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National Trust Conference 2025

**Kjipuktuk | Halifax , Nova Scotia
October 23 - 25**

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&
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Greetings from the Organizations

Kwe', Hello, Bonjour,

On behalf of the National Trust for Canada, the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals, and the Indigenous Heritage Circle, welcome to Heritage Now! What an honour to come together on the unceded traditional territory and ancestral homelands of the Mi'kmaq Nation in Kijipuktuk/Halifax. This historic city has its own powerful stories to tell about the transformative power of heritage to galvanize communities and create vibrant futures.

Heritage conservation in Canada has never felt more critically important, whether it's recognizing marginalized places, responding to the climate emergency, or helping sustain the sense of place, pride, and wellbeing of communities. And yet Canada's heritage movement is under unprecedented pressures: from social disruption, seismic economic and environmental shifts, and rapid intensification for housing. This conference offers the opportunity to come together and to examine the value of sustaining and reinventing our heritage places. Now is the time for action.

We hope you enjoy this rare in-person experience with hundreds of friends and colleagues from across Canada over the course of a stimulating and inspiring few days.

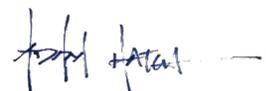
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Territorial Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that the conference takes place in Kijipuktuk/Halifax, part of Mi'kma'ki, which since time immemorial has been the unceded traditional territory and ancestral homelands of the Mi'kmaq Nation. This territory is covered by the Covenant Chain of Treaties of Peace and Friendship which the Mi'kmaw, Wolastoqey, and Peskotomuhkati Peoples signed between 1725 and 1779 with the British Crown. The treaties are living agreements that establish the rules for an ongoing Treaty relationship between nations. We pay respect to the historic and contemporary Indigenous peoples who have, over millennia, and through generations, passed down ways of being, knowing, and doing that are valued and respected.

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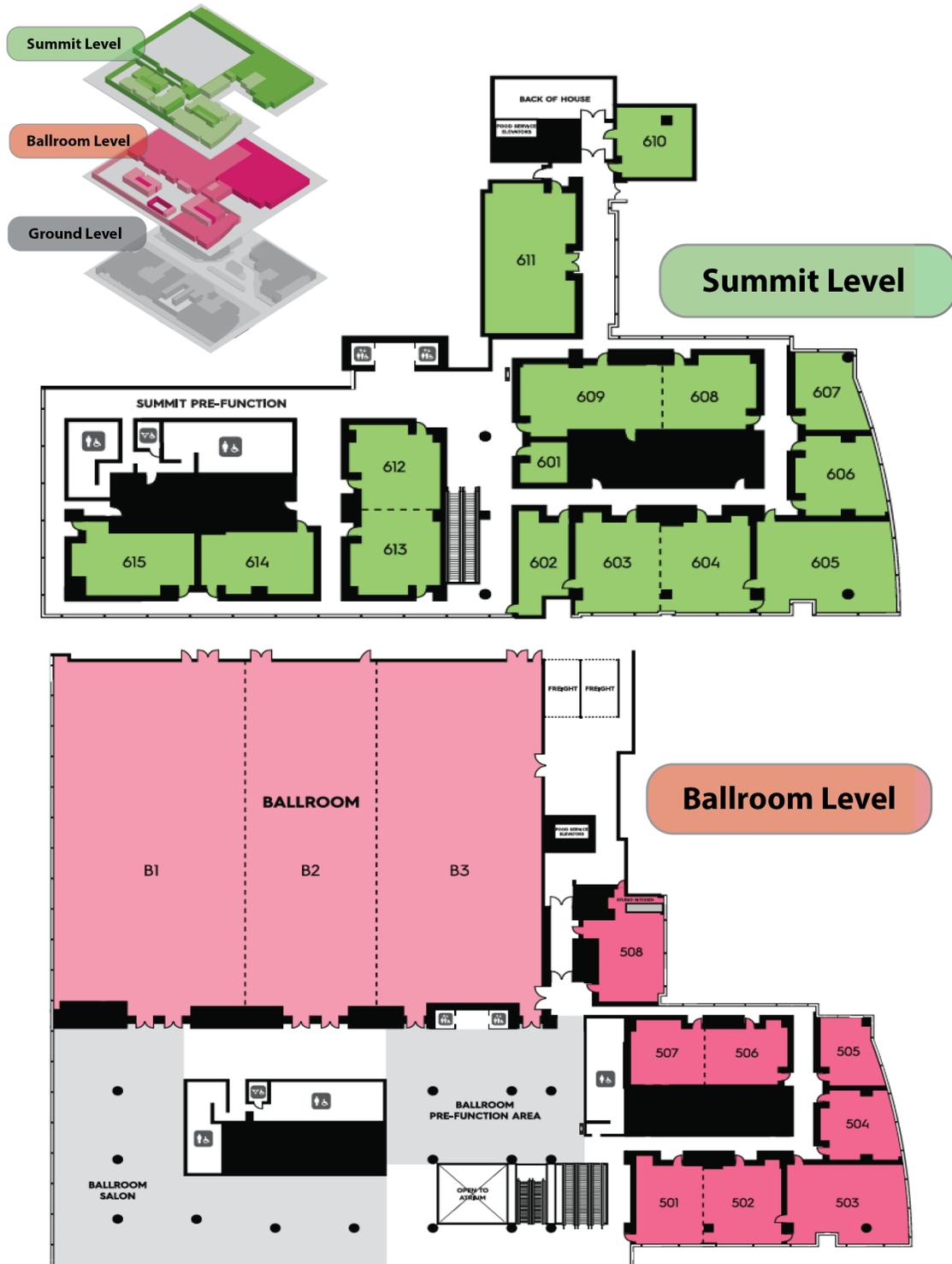
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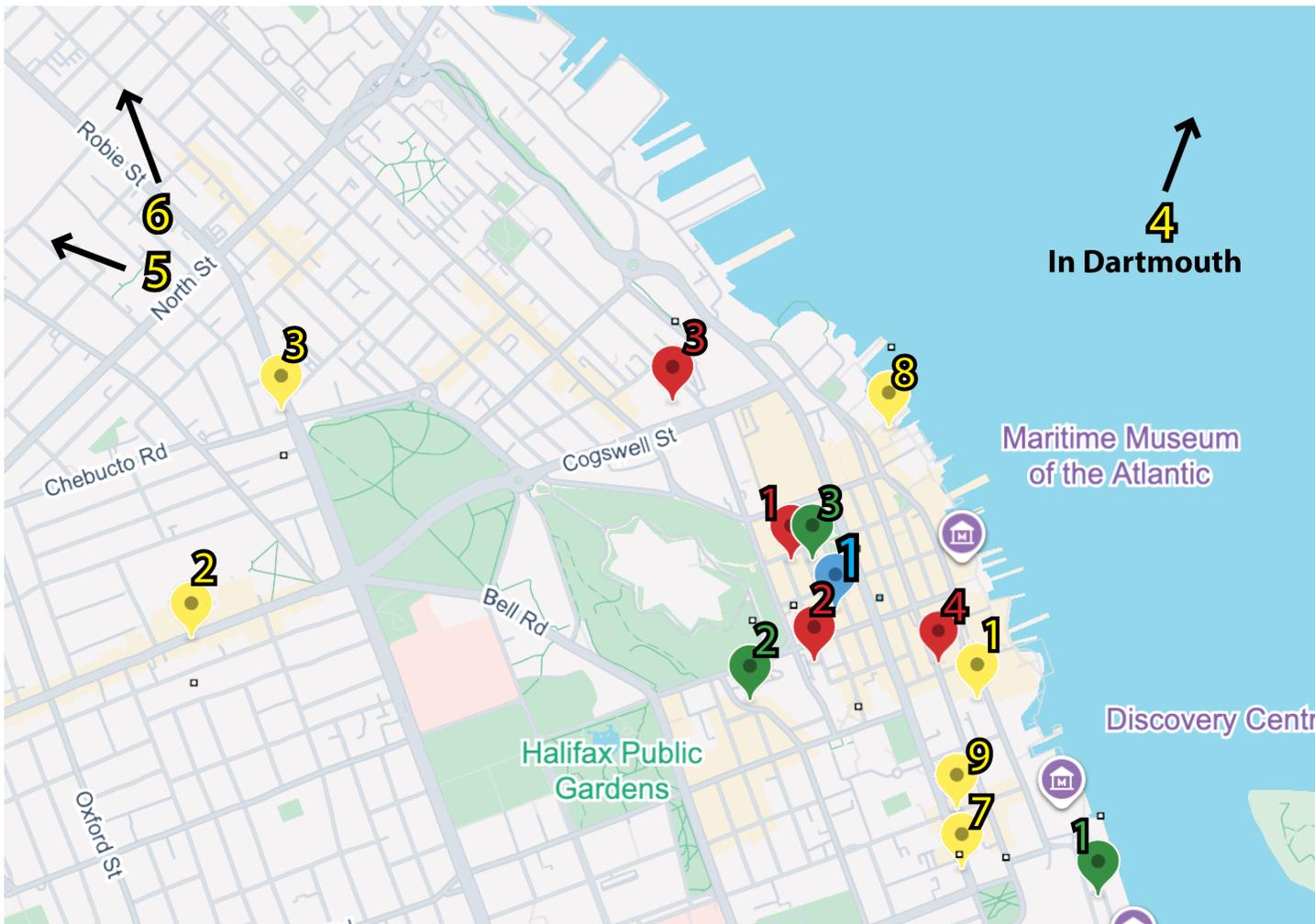
Black Heritage Caucus

