
Manitoba Heritage Council

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Mandate

The Manitoba Heritage Council provides impartial, objective advice to the Minister on matters relating to *The Heritage Resources Act*. This is achieved by assessing proposals and recommending the identification, protection and commemoration of people, places, events, artifacts and structures that best illustrate significant aspects of the Province's historical development.

The Council responds to issues referred by the Minister, and brings to the Minister's attention emerging heritage issues, including those that may have policy implications.

Membership:

The Council shall consist of not fewer than 9 members, to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Responsibilities:

Attendance at Council meetings to provide advice based on technical expertise or community perspectives, ensure matters under discussion remain confidential until a Ministerial decision is reached, participate in commemorative plaque ceremonies for people, places or events officially recognized as of provincial significance by CHT on an as needed basis.

Desirable Expertise:

- Academic and/or community expertise in themes of major importance to Manitoba related to the identification and protection of sites, buildings, artifacts or commemoration of people, places and events:
 - Aboriginal, Métis, Francophone, Multicultural
 - Architecture
 - Archaeology
 - Ethnic/settlement patterns
 - Fur trade
 - Labour/industrial development
 - Women's history
 - Land-based resource industries (agriculture, forestry, mining, hydro)

- Heritage preservation technical skills:
 - Restoration/conservation techniques
 - Exhibit design
 - Research and design of interpretation programming
 - Architectural design
 - Archaeological field surveys/excavations techniques

- General skills/knowledge:
 - Heritage tourism industry
 - Teaching history in school system
 - Communication/media skills
 - Demonstrated community heritage leadership (fundraising, project implementation)
 - Experience working with volunteers, seniors, youth

Meetings:

Bi-annual meetings of the full Council; typically each meeting is 4-5 hours in duration; ad-hoc task force committees as required.

Remuneration:

Manitoba Heritage Council members receive no remuneration; meeting costs and any travel and accommodation costs are reimbursed through operational funding allocated to the Historic Resources Branch.