Boniface, Manitoba Archaeological Society, Manitoba Genealogical Society, and Manitoba Historical Society) collaborate in hosting a Manitoba Heritage Summit where we could discuss matters of mutual concern, opportunities for new initiatives, and just get to know each other better. With financial support from the Heritage Grants program and The Winnipeg Foundation, the inaugural Summit was held (in an online format) in Fall 2020. It was so successful that we held a second Summit in Fall 2021 where we considered a report on the state of the heritage community in Manitoba prepared for us by Brandon-based heritage consultant Ken Storie. A third Summit is planned for Fall 2022. As we planned these Summits, representatives of the PHAs met regularly and have found much common ground. We have learned, for example, that all of us are chronically underfunded, relative to past levels, due to the effects of inflation. We receive markedly less funding than our equivalent organizations in Saskatchewan and Alberta. We recently met with the provincial minister responsible for the heritage portfolio and hope that our message was heard that things must change if Manitoba's heritage sector is to survive and thrive. There is power in solidarity and our PHAs relationships fostered over the past three years is a good example.

Fourth, the necessity of embracing alternative means for meetings during a pandemic motivated our adoption of Zoom software for meetings of the MHS Executive and Council, and the aforementioned

Heritage Summit. I have come to believe that this may be one of the most positive changes to come out of the pandemic, as it allows us to fulfill our mandate as the Manitoba Historical Society. Now, geography is no longer the barrier to effective involvement of people from around the province that it used to be. Now, members of the MHS living beyond Winnipeg's Perimeter Highway can participate fully in meetings; they can give and attend presentations. As this Annual General Meeting demonstrates – the third in as many years being done wholly online – we have learned how to bring people together in spirit without bringing people together in person.

Fifth, the pandemic led the MHS to increase its embrace of online delivery of historical content through social media such as email, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Several of our live presentations were recorded so they could be made available for later viewing on our YouTube channel. History-themed documentaries added to the channel, such as the “Hidden Manitoba” series made by Brandon filmmakers Graham Street, Shaun Camera, and Nate Bower, had much more viewership as a result. The MHS has gained, I believe, an enviable reputation as a source of interesting and well-made online content and I anticipate this will continue in upcoming years.

Sixth, on a related technological note, earlier this year we applied for a grant from the Digital Manitoba Initiative of the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce to assist us in improving the revenue-generating potential of our website. Demand for these grants was very high and, thanks to the quick action of our executive director Tracey Turner, our proposal was accepted. We are now working with designers and programmers at Relish New Brand Experience to produce a new website that will be attractive, modern, and efficient. It will give us a means to automate membership services, and integrate with the content of our existing, extensive website. The new website will hopefully be launched in the next couple of months and we expect it will help us to grow our membership even more than has already occurred in the past three years.

Seventh, under the leadership of Council member Carol Scott and active participation of several councilors, we have begun to document our existing policies and procedures as an aid to future actions. As we inevitably lose the elders of our organization, we must preserve the “institutional memory” of the MHS. To date, several policies have been formally approved by the MHS Council (see a report elsewhere in this document) and work is continuing on several others.

And finally, eighth, the MHS has embarked on a major strategic planning exercise that builds on the fine work begun by my predecessor Gary McEwen. Led by Rick Frost, a member of our Executive, I look forward to reimagining the MHS in ways that will ensure its relevance to all Manitobans for years to come, with a spirit of inclusiveness and reconciliation underpinning everything we do. There is a brief report on this initiative elsewhere in this annual report and I anticipate much progress will be made in the coming year.

Despite what could have been a disastrous period for the MHS, I feel we have “weathered the storm” of the COVID-19 pandemic and are well positioned to move ahead as normalcy returns. I leave the MHS in the capable hands of President Dan Furlan, along with many fine people on the Executive Committee and Council, and I will remain an active volunteer for a truly exceptional organization.

Gordon Goldsborough
MHS President (2019–2022)

Executive Director's Report

As I reflect on this past year for the Manitoba Historical Society (MHS), I realized that the MHS has emerged from the hold of the Covid-19 pandemic with not only a stronger and more focused mission and mandate, but also more collaborative and cohesive relationships, and new innovative projects and ideas to help the MHS in the delivery of its mission as an organization.