Launched in 2024, the Black Heritage Caucus brings practitioners together annually to: strengthen the representation of Black heritage voices; develop strategic planning for Black heritage conservation in Canada; facilitate knowledge exchange with the Indigenous Heritage Circle; provide professional development for Black heritage practitioners; and elevate Black heritage visibility at the conference.

Saturday, October 25					
7:30am	Breakfast with Exhibitors 7:30-8:30am				
8:30am	6.0 – Plenary Heritage <u>Now</u> : Turning Point for Heritage Conservation? 8:30-10:00am Ballroom B3				
10:00am	Health Break 10:00– 10:30am Ballroom B1				
10:30am	7.1 Facadism and Relocation: Understanding Heritage in Pieces 501-502	7.2 Heritage as Catalyst: Creating Social and Economic Impact 506-507	7.3 Crucial Lessons from Big Projects: Reimagining, Humanizing, and Advocating for Institutional Buildings Ballroom B3	7.4 Engaging, Educating, and Empowering the Next Generation (Sponsored by Halifax) 603-604	7.5 Black- Indigenous Knowledge Exchange Room TBA
12:00pm	Lunch with Exhibitors Ballroom B1 John Edwards Bursary Lunch Ballroom B1 Chinatown Reimagined Session 501-502 Youth Heritage Network Lunch 506-507				
1:00pm	12:00 – 1:30pm				
1:30pm	8.1 Spark – Macro to Micro: Context, Structures and Materials 501-502	8.2 Visibility and Erasure: From Digital Censorship to Archival & Community Recovery Ballroom B3	8.3 Spark – Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation 506-507	8.4 Nova Scotia Heritage Insights: Museums, Collaboration, Archaeology 603-604	Tour of Historic Fort Massey Church (1:00- 2:45pm)
2:45pm	Health Break 2:45 – 3:15pm Ballroom B1				
3:15pm	9.1 Neighbourhood and Industrial Transformations: Navigating Client and Public Expectations Ballroom B3	9.2 Spark – Landmarks and Meaning: Stories, Memory and Community Wellbeing 603-604	9.3 Beyond the Margins: Rural Heritage, Local Agency, and the Challenges of Conservation 506-507	9.4 Indigenous Consultation in Urban Planning Projects (IHC Session) 501-502	
4:00pm					
4:30pm	Health Break 4:30 – 4:45pm Ballroom B1				
5:00pm	10.0 Plenary Closing Plenary – Setting 2026 Heritage Agenda Ballroom B3				
5:30pm	4:45 – 5:30pm				
6:00pm					
7:00pm	Closing Celebration: East Coast Kitchen Party Garrison Brewery (1149 Marginal Road)				
8:00pm	7:00 – 10:30pm				
9:00pm					

Halifax Convention Centre Map and Floorplans





Kjipuktuk | Halifax Key Locations

Venue

1. The Halifax Convention Centre

Hotels

1. Prince George Hotel
2. Cambridge Suites
3. Moxy by Marriott Halifax
4. Four Points Halifax

Events

1. Garrison Brewery (Closing)
2. Officer's Mess (Donors)
3. Retro (CAHP)

Taste of Halifax

1. Black Sheep
2. Blue Olive Greek Taverna
3. The Bonfire
4. Celtic Corner Public House
5. Easy Street Diner
6. Hamachi Kita
7. Henry House
8. Lower Deck
9. Buta Ramen

Thursday, October 23

7:45am – 5:30pm

Black Heritage Caucus Annual Meeting (Invitation only) **Black Loyalist Heritage Centre**

Tour and annual meeting at Black Loyalist Heritage Centre in Birchtown, Nova Scotia. Bus will depart the Halifax Convention Centre at 8:00am.

9:00am – 4:00pm

CAHP Codes Acceleration Fund Workroom

9-11am - **1660 Hollis Street**

12-4pm - **Rooms 603-604, Summit Level**

Don't miss this opportunity to help shape the 2030 National Building Code and set the tone for adaptive reuse and building conservation in the years ahead! Join us for a collaborative workroom hosted by the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals, in partnership with Giaimo and Ha/f Climate Design.

This workroom is part of the Existing Buildings, Carbon, and Code Analysis project, funded by the Government of Canada's Codes Acceleration Fund (CAF) through NRCan. We'll share updates on the project and invite sustainability, code, and heritage professionals to help shape national recommendations through interactive discussions.

9:00am – 12:00pm

Indigenous Heritage Circle AGM

Room 503, Ballroom Level

Free Training - Episodic Disabilities and Belonging in Heritage Organizations: Building Sensitivity, Capacity, and Inclusion

Rooms 501-502, Ballroom Level

This workshop will take an intersectional approach to explore the diverse experiences of heritage sector workers living with episodic disabilities. This session will include interactive discussions and exercises to build confidence and capacity for fostering inclusive work environments. Don't miss this otherwise paid opportunity to increase your understanding of disability in the workplace!

Field Sessions

Meet Ballroom Pre-Function Area, Ballroom Level near the Registration Desk (please meet 15 minutes before)

- **Georges Island National Historic Site (9:00am – 12:00pm)**
- **Halifax: The Idea of a Town (9:00 – 11:00am)**
- **Working Class History Tour (9:00 – 11:00am)**

1:00 – 4:00pm

IHC-CMA Indigenous Cultural Heritage Rights Task Force Meeting (Invitation only)

Rooms 503, Ballroom Level

Established to advance Indigenous cultural heritage rights and support the return of Ancestors and cultural belongings to their rightful communities.

National Trust National Council Meeting (Invitation only)

Rooms 501-502, Ballroom Level

Heritage community leaders from across Canada discuss common issues and strategies.

National Roundtable on Heritage Education (NRHE) (Invitation only)

Rooms 506-507, Ballroom Level

The annual NRHE provides the opportunity for Canada's heritage instructors, students, professionals, and more to discuss topics of importance and to set priorities for the upcoming year. Don't miss this valuable opportunity to learn from and network with your colleagues across the country.

