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National Roundtable on Heritage Education

Declaration on Heritage Conservation Education/Training in Canada

At its 21st meeting held in Kjipuktuk | Halifax, Nova Scotia on 23 October 2025, the National Roundtable on Heritage Education affirms the National Council of Heritage Organizations *Statement on the Significance of Heritage in Canada Now* (October 23) and adopts this declaration:

The National Roundtable on Heritage Education calls upon:

- Federal, provincial/territorial, and municipal governments to ensure the assessment, development, and transformation of heritage places and built environment in their stewardship are carried out by professionals and craftspeople with recognized heritage conservation expertise;
- Responsible provincial/territorial authorities to invest in heritage conservation education/training by maintaining existing post-secondary programs and creating new opportunities;
- Post-secondary institutions and training organizations to continue to support heritage conservation education/training programs and invest in their development and long-term sustainability;
- Federal and provincial/territorial governments to invest in Indigenous-led, land-based learning programs;
- The Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) to establish a minimum knowledge of heritage conservation as a mandatory requirement for new architects and continuing education;
- The Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) to establish a minimum knowledge of heritage conservation as a mandatory requirement for new engineers and continuing education;
- The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP), provincial planning organizations, and the Professional Standards Board for the Planning Profession in Canada (PSB) to establish a minimum knowledge of heritage conservation planning as a mandatory requirement for new planners and continuing education; and
- The Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship (CCDA) to establish an endorsement in *Built Heritage and Conservation* for all Red Seal skilled trades working with the existing built environment.

About the National Roundtable on Heritage Education (NRHE)

Founded in 2004, the National Roundtable on Heritage Education brings together Canadian heritage conservation professors, instructors, students, and professionals with a mandate to:

- understand the current state of heritage conservation education in Canada, including, public education, training, and academic programs;
- strengthen the heritage conservation education field by identifying demand, gaps, needs, and proposing sectoral or collective objectives; and
- advance the field of heritage conservation education through fostering collaboration between institutions and other bodies.