The MHS is empowered and inspired by its mission of *Keeping Manitoba, and Western Canadian history alive for future generations*. But history is not static, it is dynamic, intricate, reflective, commemorative, and difficult, and needs to be presented with perspectives that include all the voices, stories, and events that are part of the historical record here since time immemorial. So, I must begin by acknowledging that I was born and live and work on the Treaty 1 Territories, the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabeg, Anishinewuk, Dakota Oyate, Denesuline and Nehethowuk Nations, the Homeland of the Red River Métis and the ancestral lands of the Inuit. I respect the spirit and intent of Treaties and Treaty Making and remain committed to working in partnership with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people in the spirit of truth, reconciliation, and collaboration.

This past year, the MHS worked collaboratively with many history and heritage organizations including all the eight Provincial Heritage Agencies, to hold the second annual Manitoba Heritage Summit in October of 2021. The MHS is working to create community around history, helping not only for us to become stronger and more resilient economically as organizations, but also to reach out to other communities of interest, allowing for the expression of the cultural diversity and different perspectives that exist here, which includes working collaboratively with Indigenous organizations and community members. In fact, this summer, supported by our successful application for \$15,000 in funding from The Winnipeg Foundation's Centennial Institute, we will be publishing a special edition of *Prairie History: The Journal of the West: Indigenous Histories and Other Topics* as #Issue 8 this summer. This special edition will focus primarily upon Indigenous histories in Manitoba and showcase the latest scholarship and community perspectives from Indigenous scholars and writers.

While our members and board operations and activities this past year have been limited to virtual only gatherings, the MHS office, board, and volunteers have been very engaged and productive. The Policy Committee, chaired by Carol Scott along with other council members and I, worked diligently to capitalize on this transitional time to focus upon revisiting and creating solid organizational policies to help sustain the governance and administration of the Manitoba Historical Society. The Strategic Planning Committee, inspired by the energy of its Chair, Richard Frost, along with Dan Furlan, and I, articulated a two-year strategic plan, to help us better align with our strategic priorities.

Exciting projects have been happening behind the scenes this year, as the MHS is actively working on a Legislative History Project led by an oversight committee of Co-Chair, Gordon Goldsborough, Harry Duckworth, and James Kostuchuk, DM Elliot Simms, and Mavis Tailleau, a three-person exhibition research and design team of creative consultants, Bob Coutts (project manager), Paul Legris (exhibit designer), and myself (Curatorial), have been getting inspired to tell the story of the Legislative history of Manitoba for a proposed future exhibition.

Equally as exciting this spring, has been the realization of a lofty goal, a new website for the MHS. Thanks to the successful application for \$25,000 from Digital Manitoba, Gordon Goldsborough and I have been working with the developers from Relish, A New Brand Experience, to develop and execute a new MHS website. The new site will support the MHS with an injection of digital innovation for our service delivery needs, online digital publications, online resources, commercial transactions and include

a new MHS members portal! Watch for the news of our launch date coming soon later this summer we hope!

Our MHS membership is growing strong, and our social media presence has been increasing, with a 1000 person increase from one year ago in our You-Tube subscribers alone. Thanks to a Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations grant through the National Trust for Canada, the MHS has a talented summer student, Anne Brazeau working on our social media and historic sites archive. It's great to have her energy as part of our team.

Finally, I can't say enough about the commitment, and support that the MHS Executive and Council bring to the organization. I've enjoyed working with this past year's MHS board cohort and am sad to say goodbye to some individuals that I've come to know, work alongside and respect. My personal thanks go out to the entire MHS Executive and Council, along with special thanks for the commitment and life energy contributed by our President, Gordon Goldsborough, Past President, Gary McEwen, Treasurer, Habtom Tedla, and Council Member, Ross Metcalfe.

I wish you all a wonderful summer of enjoying family, friends, and experiences, and look forward to connecting with you all through our digital newsletter, Manitoba History Alive, and reconnecting this fall for the MHS Second Annual Fundraising Fall Auction, and the Manitoba Heritage Summit in October.

Tracey Turner
Executive Director

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee (NC) was composed of Council members Wayne Arseny, Heather Richardson and Ross Metcalfe plus Past President Gary McEwen (Chair).

Due to the Corona Virus COVID-19 pandemic, the NC honoured government-sanctioned guidelines meeting three times via Zoom. NC deliberations progress was periodically sent to President Gordon Goldsborough, Secretary Carl James, and Executive Director Tracey Turner. This report was shared with the Executive and Council prior to the June 2022 AGM.

The NC recommends that the following members be confirmed by the 2022 Annual General Meeting scheduled for June 2022 pending COVID protocol guidelines.