Field Sessions

Meet Ballroom Pre-Function Area, Ballroom Level near the Registration Desk.

- **Black Heritage Sites: Africville and the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia (1:00 – 4:00pm)**
- **Downtown Halifax Conservation Districts Walk and Learn: Insight into the Past and Future (1:00 – 3:00pm)**
- **Halifax Harbour Lighthouse Tour (1:00 – 4:00pm)**
- **Queer Halifax: Two Hundred and Seventy Two Years of Queer (1:00 – 3:00pm)**

4:00 – 5:00pm

New to This: A Mixer for First-timers & Emerging Professionals

Ballroom Salon, Ballroom Level

Calling all emerging heritage professionals and first-time conference goers, don't miss your chance to socialize, network, and perhaps find a conference buddy at a new event specifically for you! Enjoy an hour of making new connections with fellow emerging professionals and first-time conference goers as well as networking with a handful of established heritage professionals from a variety of disciplines. A drink ticket (for first 50 participants) and snacks will be provided.

Sponsor Appreciation Reception (Invitation only) **Ballroom B1, Ballroom Level**

Celebratory reception for conference sponsors and exhibitors.

Thursday, October 23 (continued)

5:00 – 7:00pm

Opening Reception & Exhibit Hall Launch

Ballroom B1, Ballroom Level

Join the festivities with peers and connect with exhibitors and learn about their products and services. Ample food. Cash bar available.

7:00 – 9:30pm

Opening Ceremony & Atlantic Canada Cultural Showcase

Ballroom B3, Ballroom Level

Witness the living cultures of the Mi'kmaw, Black Atlantic, and Scottish communities. Don't miss the array of craft vendors.

Featuring: Elder Dr. Donald M. Julien (Elder in Residence at the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kimaw); Damini Awoyiga (Activist & 2023-24 Halifax Youth Poet Laureate), Eastern Eagle (Mi'kmaw Singers and Drum Group); Mi'kmaw Dancer demos; Scott Parson (Multi-disciplined PEI Musician); Amethyst Scottish Dancers of Nova Scotia (Highland Dancers); Thandiwe McCarthy (New Brunswick Spoken Word Poet & Writer); Emma Stevens (Eskasoni First Nation Singer-Songwriter).

Friday, October 24

7:30 - 8:30am

Breakfast with Exhibitors

Ballroom B1, Ballroom Level

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8:30 – 10:00am

Session 1.0 - Keynote Plenary – Heritage Now:

Inspiring Lessons from Nova Scotia

Ballroom B3, Ballroom Level

Heritage conservation in Canada has never felt more critically important, whether it's recognizing marginalized histories and places, responding to climate disasters, advancing reconciliation, or helping sustain the sense of place, pride, and wellbeing of communities. And yet Canada's heritage conservation sector is under unprecedented pressure: from social upheaval and cultural conflict, to economic disruption, the climate emergency, and the surging housing crisis. How does the heritage sector navigate this societal sea change?

This keynote session brings together Nova Scotia speakers who will show us where heritage is now, and provide insights on where it needs to be.

Moderator: Patricia Kell (CEO, National Trust for Canada)

Speakers:

- **Tim Bernard** (Executive Director, Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre. The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq)
- **Russell Grosse** (Member, Nova Scotia, HSMBC & Executive Director, Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia)
- **Gabrielle Bardall & Stéphanie St-Pierre** (Association Sainte-Marie Héritage et Développement)

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10:00 – 10:30am

Health Break with Exhibitors

Ballroom B1, Ballroom Level

Friday, October 24 (continued)

10:30 – 12:00pm

Session 2.1 – Heritage Conservation in a Housing Crisis

Rooms 603-604, Summit Level

This session explores replicable strategies for balancing housing creation and heritage retention in a variety of contexts, from downtowns to suburbs to small towns.

Moderator: Jesse Morton (Principal Planner – Heritage, Planning & Development, Halifax Regional Municipality, NS)

Speakers:

- **Brian Mayes** (Councillor, Winnipeg City Council, Winnipeg, MB) – *The Greenest Building Collides with 4plexes: Place Making & Unmaking in the Suburbs*
- **Victoria Angel** (Principal, ERA Architects, Ottawa, ON) & **Lesley Collins** (Program Manager, Heritage Planning, City of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON) – *Collaboration and Innovation at 1495 Heron Road in Ottawa*
- **Aaron Murnaghan** (Manager, Housing Accelerator Fund, Halifax Regional Municipality, NS) & **Carter Beaupre-McPhee** (Senior Heritage Planner, Halifax Regional Municipality, NS) – *Density as Incentive: Encouraging Conservation through Development.*
- **Laura LeGresley** (Heritage Planner/Officer, Town of Lunenburg, NS) & **Marc Kiely** (Director of Community Development, Town of Lunenburg, NS) – *Balancing Heritage Conservation and Development in a Living World Heritage Site*

Session 2.2 – Re-storying Our Past: Using Heritage as a Tool for Social Impact in Communities

Rooms 506-507, Ballroom Level

Projects from across Canada explore practical approaches to community engagement, revealing layers of collective memory in place, and recalibrating heritage frameworks to better recognize intangible cultural heritage.

Moderator: Adam Hatch (President, Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals, Vancouver, BC)

Speakers:

- **Lyndsay Francis** (Independent Consultant, Halifax, NS) – *Storytelling with the Mi'kmaw and Urban Indigenous Community in Kjiptuk (Halifax)*
- **Kristen Balogh** (Structural Engineer, WSP Canada, Ottawa, ON) – *Queering Heritage: From Erasure to Embrace*
- **Tura Cousin Wilson** (Architect, Studio of Contemporary Architecture, Toronto, ON) & **Shane Laptiste** (Architect, Studio of Contemporary Architecture, Toronto, ON) - *The Samuel Adams Memorial: Elevating the Heritage of Underrepresented Communities through Craft and Storytelling*
- **Sharon Hong** (Senior Associate, ERA Architects, Toronto, ON) – *Community Value is Heritage Value: Toronto's Chinatown West*

Session 2.3 – Building Adaptation, Relocation, and Deconstruction: Towards a Heritage Conservation Continuum Strategy

Ballroom B3, Ballroom Level

Learn from innovative practitioners who are fostering building and material reuse in parallel to conservation of heritage and the broader built environment.

Moderator: Susan Ross (Associate Professor, Canadian Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON).

Speakers:

- **Joe Nickerson** (Vice-President, Sidewalk Real Estate Development, Halifax, NS) – *Reshaping Neighbourhoods While Respecting the Past*
- **Glyn Lewis** (President and Founder, Renewal Developments, Vancouver, B.C.) – *Home Relocation & Repurposing: Preserving & Renewing Existing Buildings*
- **Carly Connor** (CEO & Founder, Green Salvaged Materials Inc., Hamilton, ON) – *Heritage in Transition: Deconstructing Waste, Rebuilding Value through Circular Economy and Material Reuse.*

Session 2.4 – Heritage Beyond Buildings: The Next Generation (Presented by Indigenous Heritage Circle)

Rooms 501-502, Ballroom Level

This session will highlight young Indigenous heritage professionals who are promoting heritage in ways that go beyond built heritage and in ways that are integral to Indigenous communities. Learn about the importance of genealogy and genetics to Metis communities, archaeology for many First Nations, and the use of interpretive guides.

