### City of Fredericton HERITAGE PROGRAM AND SERVICES REVIEW

**Appendices** 



## Heritage Program and Services Review Survey

### **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

21 November 2022 – 23 December 2022

**PROJECT NAME:** 

City of Fredericton Heritage Program and Services Review



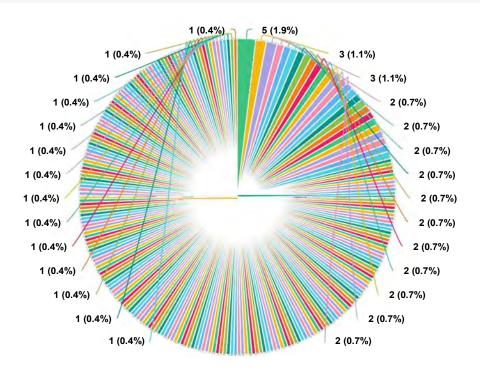


**REGISTRATION QUESTIONS** 



Q1 Postal Code \*please enter your postal code slowly, and without spaces at the start, or in between.

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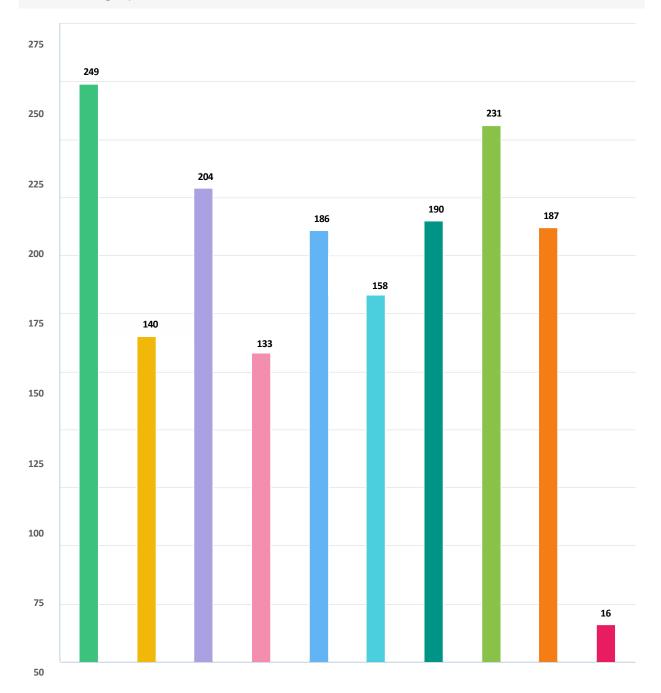
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SURVEY QUESTIONS



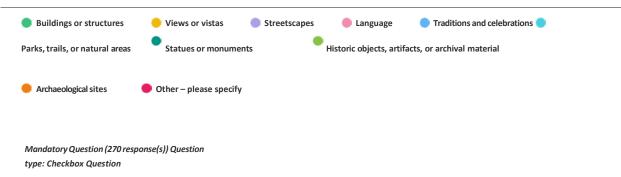
Q1 "Heritage" means many things to different people. Which of the following come to mind when you think of heritage? (Check al...



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### **Question options**







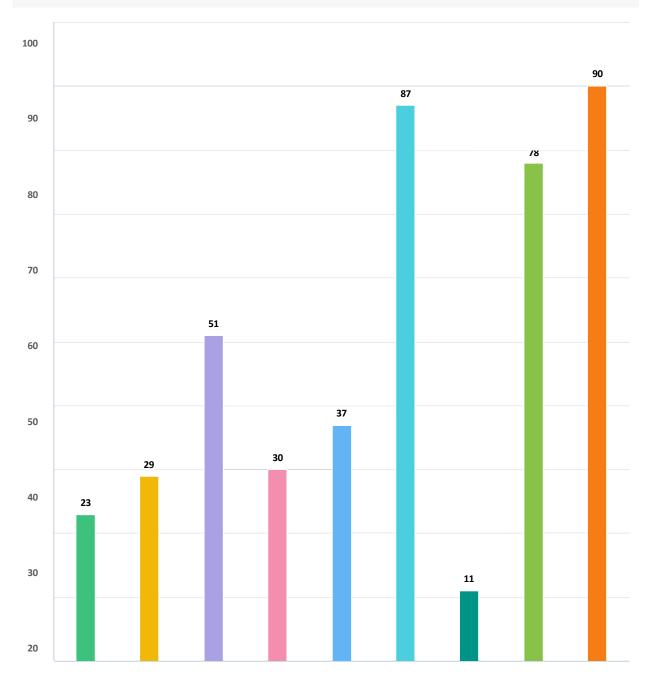
Q2 Please rank your heritage choices from most important to least important (with 1 being the top ranked, followed by 2, etc.)...