Executive	President	Dan Furlan, <i>Winnipeg</i>
	Past President	Gordon Goldsborough, <i>Winnipeg</i>
	Vice President	Rick Frost, <i>Winnipeg</i>
	Treasurer	Lawrence Prout, <i>Winnipeg</i>
	Secretary	Leona Devuyt, <i>Manitou</i>
	Members-at-Large	Christian Cassidy, <i>Winnipeg</i> and Holly Thorne, <i>Winkler</i>

Officers of the MHS shall take office immediately following their election by the members or appointment and shall hold office until the next annual meeting or until successors have been duly elected or appointed by Council. (Article 7.02)

Council	Wayne Arseny (2023), <i>Emerson</i>	Peter Bjornson (2024), <i>Winnipeg</i>
	Harry Duckworth (2023), <i>Winnipeg</i>	Charles Huband (2023), <i>Winnipeg</i>
	Jim Ingebrigtsen (2024), <i>Winnipeg</i>	Carl James (2025), <i>Winnipeg</i>

Dwight MacAulay (2024), *Winnipeg*
 Laurie Mustard (2025), *Headingley*
 Heather Richardson (2023), *Winnipeg*
 Jan Sirski (2024), *Dauphin*

Janis McMorran (2024), *Starbuck*
 Clarence Nepinak (2024), *Winnipeg*
 Carol Scott (2024), *Winnipeg*
 Greg Thomas (2024), *Winnipeg*

- “Upon completion of their first three year Term, a non-executive Councillor may serve a second three-year Term provided it directly follows the first Term. No term shall exceed six years in succession.” Article 5.01 (c)
- “Any elected Council member who fails to attend three or more consecutive meetings of Council without reasonable cause may be removed by a simple majority vote of Council members, at a regular meeting of Council.” Article 8.07

Gary McEwen
 Chair

Lieutenant Governor’s Awards for Historical Preservation and Promotion

This award program was established in 2011 by the Honourable Philip Lee to recognize Manitobans who had rendered prolonged, meritorious service regarding the province’s historical resources. Each year, on a date near Manitoba Day, recipients have been recognized at a ceremony at Government House.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, two presentation ceremonies were made during the 2021-2022 year, one group of three recipients from the preceding year presented on 16 September 2021, and one group of three recipients from 2021 presented on 17 May 2022.

In 2021, 21 nominations were evaluated by a committee consisting of Robert Coutts, Harry Duckworth, Gordon Goldsborough, Jim Ingebrigtsen, Bashir Khan, and Carol Scott. Nominees recommended to Her Honour were as follows:

Susan Algie

- Retired heritage planner with Parks Canada; volunteer Executive Director of the Winnipeg Architecture Foundation, a non-profit registered charity, since it was founded in November 1996
- Fosters public education and engagement with the work of architects and allied professionals in Winnipeg’s built environment, especially on its Modernist buildings (1945-1975); mentors students, architectural historians, photographers, musicians, and graphic designers to develop programming, including numerous high-quality publications (including children’s books translated into multiple languages), tours (walking, cycling, bus, skating), exhibits, and lectures (University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg)
- Oversees archival digitization of over 1,000 architectural drawings, hundreds of photographs and slides, and development of finding aids; co-founder and producer of Architecture+Design Film Festival Winnipeg (<http://adff.ca>); developing app for ArchioTour (Number 10 Bus Tour) featuring newly composed music by local artists

James Kostuchuk

- Teacher at Portage Collegiate Institute since 1991, where he introduced an archival studies course (the only high school in Manitoba to have one) and a history of rock music course; piloted “Big History” project as initiative of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; developed archive of school yearbooks and photographs taken by the Portage Daily Graphic (1940s to 1960s) for online database (www.mbi870.org/piwigo)
- Frequent presenter at Manitoba Teachers’ Society Professional Developments Days on history topics such as Big History, use of artifacts in classroom, and incorporating local history in classroom; motivates his students to undertake local history projects such as researching unmarked graves at the Manitoba Development Centre, a history of Portage Collegiate, maintenance of the Portage cenotaph, and PCI Archive; assisted in development of videos (MTS Television, BRAVO Network, now on YouTube) on the historical topics such as Republic of Manitobah, biography of local photographer Yosh Tashiro, Wallace Mausoleum, and others
- Three innovative teaching awards (2003, 2008, 2013), Prime Minister’s Award for Teaching Excellence (2009), three-time finalist for Governor General’s Awards for Excellence in Teaching History (2004, 2006, 2010); member (2000-present) and Chair (2015-present) of Portage and District Heritage Advisory Committee that advises City of Portage la Prairie and Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie on heritage matters; installed historic markers along Crescent Lake; working toward development of Portage city archive; advises citizens on heritage matters; led restoration of the Wallace Mausoleum in the Portage Hillside Cemetery; published a book of annotated photos of Portage as fundraiser for the Committee (2020)
- Frequent contributor to “Portage la Prairie Memories” group on Facebook and online newspapers on Portage heritage matters; former President, Manitoba Historical Society (2013-2014) and contributes articles frequently for its journals *Manitoba History* and *Prairie History*