Moderator: Breanna Tait (Visitor Services Coordinator, Wanuskewin Heritage Park & Board, Indigenous Heritage Circle, Saskatoon, SK)

Speakers:

- **Tony Masiuk** (*Red River Relations: First-of-its-Kind Genetic Genealogy Project for Metis*)
- **Jodi Howe** (Archaeology Research Division, Kwilmu'kw Mawklusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO), Millbrook, NS)
- **Jessie Mulbach** (Senior Interpretive Guide, Wanuskewin Heritage Park & Member, Łí dlı́ Kú é First Nation, Dehcho region, NWT)

12:00 – 1:30pm

Lunch with Exhibitors

Ballroom B1, Ballroom Level

Herb Stovel Scholarship Networking Lunch (Invitation only)

Ballroom B1, Ballroom Level

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National Trust Disaster Working Group

Ballroom B1, Ballroom Level

Have lunch with members of the Working Group who are currently compiling resources for people to reach for in the event of extreme weather events or other disasters and aims to create a national network to support disaster planning and response for built heritage.

To find out more, learn how to join in, or discuss your experiences in disaster recovery and mitigation please join us.

Lunch & Learn - Federal Funding Opportunities for Heritage Places

Rooms 501-502, Ballroom Level

This lunch hour presentation and discussion will provide information on two federal funding programs that support the heritage sector:

(1) the National Cost-Sharing Program for Heritage Places; and (2) the Legacy Fund component of the Building Communities through Arts and Heritage program.

Leaders:

- **Cynthia Graham** (Program Advisor, National Cost-Sharing Program for Heritage Places, Parks Canada)
- **Sonja Williams** (Program Manager, Celebrate Canada & Museums Assistance Program, Department of Canadian Heritage)

1:30 – 2:45pm

Session 3.1 – Introducing Modern Needs in Traditional Buildings: Accessibility, Circulation, and Intensification

Rooms 603-604, Summit Level

Learn about the trade-offs and key takeaways from the rebuilding of Parliament’s Centre Block and the iconic Union Station, and how an historic Halifax hotel, slated for demolition, met code and ROI after gently sliding on Ivory soap.

Moderator: Elizabeth Cushing (Heritage Planner, Planning and Development, Halifax Regional Municipality, NS)

Speakers:

- **Isa-Bella Leclair** (Deputy Project Manager, Public Services and Procurement Canada) & **Seamus McGreal** (Project Manager, Public Services and Procurement Canada, Halifax, NS) – *Preserving the Past, Embracing the Future: Accessibility in Canada’s Parliamentary Precinct*
- **Richard To** (Structural Engineer, WSP Canada Inc., Toronto, ON) – *Modernizing for Growth and Urban Development: Toronto’s Union Station Trainshed and New Infrastructure Needs*
- **Justine Bowles** (Architect and Principal, ZZAP Architecture and Planning, Halifax, NS) – *Relocating, Restoring, and Expanding the Historic Elmwood Hotel*

Session 3.2 – Public Engagement and Collaborative Action for Heritage Places: Novel Ideas and Success Stories

Rooms 501-502, Ballroom Level

This session highlights innovative approaches and real-world success stories in engaging communities and fostering joint efforts to sustain and celebrate heritage places.

Moderator: Emma Lang (Executive Director, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, Halifax, NS)

Speakers:

- **Sonja Kruitwagen** (Manager Marketing and Membership, National Trust, Ottawa, ON) & **Joanne Rose** (Our Lady of Mercy Complex Committee, Our Lady of Mercy Church, Port au Port, NL) - *Next Great Save Competition: Community, Amplification, Inspiration*
- **Sara Nixon** (Director of Community Engagement, The Brown Homestead, St. Catharines, ON) - *The Brown Homestead: A New Model for the Historic House Museum*
- **Margaret Herdman** (Board Member, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, D’Escousse, NS) - *Doors Open for Churches: Community, Connection, Flexibility*
- **Hannah Burton** (Inclusion and Belonging Officer, National Trust (UK), Swindon, England) - *Welcoming, Accessible and Relevant: Engaging New and Existing Audiences in the National Trust (UK)*

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Session 3.3 – Disaster Risk Management: Preparation, Response, and Recovery

Ballroom B3, Ballroom Level

Examining three high-profile Canadian cultural heritage disasters, this session explores how existing tools and processes can be recalibrated and stakeholders pro-actively prepared, to mitigate and respond to catastrophic loss.

Moderator: Dr. Marcus Letourneau (President, M.R. Letourneau and Associates, Kingston, ON)

Speakers:

- **Angélique Tardivel** (Cultural Heritage Advisor, Jasper National Park, Parks Canada, Jasper, AB) & **Evan Oxland** (Built Heritage Advisor, Technical and Specialist Services - Real Property and Assets Directorate, Parks Canada, Calgary, AB) - *Disaster Risk Management Planning [DRMP] for Cultural Heritage: 2024 Jasper Wildfire Case-Study*
- **Manon Savard** (Professor, Human Geography of the Environment and of Archaeology, Université du Québec à Rimouski, QC) & **Marie-Ève Morissette** (MA Candidate, Université du Québec à Rimouski, QC) & **Nicolas Beaudry** (Professor, History and Archaeology, Université du Québec à Rimouski, QC) – *Citizen Science for Monitoring Eroding Coastal Archaeological Sites: Preliminary Results of a Pilot Project in the St. Lawrence River Estuary*
- **Roberto Chiotti** (Larkin Architect, Toronto, ON) & **Frank Cormier** (People's Warden, St. Anne's Anglican Church, Toronto, ON) – *From Ashes to Action: Reimagining St. Anne's Anglican Church as a Model for Heritage-Based Community Redevelopment*

Session 3.4 – Workshop: Access to Heritage Trade and Traditional Knowledge Training (Presented by CAHP)

Rooms 506-507, Ballroom Level

Join this “fishbowl”-style structured conference dialogue, which will blend perspectives from sector leaders on heritage education, skills training, and apprenticeship with dynamic group discussion. Workshop goals will be to generate a collective action plan to leverage business, professionals, public entities, and advocates to influence policy and funding pathways.

Co-Facilitators:

- **Sonya Jensen** (Associate Architect, DFS. Montreal, QC)
- **Nadia Grogan** (Project Coordinator, Red Leaf Stone, New Westminster, BC)

Participant/Leaders:

- **Jack Hollinger** (Program Coordinator, Bachelor of Applied Science (Conservation) Algonquin College, Perth ON)
- **Craig Beattie** (Founder, Edgewater Stonemasons, Kingston, ON)
- **Scott Harris** (Heritage Mason, Fundy Stonecraft, Sackville, NB)

- **Josh Silver** (Program Instructor, Heritage Retrofit Carpentry, Holland College, Charlottetown, PEI)
- **Donovan Pauly** (Conservator/Project Coordinator, Clifford Restoration, Toronto, ON)
- **Lisa Nicol** (Principal, Senior Structural Conservation Engineer, John G. Cooke and Associates, Ottawa, ON)

2:45 – 3:15pm

Health Break with Exhibitors

Ballroom B1, Ballroom Level

3:15 - 4:30pm

Session 4.1 – Heritage Real Estate: Incentivizing Ownership and Development of Heritage Assets

Rooms 603-604, Ballroom Level

Learn about innovative new tax tools for attracting development to heritage properties, strategies for cultivating and sustaining political will, and unpacking opportunities to resolve the disincentives.

Moderator: Chris Wiebe (Manager, Heritage Policy & National Conference, Ottawa, ON)

Speakers:

- **Frits Pannekoek** (Athabasca University, Calgary, AB) & **David Chalmers** (President, Chalmers heritage Conservation Ltd., Calgary, AB) – *Heritage Covenants: An Experiment*
- **Marc Denhez** (Lawyer and Author, Ottawa, ON) – *Development vs. Conservation? Removing Tax Disincentives to Reuse*
- **Kevin Murphy** (Owner, Murphy Hospitality Group, Charlottetown, PEI) – *Charlottetown Heritage: The Crucial Role of Political Will and Long-Term Business Models*

Session 4.2 – SPARK - The Power of Place and Story:

Heritage Layers and Tensions

Ballroom B3, Ballroom Level

This rapid, rich, and insightful “Spark” session brings you seven concentrated and compelling presentations in 75 minutes.

