

FREDERICTON HERITAGE PROGRAM AND SERVICES REVIEW

2025 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 has successfully implemented or initiated all the short-term (1-year) recommendations and all on-going recommendations. The 2025 Implementation Plan will begin initiating all of the mid-term recommendations and will continue to implement all on-going initiatives, as outlined in the Heritage Program and Services Review.

With the robust implementation of these recommendations, and future 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.

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.

ON-GOING DIALOGUE AND COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

- Develop a strategy for on-going dialogue resulting in better communications, awareness building, multi-generational engagement, increased involvement, and community initiative that will be required to reach heritage conservation objectives.

DEVELOP A NON-REGULATORY LEVEL OF HERITAGE RECOGNITION

- Develop and institute a new, intermediate, non-regulatory level of recognition under the new City of Fredericton Heritage Conservation By-Law for identified heritage neighborhoods and areas, buildings and places.
- As pilot projects, consider affording this honorific level designation to the St. Mary's Ferry neighborhood and, as part of the South Core Secondary Plan, similarly consider areas of the West Town Plat.

EXPLORE THE POTENTIAL DESIGNATION OF DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES

- Engage with property owners and Downtown Fredericton Inc. in a conversation regarding the designation of selected intact blocks and buildings in the Queen Street/King Street/York Street downtown area under the new City of Fredericton Heritage Conservation By-Law.

ON-GOING INITIATIVES (2025 >)

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 / Wəlastəkwey.

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 postsecondary institutions, schools, faith communities and related groups/institutions on heritage-related matters.