Gilles Lesage

- Retired Archivist and Executive Director at Société historique de Saint-Boniface and its Centre du Patrimoine (1983-2020), the major French-language facility in western Canada and counterpart to Archives of Manitoba, that houses 700 fonds, five times more than when it opened in 1998; continues to volunteer at Centre post-retirement
- Certified professional member of the Association des archivistes du Québec and recognized evaluator for the Prairie Region of the National Archives Appraisal Board; assisted numerous archival and historical organizations in Manitoba and Canada, including service on Board of Governors for the Manitoba Museum (2000-2005), Association for Manitoba Archives (1990s), Manitoba representative on the Canadian Council of Archives, and Secretary-General of the Bureau of Canadian Archivists (2001-2005)
- Collaborated with Manitoba Metis Federation, Union nationale metisse Saint-Joseph du Manitoba, and the Ralliement national des Metis to develop service to establish proof of Metis ancestry (2005-2020); received Prix Manitoba Award (1990) and Prix Riel (1990) for his contributions to Manitoba’s archival community

In 2022, 27 nominations were evaluated by a committee consisting of Rick Frost, Gordon Goldsborough, Charles Huband, Jim Ingebrigtsen, Ross Metcalfe, and Carol Scott. Nominees recommended to Her Honour were as follows:

Josephine Bunka

- After retirement as a school teacher, took training courses on curatorial practices from the Association of Manitoba Museums; presently Curator and President of the Winnipegosis Historical Society, having volunteered with the organization for many years, acquiring grants, hiring summer students, and organizing tours
- Served for four years on the board of the Association of Manitoba Museums; mentored community group that prepared a 2015 sequel to the 1990 local history book *Reflections from Little Muddy Water: A History of Winnipegosis*
- Manages the museum's Facebook page and prepares regular blog entries about Winnipegosis history

Elva Simundsson

- Retired research librarian for the federal government; fluent speaker and writer in Icelandic; active for over 30 years with Gimli Icelandic Canadian Society, preserving the history and culture of Icelandic Manitobans and Interlake communities, presently as Membership and Scholarship Chair
- Author of *Icelandic Settlers in America*, a book describing Icelandic immigrant experiences in North America, aimed at adolescents and young adults, published in 1981 but still available as a teaching tool; long-time member of editorial board of *Icelandic Connection* (formerly *The Icelandic Canadian*), a quarterly magazine devoted to celebrating Icelandic culture and history throughout North America
- Volunteer writer for *Logberg Heimskringla*, oldest continuously published ethnic periodical in Canada, published in Winnipeg; co-founded the Icelandic Language and Cultural Camp, with Lorna Tergeesen, in 1974; assisted in erecting a historical marker at Gimli for the New Iceland colony, in 1999
- President, Canada Iceland Foundation that provides grants to historical, cultural, and scholarly programs and projects, and scholarships to post-secondary students; volunteer and board member at the New Iceland Heritage Museum (Gimli) where she provides tours and assists in cataloguing artifacts and translating written materials

Edward Stozek

- Retired high school history teacher active in local history work since 2007; written several books including *Triumph and Tragedy from the Heart of Manitoba* (2003), *The Sawmill Boys, P.O.W.s and Conscientious Objectors* (2007), and *A Slice of the Parkland* (2008)
- For over ten years, has written over 300 biweekly history columns "A Slice of the Parkland" for *Dauphin Herald*, *Country Cross Roads*, and *South Mountain Press* for which he received the Certificate of Merit as Best Columnist and Wes Rowson Memorial Award from the Manitoba Community Newspapers Association; produced four documentary films for MTS Television: *The Sawmill Boys and Alex Kippan*, *The Ghosts from Whitewater Lake*, *The Time That Once Was*, and *Dauphin's Airbases* that have been featured at Dauphin Culture Days, Dauphin Countryfest, Clear Lake Film Festival, and The Bend Theatre (Strathclair, Manitoba)
- Writes and performs original songs about Manitoba history at schools and public groups; member of the Board for the Fort Dauphin Museum

Centennial Business & Organization Awards

Committee members were Dan Furlan, Bruce Jamieson, Dwight MacAulay, and Ross Metcalfe.