Moderator: Victoria Angel (Principal, ERA Architects, Ottawa, ON)

Speakers:

- **Paige Murray** (Cultural Heritage Specialist, Stantec Consulting Ltd, London, ON) – *What's in a Name? Defining Associative Significance in an Evolving Historical Context*
- **Connor Thompson** (PhD Candidate, Dept. of History, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB) – *Whose Pioneers?: Public History Representations of the Canadian Prairie Pioneers, 1945-1976*
- **Mélanie Gagnon** (Project Director, Republic Architecture, Winnipeg, MB) – *Saving the Captain Kennedy House: The Power of Community in Driving Heritage Conservation*

Friday, October 24 (continued)

- **Jon Hall** (Pesikitt Cultural Heritage Centre, Windsor, NS) – *Threads of History Woven in Windsor, NS*
- **Cynthia Klaassen** (Heritage Resources Program Manager, Heritage Calgary, AB) – *Commemorating People and Places*
- **William Breckenridge** (Friends of Schmitzville, Halifax, NS) – *Schmitzville: Saving Urban Core Heritage*
- **Marie-Ange Croft** (Université du Québec à Rimouski) & **Catherine Losier** (Professor, Memorial University, St. John's, NL) & **Manon Savard** (Professeure, Université du Québec à Rimouski) – *Coastal Heritage: A Lever for Climate Action*
- **René Rivard** (Associate, CULTURA, bureau d'études, Montreal, QC) – *Heritage and Changing Cultural Landscapes* 

Session 4.3 - Bridging Heritage and Sustainable Development: CAHP's Codes Acceleration Fund Project (Presented by CAHP)

Rooms 506-507, Ballroom Level

Building and energy codes can unintentionally place heritage buildings at risk, particularly when upgrades mandate the replacement of historic structures materials that could otherwise remain in use. In 2023, CAHP received NRCan Codes Acceleration Fund support to investigate case studies across Canada modeling a variety of building typologies to analyze both the embodied and operational carbon values.

Each case study is studied through three development scenarios: retrofit, retrofit with addition, and demolition and replacement with new construction. By comparing life cycle carbon impacts and dollar-per-square-metre costs, the research demonstrates how retrofit can deliver both embodied and operational carbon savings while remaining cost competitive.

This session will share key findings from these studies, including a single-family house densification, a factory-to-office conversion, and an office-to-residential adaptation. It will also provide lessons that practitioners can apply to projects of all scales and that advocacy groups can use to demonstrate the climate value of heritage conservation.

Speakers:

- **Ria Al-Ameen** (Associate, Giaimo, Toronto, ON)
- **Carly Connor** (Founder & CEO, Green Salvaged Materials, Hamilton, ON)
- **Adam Hatch** (Contract Administration Director, hcma & President, CAHP, Vancouver, BC)
- **Rashmi Sirkar** (Partner, Ha/f Climate Design, Toronto, ON)

Session 4.4 – From Past to Power: Black Heritage Now! (Presented by the Black Heritage Caucus)

Rooms 501-502, Ballroom Level

The Black Heritage Caucus is hosting a powerful panel featuring leaders of significant heritage projects, demonstrating how community knowledge and action are uncovering hidden histories and shaping a more inclusive future. Together, we are preserving the past, empowering the present, and inspiring the future.

Moderator: Russell Grosse (CEO, Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia, Cherry Brook, NS)

Speakers:

- **Dean Smith** (Halifax, N.S.) – Dean Smith, lawyer, Chair of Diversity and Inclusion at Hockey Nova Scotia, and 2023 Willie O'Ree Award recipient, will speak on the Colored Hockey League (1895-1930), and his work on making the game more inclusive and welcoming.
- **Thandiwe McCarthy** (Fredericton, NB) – Thandiwe McCarthy created *Still Here* a Canada Council-funded project honoring Black New Brunswick families and countering a “gap of forgetfulness” in the province’s history. He will share insights from this work, which culminated in a national exhibition and book in 2025.
- **Cheryl Foggo** (Calgary, AB) – Cheryl Foggo, writer and filmmaker of *John Ware Reclaimed*, is dedicated to reclaiming Black Prairie history. She'll share her ongoing work exploring the life of John Ware and new findings from an archaeological dig at his Alberta homestead.
- **Chuck Smith** (Yarmouth, NS) – Chuck Smith serves on a volunteer board working to restore the historic Rose of Sharon Church, a landmark for the Yarmouth, Nova Scotia community. He will also speak about his work erecting monuments to the No. 2 Construction Battalion.

4:30 – 4:45pm

Health Break

Ballroom B1, Ballroom Level

4:45 – 5:45pm

National Trust Governors' Awards 2025

Ballroom B3, Ballroom Level

Come join us for this vibrant celebration of the year's most outstanding achievements in heritage conservation! Share this special moment with the passionate individuals and organizations delivering innovative projects in communities across Canada.

Friday, October 24 (continued)

5:45 – 8:00pm

Taste of Halifax – Dinners at Local Restaurants

Meet in the lobby of the Convention Centre at 5:45pm. Break bread with colleagues from across the country at restaurants around Halifax and Dartmouth. The pay-as-you-go meals will provide an opportunity to mingle and network in a casual environment, while also getting to explore more of the city. Each group will be hosted by local Emerging Heritage Professionals who will coordinate travel to and from the Convention Centre. Advance sign-up is required.

6:00 – 8:00pm

National Trust VIP Reception (Invitation only)

Join us within the historic Officers Mess at Royal Artillery Park for an evening celebrating the generosity of National Trust donors. Officers Mess, RA Park.

7:00 – 10:00pm

CAHP Soirée

Don't miss your chance to socialize, network, and celebrate our latest CAHP Award winners with us at the annual Conference Soirée! Enjoy an evening of catching up with old friends and colleagues, and making new connections at the Retro Lounge, a 3-minute walk from the Halifax Convention Centre to the Grafton Complex located at 1737 Grafton Street.

Doors open at 7pm and the CAHP Awards Ceremony begins at 8pm. Light food and a drink ticket is included. Tickets are \$50 for CAHP Members and \$65 for non-members.

Tickets available in advance or at the door. 19+



Saturday, October 25

6:30 - 7:30am

Heritage on the Move: A Morning Running Tour of Downtown Halifax

Meet at the main entrance to the Halifax Convention Centre at 1650 Argyle St.

Advance sign up necessary. Space limited.

Start your conference day with movement, connection, and a sense of place. This easy-paced running tour offers an energizing way to explore downtown Halifax before the day's sessions begin. Together, we'll take in some of the city's most significant cultural landscapes, sites that tell layered stories, community resilience, immigration and urban transformation. Key stops include Spring Garden Road, the historic Public Gardens, Camp Hill Cemetery, and the evolving Halifax waterfront. The Route will start and finish at the Halifax Convention Center and cover approximately 6km in distance. All are welcome, no matter your pace.

7:30 - 8:30am

Breakfast with Exhibitors

Ballroom B1, Ballroom Level

8:30 – 10:00am

Session 6.0 – Plenary Panel – Heritage Now: A Turning Point for Heritage Conservation?

Ballroom B3, Ballroom Level

The heritage conservation enterprise is at a critical juncture. For the first time in at least a generation, Canadian (and US) heritage protections are being rolled back in the name of red tape removal and housing acceleration in a growing number of jurisdictions. Simultaneously, there is pressure to address biases within heritage recognition systems, along with a rising number of heritage sites being de-funded and their collections deaccessioned.

What is happening to the “heritage consensus” stable for so many decades? Does the heritage sector have the courage for self-reflection and the willingness to adapt, and rapidly transform? In the spirit of “never let a crisis go to waste” this keynote presentation and panel discussion will unpack the current heritage turmoil and offer concrete steps towards a renewed sense of purpose.