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Buildings or structures	2.57
Historic objects, artifacts, or archival material	3.93
Streetscapes	4.62
Archaeological sites	4.75
Parks, trails, or natural areas	5.08
Traditions and celebrations	5.44
Views or vistas	5.88
Statues or monuments	5.91
Language	6.82

Mandatory Question (270 response(s)) Question type: Ranking Question



Q3 The City currently offers a range of formal and informal heritage programs and services. Which of the following have you used? (Check all that apply).



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### **Question options**

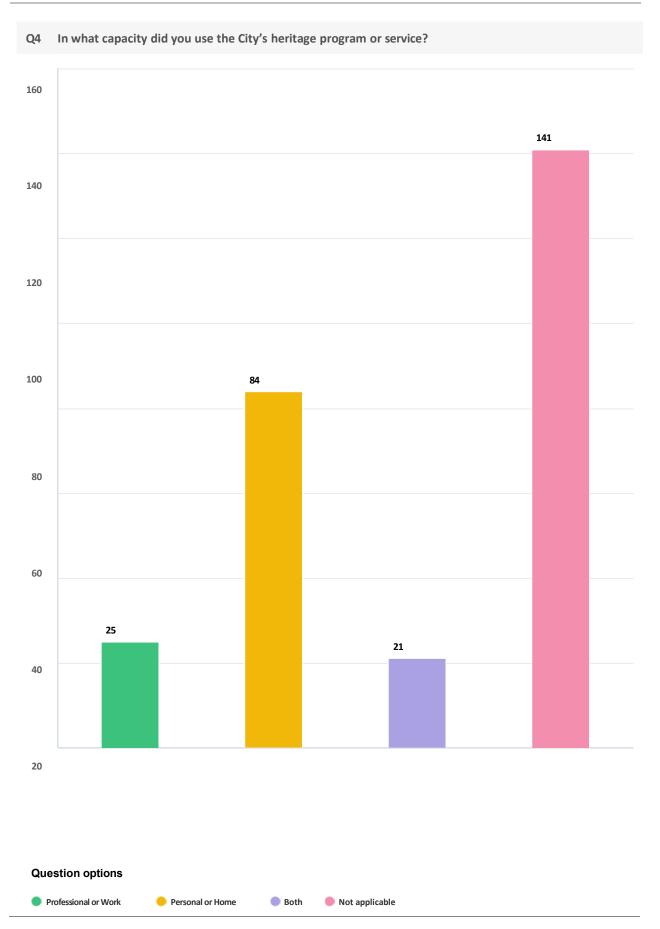
Heritage approvals
 Heritage bylaw designation



Heritage planning studies or processes
 Arts, Culture, and Heritage Funding Program
 Heritage interpretation and tours
 Other "informal" heritage services, please specify
 Not aware of the heritage programs or services
 None