The Centennial Business and Organizational Awards Program is provided 1) to foster public awareness of our province's heritage with specific, local actions, 2) to celebrate the enduring excellence of Manitoba businesses and organizations that have operated for more than 100 years and continue to contribute today.

Pandemic conditions have limited actual award presentations; however, they resume in late June 2022 beginning with an award to the Treherne Agricultural Society and others are being scheduled. A significant number of awards have been approved so the Committee is following up to confirm presentation dates and reconnect with applicants to confirm the statuses of their applications:

<i>Award Status</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Businesses</i>	<i>Organizations</i>	<i>Planning Notes</i>
Approved	15	5	10	Presentations awaiting dates
Pending	11	3	8	Approval in process
Totals	26	8	18	

Note: The number reported includes only those where an award has been approved or in in process. The Committee notes that an increasing number of businesses and organizations are eligible for the award, especially schools, communities, and municipalities.

Each award presentation is an opportunity to promote membership and support for MHS. In particular, with the business community, and the many schools that qualify offer opportunities to engage with youth and teachers.

Dan Furlan
Chair

Margaret McWilliams Awards

Committee members were Christian Cassidy, Leona Devuyt, Carl James, and Jan Sirski.

The purpose of the Margaret McWilliams Award, one of the oldest literary prizes in Canada, is to encourage the study and interpretation of the history of Manitoba. It was instituted in 1955 by the Manitoba Historical Society as a memorial to Margaret Stovel McWilliams.

For recipients in 2021, cash awards of \$500 and a certificate will be made in each of the following categories: Popular History Book; Local History Book; and Scholarly History Book.

We received eleven submissions for the 2021 awards. A complete list can be found at the MHS website. The books were distributed to selection committee members in March and we met by Zoom on June 11, 2022 to choose award recipients in each category. At the end of the meeting, the committee voted unanimously to approve the selections.

The four awards were as follows:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Author/Editor</i>	<i>Publisher</i>
Popular History	<i>Ancestors: Indigenous Peoples of W. Canada in Historic Photographs</i>	Sarah Carter and Inez Lightning	Bruce Peel Special Collections, University of Alberta Press
Local History	<i>Thinking Big: A History of the Winnipeg Business Community to the Second World War</i>	Jim Blanchard	Great Plains Publishing
Scholarly History	<i>Authorized Heritage: Place, Memory, and Historic Sites in Prairie Canada</i>	Robert Coutts	University of Manitoba Press

Recipients will be officially announced at the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Christian Cassidy
Chair

Centennial Farm Awards

The committee members were Denise Kolesar, Corinne Tellier, Alf Chorney, and Linda McDowell. Gary McEwen is our liaison with the MHS Council.

The year began on a sad note, with news coming from Port Credit, Ontario that long-time MHS volunteer, Lee Treilhard, had passed away on 18 May 2021. She had been a faithful volunteer at Dalnavert for 32 years and for over 20 years with the Centennial Farm Committee. Her home growing up was near Cartwright and she went on to teach school at Mulvihill, Coulter, and Miami so these were favourite places to do Centennial Farm presentations, although she travelled far and wide in agricultural Manitoba. She was a valuable member of the Centennial Farm Committee and we were very fortunate to have her devotion to the cause of Centennial Farm recognition for so many years.

Due to COVID restrictions, 2021 was another year with no presentations. However, we did manage to recognize 12 centennial farms and five 125 year plus family farms with plaques or certificates as appropriate. We are grateful, and have continued to acknowledge the sponsorship of Richardson International on the plaques and certificates. There are several dozen other applications in various stages of approval.

Anne MacVicar
Chair

Membership Committee

The committee was Wayne Arseny, Dan Furlan, Jim Ingebrigtsen, Gary McEwen, and Bill Zuk.

To support the mandate and objectives of MHS, the Membership Committee seeks ideas and opportunities to 1) engage current MHS Members in activities, events and initiatives that respond to their interests, and 2) attract and engage a wider range of new members for MHS.

This includes ideas and opportunities to 1) effectively promote public awareness of MHS activities, events, services, and other contributions to the community through a range of media, 2) develop initiatives that may appeal to new members in a range of ages, interests, and groups, and 3) collaborate with other MHS committees such as Programs, Marketing and Promotions.

As the pandemic has prevented in-person events, alternate ideas needed to be acted on. This challenge has opened up opportunities to plan initiatives to connect with MHS members throughout the province more effectively.