Moderator: Chris Wiebe (National Trust for Canada)

Keynote: Erica Avrami (James Marston Fitch Associate Professor, Historic Preservation, GSAPP, Columbia University, New York, NY) – *Second-Order Preservation: Social Justice and Climate Action through Heritage Policy*

Panelists:

- **Alex Bozovic** (Architecture Critic, The Globe and Mail, Toronto, ON)

Saturday, October 25 (continued)

- **Keisha Cuffie** (President, Black Legacy Collective, Ottawa, ON)
- **Claudine Déom** (Professeure agrégée, École d'architecture, Université de Montréal, QC)
- **Heather George** (Executive Director, Woodland Cultural Centre & Board, Indigenous Heritage Circle, Brantford, ON)

10:00am – 10:30am

Health Break with Exhibitors

Ballroom B1, Ballroom Level

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10:30am – 12:00pm

Session 7.1 – Facadism and Relocation: Understanding Heritage in Pieces

Rooms 501-502, Ballroom Level

Facadism and relocation - especially in urban or suburban Ontario – are becoming a norm, almost a default, where new developments are proposed. Join this dynamic panel of practitioners as they contextualize why this is happening, discuss when facadism and relocation can meet the *Standards & Guidelines*, and identify the critical questions the heritage sector can no longer avoid.

Session Leaders: **Cassandra Jasinski** (Heritage Planner, Town of Caledon, ON) & **Alessandro Tersigni** (Project Manager, Cultural Initiatives, ERA Architects, Toronto, ON)

Panelists:

- **Charlton Carscallen** (Principal Planner/Supervisor-Heritage, City of Brampton, ON)
- **Michael McClelland** (Principal, ERA Architects, Toronto, ON)
- **Jessica Mace** (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Art History, University of Toronto, ON)
- **Carlos Morell** (Principal & Architect, GBCA, Toronto, ON)
- **Stefan Novakovic** (Senior Editor, AZURE Magazine, Toronto, ON)

Session 7.2 – Heritage as Catalyst: Creating Social and Economic Impact in Communities

Rooms 506-507, Ballroom Level

Learn from a pan-Canadian set of case studies how projects can simultaneously meet cultural heritage and socio-economic goals.

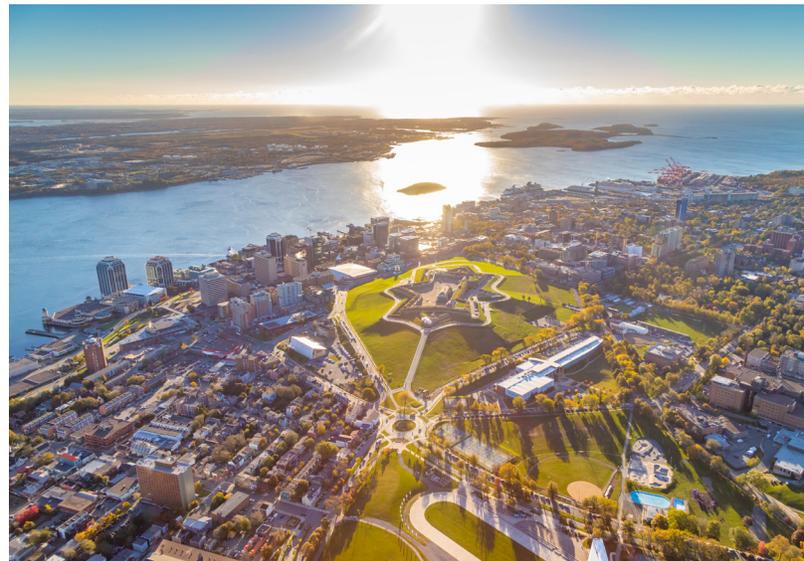
Moderator: **Evan Hunter** (Architect, Republic Architecture, Winnipeg, MB)

Speakers:

- **Zeina Ahmed** (Urban Planner, ERA Architects, Toronto, ON) & **Camilla Hoang** (Design Research Intern, ERA Architects, Toronto, ON) & **Michael Otchie** (Project Manager, ERA Architects, Toronto, ON) – *Uncovering Toronto's Lost Black Churches: Multi-Sensory Forms of Learning* [SPARK presentation]
- **Shekara Grant** (Weymouth Falls Community Land Trust, NS) –

Greening Built Heritage: The Mount Beulah Example

- **Jasmine Chandra** (The Corporation of the Anglican Parish of St. Mark (Stone Church), Saint John, NB) – *Conservation and Serving Marginalized Populations: An Effective Partnership*
- **Emma Morris** (Executive Director, Museums Association of Saskatchewan, Regina, SK) & **David Siebert** (Researcher, Heritage Saskatchewan) – *Economic Value and Jobs: Making the Case for Cultural Heritage*
- **Mitchell May** (Associate, Giaimo, Toronto, ON) & **Stephanie Mah** (Creative Director, Giaimo, Toronto, ON) – *Dawson City: A New Heritage Management Plan for a Living Community*



Session 7.3 – Crucial Lessons from Big Projects: Reimagining, Humanizing, and Advocating for Institutional Buildings

Ballroom B3, Ballroom Level

Explore the reinvention of some of Canada's most iconic structures for dramatically new social contexts, and the opportunities for connecting these often aloof buildings with their communities.

Moderator: **James Maddigan** (Senior Conservation Specialist, Architecture 49, Ottawa, ON)

Speakers:

- **Bruce Kuwabara** (Founding Partner, KPMB, Toronto, ON) & **David Leinster** (CEO, Contemporary Calgary, AB) – *From Cosmos to Culture: The Contemporary Calgary Centennial Planetarium Transformation Project*
- **Paul Sapounzi** (Managing Partner, +VG Architects, GTA, ON) – *Toronto Power Generating Station, Niagara Falls*
- **R.J. McCulloch** (Managing Director, Luxton, Vancouver, BC) – *You've Got Mail: The Story of the Vancouver Main Post Office, One of Canada's Largest Heritage Conservation Projects*
- **Vivian Manasc** (Principal, Reimagine Architects, Edmonton, AB) – *Saving and Reinventing the Former Royal Alberta Museum*

Saturday, October 25 (continued)

Session 7.4 – Engaging, Educating, and Empowering the Next Generation

Room 603-604, Summit Level

This session will examine the current pathways into the heritage workforce (from professions and trades to museums and heritage organizations), the state of the Canadian heritage education and training sector, and practical tactics for attracting, mentoring, and retaining the rising generation.

Moderator: Chris Wiebe (Coordinator, National Roundtable on Heritage Education, National Trust for Canada, Ottawa, ON)

Speakers:

- **Susan Ross** (Co-Chair, National Roundtable on Heritage Education, Carleton University) & **Shabnam Inanloo Dailoo** (Co-Chair, National Roundtable on Heritage Education, Athabasca University) – *Canada’s Shifting Heritage Conservation Education and Training Landscape*
- **Ruby Edet** (Executive Director, Capital Heritage Connexion, Ottawa, ON) & **Christopher Chase-Onions** (Program Coordinator, Capital Heritage Connexion, Ottawa, ON) – *Investing in the Future: Empowering Emerging Heritage Professionals through Mentorship*
- **Meghan Chadwick** (March Candidate, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS) – *Openness, Curiosity, and Choice: A Care-Centred Approach to Heritage Conservation*
- **Karen Jans** (Special Advisory to the Executive Director Atlantic, Parks Canada, Charlottetown, PEI) & **Josh Silver** (Learning Manager, Heritage Retrofit Carpentry Program, Holland College, Charlottetown, PEI) – *Nurturing the Next Generation of Heritage Craftspeople: The Story of a Unique Collaboration Between Parks Canada and Holland College*

Session 7.5 – Black-Indigenous Knowledge Exchange (Invitation only)

Location: See Conference App

Exploring community success stories and methodologies.