Mandatory Question (270 response(s)) Question type: Checkbox Question



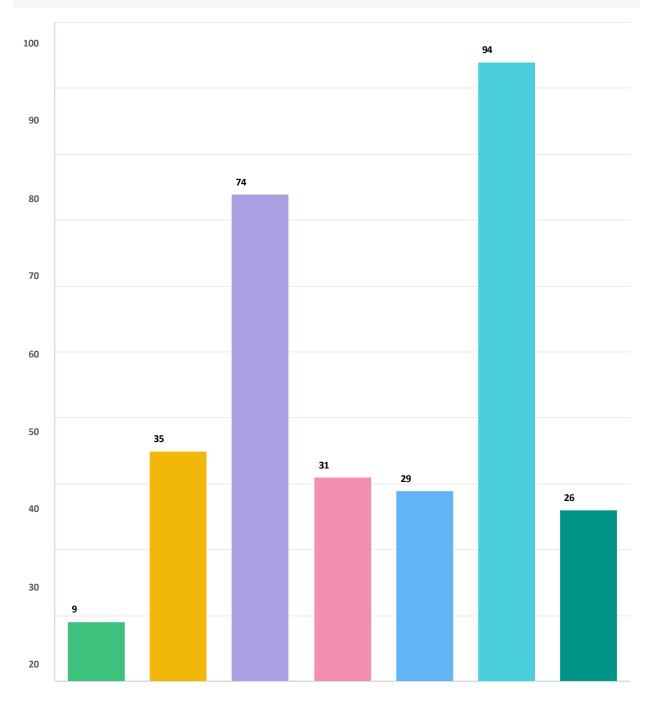




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Q5 How would you best describe your experience with the City's current heritage programs and services?



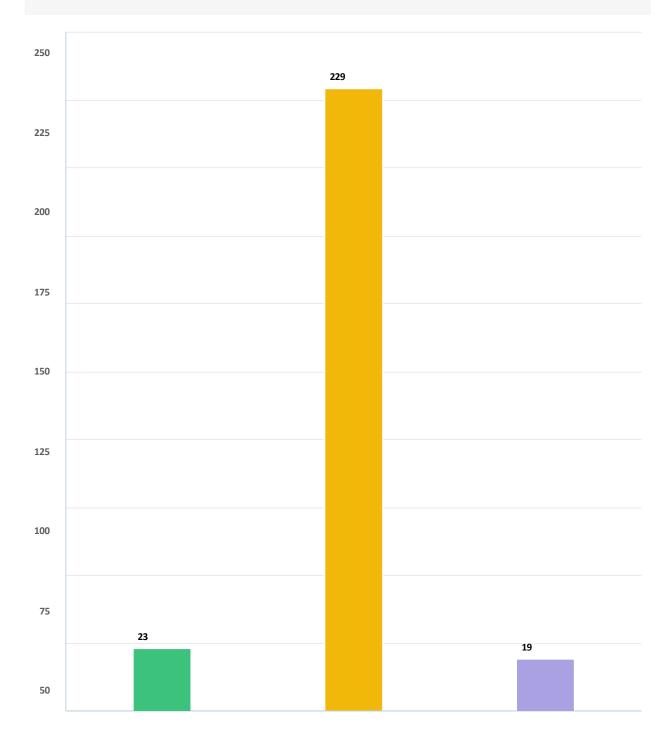
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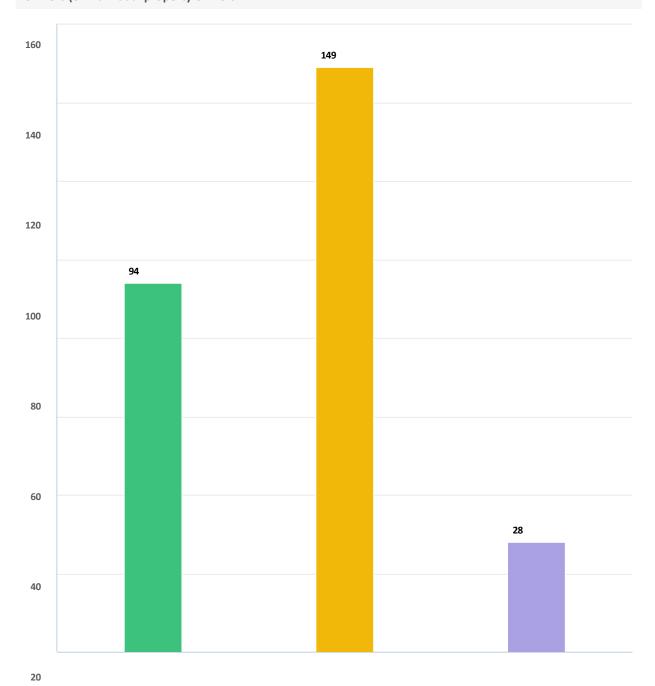
### Question options