MHS Membership continues to grow, and significant credit goes to Tracey Turner whose effort on social media contributes to this growth.

Gary McEwen led the 2021 New Member Welcome initiative. An assessment of the interests of new members also noted the fact that receiving Prairie History was a high priority for most.

Previous Committee ideas that came to fruition are the successful online auction (Wayne Arseny and Jim Ingebrigsten) being repeated in 2022 and updating the MHS Strategic Plan, which Rick Frost has championed.

Consistent themes in discussion have been promotion of the value membership through MHS activities when conditions allow and opportunities to build awareness of MHS (which the Marketing & Communications is acting on).

Looking ahead, a number of ideas to further exploit opportunities to promote MHS and memberships such as 1) a presence at relevant community events with a portable display, 2) connecting with key teachers involved in the Manitoba Social Studies Teachers Association, and 3) coordinating efforts with the Programs Committee and Marketing & Communications Committee.

Dan Furlan will step down as Chair so new members and a new Chair will be selected.

Dan Furlan
Chair

Marketing & Communications Committee

Members of the committee were Gordon Goldsborough, Jim Ingebrigtsen, Dwight MacAulay, Holly Thorne, and Tracey Turner.

General Objectives:

- To assist in the development of an annual marketing (communication) plan and monitor accordingly.
- To provide leadership in the development, implementation and evaluation of all marketing and sales initiatives.
- Develop policies and procedures related to marketing (communications) initiatives.

- Assist MHS staff in developing and maintaining existing relationships with sponsors, donors, clients etc.

Participation, Progress and Planning

- Initiated and submitted a number of articles of historical significance in Saturday editions of the *Winnipeg Free Press*.
- Initiated monthly submissions by Christian Cassidy in the community newspapers with focus on history of street names.
- Participated in the Policy Committee, McWilliams Committee, Membership Committee and the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion.
- Winnipeg 150 - suggested a small committee prepare a list of 150 "history bits" to celebrate the city's 150th anniversary on 8 November 2023 which the *Winnipeg Free Press* has agreed to publish on or about that date much as what we did for the province's 150th anniversary. Also, they might be interested in having an article in the Saturday edition of the *Free Press* weekly for 2023 sharing historical Winnipeg stories (people and events).
- The decision has been made to follow up on the success of the 2021 online auction with much the same for the early Fall of 2022. Discussions are underway with Kaye's Auction to confirm dates of the event.
- Discussions are underway with the Membership Committee and the Program Committee in creating an additional fundraising event at the Fort Garry Hotel in September prior to the auction. The event will not be a dinner but a 5:00 to 8:00 PM (approx.) with a selection of hors d'oeuvres provided by the hotel and a possible wine/beer sponsor. The hotel will provide, at a cost, any additional alcohol. We discussed creating a pamphlet as a hand out promoting the MHS as well as timed prizes presented to individuals who have signed up for a membership. Other information to follow.
- Continuing to submit Memorable Manitobans stories each month in Lifestyles 55.

Jim Ingebrigtsen
Chair

Publications Committee

Three issues of *Prairie History* were published in 2021-2022: No. 5 (Summer 2021), No. 6 (Fall 2021), and No. 7 (Winter 2022).

Each issue has included an editorial, two or three peer-reviewed scholarly, or feature, articles, popular articles in *Prairie Pageant*, book and exhibit reviews, *Prairie Gazette*, and a feature entitled "Artifactual". Artifactual is a regular column that looks at how a broad range of sources and artifacts are used by researchers. *Prairie Gazette* focuses primarily upon heritage news and issues from across the West.

Prairie History continues its expanded focus to include scholarly, popular, and heritage articles related to the history of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and the U.S Borderlands. We have editors in place for each of these regions, including Dale Barbour for Manitoba, Lynn Gidluck for Saskatchewan, Tolly Bradford for Alberta, and Jim Mochoruk for the US Borderlands. We also have an Indigenous Issues editor (Cheryl Troupe) from Saskatchewan. These individuals (plus our regular production team and editors) are listed in each issue of the journal.

We have ten Advisory Board members from across the West. These individuals, who are listed in each issue, come from academia, heritage organizations, and publishing.

Issue no. 8 of *Prairie History* is scheduled for the Summer of 2021, and will be a special Indigenous-themed issue. Funding of \$15,000 from The Winnipeg Foundation will assist in the production of this issue which will be considerably longer than a regular issue. It will also be promoted electronically to schools and school boards across the West.