If interested in participating, please contact: operations@indiginousheritage.ca

12:00 – 1:30pm

Lunch with Exhibitors

Ballroom B1, Ballroom Level

John Edwards Bursary for Heritage Volunteers Networking Lunch (Invitation only)

Ballroom B1, Ballroom Level

Youth Heritage Network Lunch

Rooms 506-507, Ballroom Level

Come help lay the foundation for a national youth network.

“Chinatown Reimagined: Towards a National Strategy for Historic Chinatowns” Lunch

Rooms 501-502, Ballroom Level

Join Jessica Chen, Parker Mah, and Melissa Lengies (JIA Foundation, Montreal, QC) for a presentation and discussion on the very latest efforts to save Canada’s Chinatowns.



10:00am – 12:00pm

A Tour of the Historic Fort Massey United Church

Meet at the Registration Desk to walk to the church (5303 Tobin St.)

This tour is complimentary but requires advance sign up. Space limited.

Join Elizabeth Pacey, Past Board of Governor of the National Trust, and longtime heritage advocate and author, on a tour of this remarkable historic church in central Halifax. Designed by Scottish architect David Stirling, who made skillful use of Gothic designs with more than a dozen window shapes and sizes and numerous versions of decorative window tracery, the Fort Massey Church was noted as “. . . one of the most handsome specimens of Gothic architecture to be met in the Dominion.” - The Canadian Illustrated News, 1873. Learn about the church’s past and discuss its future.

1:30 – 2:45pm

Session 8.1 – SPARK – Macro to Micro: Contexts, Structures and Materials

Rooms 501-502, Ballroom Level

This rapid, rich, and insightful “Spark” session brings you seven concentrated and compelling presentations in 75 minutes.

Moderator: Nigel Molaro (Senior Project Manager, ERA Architects, Toronto, ON)

Speakers:

- **Christian Giansante** (Cultural Heritage Specialist, Stantec Consulting Ltd., Ottawa, ON) – *Power Generation Stations: Interpreting the Past, Powering the Present, and Planning for the Future*
- **Chris Crawford** (Partner, Director of Architecture and Interiors, Fathom Studio, Halifax, NS) & **Julien Boudreau** (Associate, Fathom Studio, Halifax, NS) – *Beyond Preservation: The Press Block and the Power of Contextual Heritage*
- **Natasha Juckes** (Dalhousie University) – *A Methodology for Reusing Timber Churches: Crafted Connections for the Rose of Sharon*

Saturday, October 25 (continued)

- **Nicholas Lawler** (Structural Engineer & Senior Associate, Tacoma Engineers, Waterloo, ON) – *The Old Waterloo Post Office Revived*
- **Summer Mercier** (Conservation Specialist, RMA + SH Architects, Ottawa, ON) & **Josiah Fogarty** (Associate, Structural Engineer, Stantec, Ottawa, ON) – *The Aberdeen Pavilion: Challenging Convention in Balancing Heritage Conservation with Modern Day Requirements*
- **Amy Montgomery** (Associate, Building Science Engineer, RDH Building Science Inc., Toronto, ON) – *A Rare Find: Revealing the Hidden Story of White Cement Mortar in the New Brunswick Museum Masonry Walls*
- **Erin Hemm** (Project Manager, Building Sciences & Manager of Heritage Centre of Excellence at WSP, Ottawa, ON) & **Emma Sampson** (Project Manager, WSP Canada Inc., Dartmouth, NS) – *40 Years After the Coating: Exploration of Sensitive Methods to Remove an Elastomeric Coating from Historic Cast Stone at the Halifax Train Station*

Session 8.2 – Visibility and Erasure: From Digital Censorship to Archival and Community Recovery

Ballroom B3, Ballroom Level

Learn about the unfolding heritage damage from digital censorship, the complexities of community expression, and opportunities to elevate marginalized voices and narratives.

Moderator: Brittney Anne Bos (Project Manager, ERA Architects, Toronto, ON)

Speakers:

- **Keisha Cuffie** (Black Legacy Collective, Ottawa, ON) – *Erased and Encoded: Black Heritage in the Digital Age*
- **Alex R. Carpenter** (PhD Candidate, Civil Engineering, University of Toronto, ON) – *Digital Documentation, Censorship, and Queer Heritage*
- **Gabriel Despres-Jones** (Curator & Heritage Consultant, Kespukwitk/Southwest Nova Scotia) – *A Critical Examination of Acadian Landscape Representation for the 2024 Acadian World Congress*
- **Robert Fowler** (Saint Mary's University & Northeast Archaeological Research, Halifax, NS) & **Jeffrey Ward** (Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, Halifax, NS) – *Memory Maps and Archived Light: Exploring Built Heritage Attrition in Halifax*

Session 8.3 – Spark – Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation

Rooms 506-507, Ballroom Level

This rapid, rich, and insightful “Spark” session brings you seven concentrated and compelling presentations from heritage and museums practitioners in 75 minutes.

Moderator: Emily Guy (Research and Policy Lead, TRACE Architectures, Ottawa, ON)

Speakers:

- **Erica Barnes** (Associate, Building Science Engineer, RDH Building Science, Toronto, ON)
- **Emma Sampson** (Project Manager, WSP Canada Inc., Dartmouth, NS) – *Illuminating Hidden Structures: The Power of LiDAR in Façade Scanning*
- **Stephen Collette** (Building Audit Manager, Faith and the Common Good, Peterborough, ON) – *Climate Resiliency Audits for Heritage Buildings*
- **Dana Murray** (PhD Candidate, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, ON) – *Disaster Working Group; Collaboration and Collectivism in Crisis*
- **Andrea Richardson** (Climate Change Adaptation Coordinator, Cape Sable Historical Society, Dartmouth, NS) – *It's More than Just Coastal Erosion: Collaborative Action and the Nova Scotia Climate Change Adaptation Strategy*
- **Aaron Rasenberg** (Owner, Master Craftsman, Archwood Millwork, Saint John NB) – *The Ethos of Repair*
- **Madeline Carr** (Founder, Bell Tent Orchard, Douglas, NB) – *The WiSE Framework: Reimagining Heritage Leadership Through Connection to Land and Self*

Session 8.4 – Nova Scotia Heritage Insights: Museum Truth-Telling, Community Collaboration, and Rescue Archaeology

Presented with Parks Canada

Room 603-604, Summit Level

Learn about how museums and heritage organizations can create authentic connections with audiences through transparent storytelling, forge community connections through cemetery restoration, and grapple with the challenge of shipwreck archaeology in dynamic maritime environment.

Moderator: Keith Mercer (Cultural Resource Manager, Mainland Nova Scotia Field Unit, Parks Canada, Halifax, NS)

Speakers:

- **Julie Thomas** (Chief Curator, The Army Museum Halifax Citadel, Halifax, NS) – *Guardians of the Past, Voices of the Present: Museums Navigating Truth-Telling in a Distrustful Age*
- **Golnaz Karimi** (Applied Built Heritage Manager, Restoration Workshop, Parks Canada, Halifax, NS) & **Heather LeBlanc** (Project Designer, Mapannapolis, Annapolis Royal, NS) – *Fort Anne Garrison Graveyard Conservation: Fostering Community Connections*
- **Rebecca Dunham** (Archaeologist, Parks Canada, Halifax, NS) & **Brandy Lockhart** (Underwater Archaeologist, Parks Canada, Ottawa, ON) – *Stories in the Sand: Exploring Sable Island Shipwrecks*

Saturday, October 25 (continued)

2:45 – 3 :15pm

Health Break with Exhibitors

Ballroom B1, Ballroom Level

3:15 – 4 :30pm

Session 9.1 – Neighbourhood and Industrial Transformations: Navigating Client and Public Expectations

Ballroom B3, Ballroom Level

Gain practical insights from the successes and failures of adaptive projects on a variety of scales, and the critical role a clear and simple end use can play.

