

# FREDERICTON HERITAGE PROGRAM AND SERVICES REVIEW

## 2024 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

In June 2023, Fredericton City Council adopted the Fredericton Heritage Program and Services Review. City Council directed staff to prepare a one-year (2024) implementation plan for endorsement by the Economic Vitality Committee, prior to the finalization of the 2024 City of Fredericton operating and capital budgets.

The 2024 Implementation Plan will implement all the short-term (1-year) recommendations, initiate all of the immediate/on-going recommendations and one of the mid-term (1-3 year) recommendations, as outlined in the Heritage Program and Services Review.

With the robust implementation of these recommendations, and future mid- and long-term recommendations, the City of Fredericton will be a heritage conservation leader known for protecting historically significant buildings and sites, and improving the quality of life for both current and future citizens and visitors.

### INCREASE HERITAGE STAFFING

- Increase heritage staffing by adding one full-time position (or equivalent) to be better able to provide the necessary level of service and expert advice, and to begin to implement the recommendations presented here.

### IMPROVE ON-GOING DIALOGUE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- As a first step in improving on-going dialogue and communications, convene a facilitated session (and more if required), for heritage stakeholders, including Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Holders, the Fredericton Heritage Trust, and others, to engage in positive, constructive dialogue, with the objective of clarifying roles and re-setting relationships.

### DESIGNATE MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTIES

- Continue to show civic leadership by designating municipally owned landmark buildings, structures, and places, including City Hall, Phoenix Square, the William L Barrett Water Treatment Plant and others.

### NEW HERITAGE CONSERVATION BY-LAW AND DESIGN GUIDELINES

- Create a new City of Fredericton Heritage Conservation By-Law, and corresponding new Design Guidelines, as enabled under the Heritage Conservation Act.

## IMMEDIATE AND ON-GOING INITIATIVES (2024 >)

### COLLABORATION WITH TREATY AND ABORIGINAL RIGHTS HOLDERS

- Collaborate with Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Holders on approaches to the presentation of the history/ heritage of Indigenous People in what is now the City of Fredericton.
- Identify Wolastoqey/ Wəlastəkwey naming, signing and language opportunities, including the wider acknowledgement of the river as the Wolastoq / Wəlastəkw.

### RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF FREDERICTON'S CULTURAL HERITAGE LAYERS

- Work with cultural groups and organizations to acknowledge, celebrate, and present all layers of cultural heritage and significant social movements to tell more complete stories.
- Recognize significant buildings, people and places related to Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Holders, cultural groups, and social movements.

### HERITAGE RESOURCES DIGITAL LIBRARY

- Construct and maintain, a comprehensive digital library of heritage resources and other heritage material, either through the City or another identified entity, with existing and verified inventories, supplemented by future planning exercises.

### PARTNERSHIPS WITH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, FAITH COMMUNITIES AND RELATED GROUPS AND INSTITUTIONS

- In collaboration with heritage groups and stakeholders, the City will pursue enhanced relationships and beneficial partnerships with post-secondary institutions, schools, faith communities and related groups/institutions on heritage-related matters.