A highlight of each issue of *Prairie History* is the “Reviews” section. Frieda Klippenstein has edited that section of the journal for many years (for both *Prairie History* and *Manitoba History*) and has done an excellent job in selecting books on western Canadian and Canadian history as well as finding qualified reviewers both locally and across the country. With No. 8, Frieda will be stepping down as book review editor and will be replaced by James Kostuchuk.

The regular “Artifactual” contribution to the journal continues to be excellent, with short articles related to a variety of topics that use objects to communicate interesting and sometimes forgotten or ignored parts of western Canadian history. It is edited by Erin Millions.

Each issue also contains *Prairie Gazette*. Greg Thomas and Sheila Grover do an excellent job in gathering material for this section that focuses upon heritage news and issues across the West. This provides us with a different audience, a heritage audience, perhaps somewhat separate from those readers interested in our feature and popular articles.

The layout of each issue of *Prairie History* is done by Salix Consulting. The layout cost for each issue of *Prairie History* is \$900. Printing and mailing is carried out by Premier Printing. Printing and mailing costs are approximately \$6,000 per issue. In 2021-2022, a total of \$18,780 was spent on layout, printing and mailing.

Issues of *Prairie History* are published three times a year. Paid MHS members receive a printed copy of the issue. After a three-year period of embargo, all contents of *Prairie History* are made available on the MHS website.

As always, I want to thank the people who volunteer to put *Prairie History* together three times a year. They include Gordon Goldsborough who edits *Prairie Pageant* and also serves as our production coordinator. As noted above, Frieda Klippenstein has edited the *Reviews* section, but will be replaced by James Kostuchuk in 2022. Erin Millions edits ‘Artifactual’, Greg Thomas and Sheila Grover edit the *Gazette*, and Jim Burns does our copyediting. I gather and edit the scholarly, or feature, articles.

I want to again note the work of our copy-editor Jim Burns who has done great work in helping to improve the presentation and quality of the journal.

Except for layout and design, editorial team tasks are carried out on a volunteer basis. As mentioned, considerable work goes into each issue of the journal from finding articles, arranging for peer review, editing articles, copy editing articles, correspondence with authors and reviewers, contacting publishers for books for review. finding illustrations, and tracking down heritage issues for the *Gazette*.

As always, I want to thank the MHS for its continued support and encouragement.

Robert Coutts
Chief Editor, *Prairie History*

Young Historians Committee

Interest in re-instating the Young Historian Committee was brought forward at an MHS meeting in the Fall of 2021. Jan Sirski took interest in Chairing and a committee was formed. Members were Peter Bjornson, Ross Metcalfe, and Gordon Goldsborough.

The group did some preliminary research into the viability of this venture and were encouraged by the responses that indicated support for such an award. The value of the experience for students was seen as motivational factor.

With encouragement from various scholars the committee prepared a plan to implement the award for the 2022-2023 school year. The plan was that the award be made available to all Grade 11 students in Manitoba registered in a Social Studies course that academic year.

A draft letter announcing the award was prepared with the intent to email all school divisions in the province announcing it. The timeline was to have this sent to school divisions by June 15. More detailed information would be sent out to individual schools in August. It was noted that a key element was motivating teachers to include this award by incorporating the topic for the research study into their syllabus for the year. The basic framework for the award included:

- Notice that this was open to all Manitoba students enrolled in Grade 11
- Setting up an electronic registration form for the website.
- Creating social media posts for all our platforms to advertise the program and link to the webpage and form.
- Produce a digital toolkit that includes criteria, a poster for the classroom, suggestions for topic areas, and a format guide once decided on (essay length, citation style, encourage the use of primary source materials)
- Work can be submitted in various formats – written, through digital form, podcast, webpage , video etc.
- Topics needed to be finalized and will be based on Grade 11 curriculum.

The contacts for the school divisions were prepared and forwarded to the office. It was at this point that the fact that the office staff was dealing with an immense amount of work preparing for the AGM and formatting an introductory letter as well as sending out all the information to the school divisions would be very time consuming and perhaps not a good choice for our committee to expect this of our staff.

At this point the committee has decided that due to the very tight timeline and the importance that information be presented to the schools in a very organized and professional manner we will take the time to prepare an information package for the Fall. The intent will be to delay the award to the 2023-2024 academic school year. This will also allow the committee time to advocate for the award through Professional Development venues such as SAG , COSL, MTS, and other advocacy groups.

The committee will continue to refine the format of the award and are confident that with this additional time for promotion the interest and submissions by students will increase.

Thank-you to the committee members for their wisdom and experience .