Moderator: Mark Jones (President, Dominion Restoration, Montreal, QC)

Speakers:

- **Anne Vallières** (Practice Lead, Design, STGM, Québec City, QC) – *Learning from School Heritage: Challenges and Opportunities in the Rehabilitation of Quebec Schools* 
- **Carolyn Samko** (Senior Project Manager, Heritage Facilities and Capital Planning, City of Hamilton, ON) & **Michael Biljetina** (Principal Architect, ATA Architects, Burlington, ON) – *Magnolia Hall: Re-purposing a Former Church*
- **Robert Lemon** (Robert Lemon Consulting, Stratford, ON) – *Learning from the Loss of Avoncrest: Why Reuse Failed*
- **Emma Lang** (Executive Director, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, NS) – *Rise Up to Protect Heritage*

Session 9.2 – SPARK – Landmarks and Meaning: Stories, Memory, and Community Wellbeing in the Maritimes and Across Nations

Room 603-604, Summit Level

This rapid, rich, and insightful “Spark” session brings you seven concentrated and compelling presentations from heritage and museums practitioners in 75 minutes.

Moderator: Seamus McGreal (President, Atlantic Chapter, CAHP, Halifax, NS)

Speakers:

- **Denyse Contrasty** (President, Nova Scotia Lighthouse Protection Society, Dartmouth, NS) – *Sharing the Stories of Nova Scotia Lighthouses*
- **Brian Arnott** (Senior Partner, Novita Interpares Ltd., Toronto/Lunenburg) – *Character Study of Chester Village Nova Scotia*
- **Alexandra Kitson** (Heritage Researcher, Halifax, NS) – *The Power to Heal and Harm: The Underexplored Role of Heritage in Community’s Psychological Health*
- **Patryk Polec** (Capital Experience, Department of Canadian Heritage, Ottawa, ON) – *Visualizing Heritage: Capital Interpretation’s Outdoor Photo Exhibits*

- **Evelyn Fidler** (Manager, Heritage Resources (Section), Tourism, Heritage and Culture, Government of New Brunswick, Prince William, NB) – *Stories from Our Past: Kings Landing’s Basket Collection*
- **Carmen Gilmore** (Independent Scholar, Saskatoon, SK) – *Reconciling Sites of Individual Memory and Sites of Collective History: Saskatoon on the Precipice of National Urban Park-hood*
- **Elizabeth Hale** (Strategic Initiatives Manager, Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Ottawa, ON) – *Launching a National Volunteer Program*

Session 9.3 – Beyond the Margins: Rural Heritage, Local Agency, and the Challenges of Conservation in Canada’s Communities

Rooms 506-507, Ballroom Level

This panel explores how rural communities in Nova Scotia are tackling heritage conservation amid limited funding, legal protection, and professional training. Drawing on projects, panelists share grassroots strategies for resilience, cultural tourism, and local empowerment. They will highlight how cross-sector collaboration and community agency can drive sustainable preservation in under-resourced contexts.

Moderator: Dr. Rosa Milito (Director & Founder, Intra Studio & Adjunct Professor, Dalhousie University & University of Miami)

Speakers:

- **Margaret Herdmann** (Board Member, Friends of St. John’s Arichat, NS)
- **David Donovan** (Chair, Neil’s Harbour New Haven Development Association, NS)
- **Stéphanie St-Pierre** (Association Sainte-Marie héritage et développement, Church Point NS)
- **Gabrielle Bardall** (Association Sainte-Marie héritage et développement, Church Point, NS)

Session 9.4 – Indigenous Consultation in Urban Planning Projects (Presented by Indigenous Heritage Circle)

Rooms 501-502, Ballroom Level

In this session, we will hear from two projects that involved urban planning and local Indigenous consultation. In contrast, we will hear from a Mi’kmaw Indigenous Rights lawyer who advocates for respectful collaboration between Indigenous communities, government and industry.

Moderator: Alexandra Pennell (Operations Manager, Indigenous Heritage Circle, Winnipeg, MB)

Saturday, October 25 (continued)

Speakers:

- **Gwen Lane** (Indigenous Program Coordinator, SpruceLab, Toronto, ON) & **Sheila Boudreau** (Principal Landscape Architect and Planner, SpruceLab, Toronto, ON) & **Kurt Kraler** (Architect & Project Manager, ERA Architects, Toronto, ON) – *Dawes Road Case Study: Redefining Indigenous Engagement Initiatives for Development Proposals*
- **Ardena Paul** (Indigenous Advisor, Architectural Engineering Technician, Fathom Studio, Halifax, NS) & **Jess Stanford** (Project Architect, Associate, Fathom Studio, Halifax, NS) & **Chris Crawford** (Partner, Director of Architecture and Interiors, Fathom Studio, Halifax, NS) – *Diamond Bailey Healing Centre: An Inclusive Heritage Perspective*
- **Houston Barnaby** (Founding Partner, Balsam Indigenous Reconciliation Education & Advisory, Halifax, NS)

4:30 – 4:45pm

Health Break

Ballroom B1, Ballroom Level

4:45 – 5:30pm

Plenary 10.0 – Closing Plenary – What We Heard: Setting the Agenda for 2026

Ballroom B3, Ballroom Level

Join a group of heritage leaders who will unpack what they've heard over the course of the conference, reflect on the critical choices the heritage sector needs to face and act upon, and be part of a conversation about charting a path forward for heritage.

Moderator: Patricia Kell (CEO, National Trust for Canada)

7:00 – 10:30pm

Closing Celebration (East Coast Kitchen Party)

Garrison Brewery (1149 Marginal Road)

Cap off the conference and toast your new friends at an evening of finger foods, libations, conversation, and inspiring music in the warm atmosphere of the Garrison Brewery, a short 15-20 minute walk from the Halifax Convention Centre.

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John Edwards Bursary 2025

We are proud to announce the 2025 recipients of the John Edwards Volunteer Bursary from across Canada - spanning Oakville, Picton, Ottawa, Montreal, Fredericton, Trinity, Medicine Hat, Regina, and Edmonton - who represent a vibrant mix of heritage professionals, community leaders, artists, and advocates.

Honourees include leaders in heritage planning, museum stewardship, and Black and Asian Canadian heritage preservation, among them a world-record-holding Masters athlete and the first Black solo exhibitor at New Brunswick's Beaverbrook Gallery.

These individuals, from grassroots to municipal organizations, exemplify dedication to storytelling, inclusion, and the protection of Canada's diverse cultural heritage and we look forward to welcoming them all to the Trust's 2025 Annual Conference taking place from October 23-25 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

A total of 13 awards were issued this year, and we remain deeply grateful to Helen Edwards for her generosity in preserving the memory and legacy of her beloved husband, John Edwards.

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2025 Herb Stovel Recipients



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Lucca Crawford



Dana Murray



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Herb Stovel Scholarship 2025

We're pleased to announce the 2025 Herb Stovel Scholarship recipients: two for research and two for conference participation. This year's awardees hail from Ontario, Quebec, and Atlantic Canada, representing McGill University, the University of Toronto, and Holland College.

The research bursaries support doctoral fieldwork on cultural institutions post-disaster and the hands-on study of traditional stained-glass techniques in Italy. The conference bursaries were awarded to a Red Seal heritage carpenter preserving PEI's built heritage and a civil engineering master's student with research interests in heritage masonry. These emerging professionals demonstrate the vital intersection of academic research, traditional/heritage trades, and heritage conservation practice.

The National Trust for Canada is pleased to join members of the Oliver-Stovel family in recognizing the growing number of Herb Stovel Scholars.

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