Yes
No
Not sure

Mandatory Question (270 response(s)) Question type: Checkbox Question



Q7 The City has focused most of its heritage conservation efforts regulating designated heritage areas (including individual properties) that meet specific criteria with the consent of the majority of the property owners (or individual property owners...



### **Question options**

I agree with this approach, the City should regulate all heritage areas/properties that meet specific criteria, with owner consent.



- I somewhat agree with this approach, but the City should regulate all heritage areas/properties that meet specific criteria, regardless of owner consent.
- I disagree with this approach; the City should not regulate the external appearance of buildings on private property.

Mandatory Question (270 response(s)) Question type: Checkbox Question



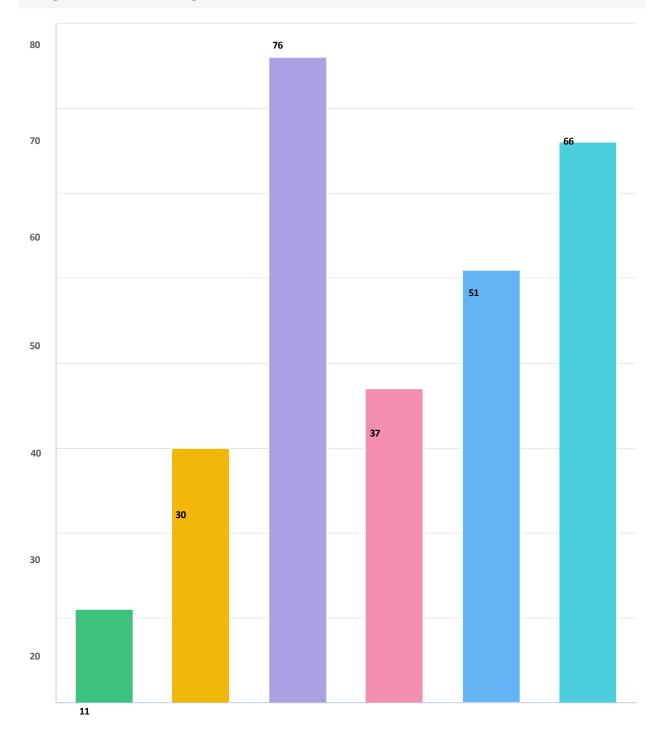
Q8 The heritage conservation "toolkit" is comprised of three primary tools:by-laws and regulations, financial incentives, and increasing awareness through public education. Please rate each tool's relative importance to you for future heritage conservati...

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
By-laws and regulations	1.79
Increasing awareness through public education	1.98
Financial incentives	2.23

Mandatory Question (270 response(s)) Question type: Ranking Question



Q9 Please state your level of agreement with the following statement: "The City is doing enough to recognize and conserve heritage in Fredericton."





# Question options Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Agree Somewhat Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree Mandatory Question (270 response(s)) Question type: Checkbox Question



Q10 Is there anything more that the City could do to improve heritage conservation in Fredericton? (Please specify).

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11/17/2022 12:57 PM

Not give developers carte blanche in developing multi unit structures in sensitive areas. Money should not be the only factor when a developer comes to the table with an obviously hideous design.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/17/2022 12:56 PM

Expand the Heritage area.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/17/2022 01:10 PM

Could offer tax incentives to encourage Maintenance upkeep and renovations of heritage properties!

### Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2022 02:34 PM

Develop and adhere to a comprehensive heritage management plan to include: 1. A heritage education program 2. A heritage incentive program to include financial incentives such as grants/loans and or property tax relief 3. A plaque program to identify heritage properties 4. Complete heritage studies on other areas of the City and change the % of property owner approval required to achieve designation 5. Use revenues from building permits in the existing HPA for funding of better heritage programs 6. Charge for demolition permits in all areas of the City and use revenues for better heritage programs 7. Don't allow demolition of heritage buildings until better/stronger heritage bylaws are in place, such as: - listing the property for sale if the owner/developer not interested in rehabilitating or repurposing the building - require an approved design for a new building before an existing heritage building on that site permitted to be demolished 8. provide more staff/resources for heritage programs & amp; services 9. Many City of Fredericton documents & Dians extol the importance of heritage, yet resulting actions fail to follow up on these words, with some councilors showing apparent distain for anything related to heritage preservation 10. Acknowledge and promote heritage as a significant component of heritage and economic development The City - staff and councilors - should be "champions" of heritage.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/17/2022 05:23 PM

designate more areas, assist with financial incentives, formulate string by-laws



11/18/2022 08:31 AM

I would like to see the city continue to maintain its green spaces and tourism in line with heritage conservation



11/18/2022 09:11 AM

Yes, the City needs to prioritize heritage conservation. New development has to fit in to the neighbourhood it is building in. Responsible development is in conversation with the housing/buildings around it. I would like to see a vision for St. Mary's Ferry Landing be developed that reanimates the area with a bias toward the history of the area, creating a unique walkabout shop, play and live area. The consultation process used could be a model for future reanimating of other areas in the city. The planning and restoration process be lifted up among other small cities across Canada as something other cities might emulate.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/18/2022 09:28 AM

### **Financial Incentives**

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11/18/2022 10:25 AM

The "City" should have elected and appointed officials who know what heritage is so that priceless places, buildings, and streetscapes cannot be so casually destroyed by the latest fad in urban planning or the greed of developers.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/18/2022 12:54 PM

I do not believe that there exists a consistent definition of heritage. I think that there is a significant difference between preserving that which is historically significant and preserving things "the way I remember them."

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/18/2022 05:12 PM

Make it easy for property owners to register their historic homes.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/21/2022 08:29 AM

standardized incentives would get the city and developers on more of the same page. Also, a broader understanding and celebration of heritage is needed (as in question #1)

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11/21/2022 08:54 AM

Much like a poet Laureate, etc. have a city historian, or work with UNB/stu history dept, etc. to professionalize (via expertise) the conversation with ability to express context, instead of arm chair historians/archaeologists (etc.) inflaming issues from polarized positions.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

Protect more heritage buildings

11/21/2022 09:35 AM



11/21/2022 10:14 AM

Preserve the value of heritage registered properties in areas with

Zoning 4. Large appartment buildings are popping up left right and centre, at the whim of investors. The Planning Committee and City Hall have no incentive to protect the integrity of the older neighbourhoods. "Appartment buildings bring in more tax revenues to investors and to the city, so it is all good" (Quote frrom the past chair of the planning committee.). So derogations to bylaws and exceptions are ALWAYS granted.

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11/21/2022 10:36 AM

I was born in Germany and I've travelled throughout much of Europe. They have buildings that go back CENTURIES because someone cared enough and put the resources in place to preserve them. There are people who live in homes that are many hundreds of years old, pubs that are still in use since Elizabethan times and before. Many communities have very strict rules about the placement and height of buildings and whether they will impact the enjoyment of the surroundings by homes already present. Why can they preserve their heritage and make their communities attractive to tourists and residents alike and we feel a building should be torn down as soon as it's 75 years old or more, in order to replace it with soul-less apartment buildings. Yes, we desperately need housing but leave some areas alone to preserve our heritage for future generations.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/21/2022 10:52 AM

Consultation with citizens - arrive at a vision for Fredericton for heritage recognition and conservation Education

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11/21/2022 11:35 AM

communication, and promotion of existing heritage sites/interests/Fredericton history

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/21/2022 01:08 PM

The Officer's Square travesty and the Risteen demolition are just two examples of how the city has failed. Strong regulations throughout the city are needed to protect and preserve built heritage. City staff and council pander to developers. Follow "best practices" from city's that actually have rules and standards to preserve built heritage and history. Currently, building variances are approved with little regard to heritage, neighbourhoods, citizens, the environment, green practices and spaces and affordable housing. (E.g. Colpitts York St. Train yards project)