Jan Sirski

Policy Committee

Council created the Policy Committee in June 2021 to develop a set of standard policies to guide the day to day operations of the Society. It is comprised of Gordon Goldsborough, Jim Ingebrigtsen, Bashir Khan, Carol Scott, and Tracey Turner.

Topics are suggested by committee members, Council or society members. The committee locates knowledgeable people to provide an initial draft which is vetted and submitted to Council for approval, amendment, or rejection.

During the year the committee submitted and received approval for eleven policies:

- Council Terms of Reference (approved motion 2021-53, 21 December 2021)
- Council Member Orientation (approved motion 2021-54, 21 December 2021)
- Committees of Council (approved motion 2021-55, 21 December 2021)
- MHS Assistance to Other Organizations (revised motion 2021-57, 21 December 2021)
- Code of Conduct (approved motion 2021-58, 21 December 2021)
- Employment (approved motion 2021-59, 21 December 2021)
- Financial Management (approved motion 2021-60, 21 December 2021)
- Social Media (approved motion 2022-06, 22 February 2022)
- Donations and Bequests (approved motion 2022-07, 22 February 2022)
- Council and Executive Recruitment and Succession (approved motion 2022-08, 22 February 2022)
- Committee Areas of Responsibility (approved motion 2022-21, 19 April 2022)

Two others policies are in process:

- Records Management (drafter: Tracey Turner)
- Executive and Council Minutes (drafter: Leona Devyust)

Carol Scott
Chair

Strategic Planning Committee

The proposed Strategic Plan which is included on this agenda emerged from discussions at the MHS Council and Executive meetings. Over the Fall of 2021, it became obvious that our major projects and ongoing priorities, and activities were well defined for the next two years. Therefore, preparing a two-year strategic plan seemed like a logical next step, to provide structure and serve as an organizational reference document for ongoing initiatives, priorities, and projects. Our “strategies” had to reflect our organizational directions and serve to organize them into a coherent document that would describe what the MHS is trying to achieve through its ongoing mission and mandate.

The strategic planning committee consisted of Dan Furlan, Rick Frost and Tracey Turner who tabled drafts for comment and feedback at each monthly meeting. This process engaged both the Council and Executive and helped to shape the early drafts into a final product for your consideration and review. The document is quite concise but at the same time fully explains how our various initiatives fit into the overall direction. A special thanks to Tracey for transforming the approved narrative into an attractive presentation.

Richard Frost
Chair

Treasurer's Report

The financial statements for the year ended March 2022 reflect the operation of Manitoba Historical Society (MHS). These statements have been reviewed by M Group Chartered Professional Accountants LLP.

Highlights of the 2021-2022 as compared to previous year.

Even though Covid-19 pandemic limited field trips and fund-raising activities, MHS has an excess of revenue \$78,297 in Fiscal period 2021 (as compared to \$24,745 in Fiscal 2021). Comparison with prior year can be summarised as follows:

Revenue	2022	2021	% Increase (decrease)
Grant	116,051	60,069	93%
Donation	54,685	9,513	475%
Membership	18,251	17,290	6%
Realized investment income	420	463	(9%)
Programs	24,328	3,051	697%
Total	213,735	90,386	136%

- No field trip, no fundraising event were done in Fiscal year 2022 due to the pandemic as such no revenues were generated from those activities.
- Membership numbers are growing every year and as result membership revenue grew by 6%, thanks for membership committees and CAO.
- MHS received the following Grant in the fiscal (Note #5)

Organization	2022	2021	% Increase (decrease)
Province of Manitoba	60,776	40,660	49%
The Winnipeg Foundation	51,307	19,409	164%
Other	3,968	0	0%
Total	116,051	60,069	

Expenses

- Programs expenditures were up by 194% this mainly due to Legislative History project (this program is financial neutral to MHS).
- Other expense lines increase or decreases are not significant

Statement of Financial Position

- Operating fund cash balance is \$687k which is below fund from MB Exhibition of \$726k, to be utilized for the coming three years. MHS purchased \$135k Endowment fund from The Winnipeg Foundation (TWF) and TWF matching dollars endowed in MHS is \$15k.
- The HMS Operating Fund has two funds which are managed by The Winnipeg Foundation (\$106k restricted and \$191k unrestricted) which comprise the total investment of \$297,187 as at 31 March 2022. The investment policy of The Winnipeg Foundation is to ensure that the capital they manage is protected. The other Investment include \$126,288 include \$45,122 for series of restricted funds as well as \$81,166 for the General Operating Fund. These are held as Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC).

Habtom Tedla
Treasurer

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