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/21/2022 01:34 PM

Record and prioritize existing heritage assets.
 Worry less about preserving as many buildings as possible.
 Create strong design guidelines so that new development generates quality infrastructure



that reflects strong contemporary design as well the heritage value of



the community as established in point 1.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/21/2022 03:49 PM

More public education about the bylaws and designated area(s) both for people who live in the designated area(s) and those who do not. More public education about the value historic streetscapes make to the local economy (through which all benefit). More financial incentives to make it more realistic to own and upkeep heritage properties — many responsible and supportive people are dissuaded from owning a heritage home due to the prohibitive maintenance costs.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/21/2022 03:45 PM

The city's heritage is being systematically destroyed. Some of the damage is irreparable and unforgiveable

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/21/2022 06:06 PM

Hire at least one more staff person for Heritage; broaden the heritage preservation area which should be expanded to the north side; provide real financial incentives to home owners (e.g. tax breaks); and stick to the Municipal Plan - stop caving in to developers' dollars. And keep your hands off existing public green space.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/21/2022 07:19 PM

Get the message out there! Do not hear much at all about heritage until it is too last and buildings are torn down, heritage parks are ruined with skating rings that no one will use, historical trees chopped down.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 05:43 AN

Increase financial incentives and regulations to support conservation of heritage structures so that buildings like the Risteen building don't get torn down and then the lot sits vacant.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 06:07 AM

Most capital cities have protected their historic downtown areas in their bylaws. Ours protects St Anne's Point, but doesn't extend to downtown which is where we need it the most. There is also significant heritage on the northside in Devon and along Main/Union that deserves recognition and protection. Our demolition process should be stricter and more resistant to developers who want to leave a building vacant to deteriorate so they can tear them down.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 06:13 AM

Please stop allowing historical buildings to be demolished! Encourage the upkeep of our existing built heritage. More specific zoning required in many areas of the city, St. Anne's point is not the only



historically significant neighbuorhoo d. Upzoning has rendered the



maintenance of many historic buildings as useless to owners who would rather sell/demolish for larger developments. Restrict lot consolidation in the downtown area to encourage smaller scaled, and sensitive developments in historic areas while still allowing for an increased density. Allow for a broader heritage conservation methods such as adaptive reuse, rather than a focused heritage preservation only approach. More financial initiatives are needed to encourage historical building owners to continue to maintain their properties, and see the value in retaining our historic built environment.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 07:04 AM

Provide matching funds up to a limit for owners of Heritage properties to continue to upgrade properties

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 07:33 AM

Generally there is an attitude that everything except one's own property should be subject to restrictions. We love telling others what they should and should not be doing with their property. There is a cost to every rule and regulation reflected in housing and building costs - at a time when we face a housing shortage (affordable housing in particular).

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 08:06 AM

The recent Officers Square development/fiasco is a perfect example of what not to do. Better checks and balances are needed as well as more public consultation and transparency.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 08:11 AM

More public outreach.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 09:23 AM

I am too new to the area to make an intelligent comment - except to say that from the perspective of others I know who are long term residents and preservation advocates - it appears more could be done.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 02:45 PM

Require landlords to repair run down / multi unit historical houses Force renovation or demolition of empty / abandoned houses

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 03:39 PM

Protect what makes our city , our city. Begin to protect our heritage , save older buildings, make new homes or buildings conform to what



has been there already. Keep our parks maintained properly and kept as they were intended.



Find creative ways to repurpose historic buildings



11/22/2022 04:32 PM

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 05:06 PM

Stop building apartment buildings in the residential downtown area. This city is slowly turning into Hamilton. Not allowing modern built in the heritage areas. Our street is just outside the protected area and our neighbours just built the ugliest modern extension (looks absolutely out of place on our street) and ruined the heritage of that house that was still well kept structurally. This should not have been approved.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 05:01 PM

Current heritage bylaws are not applied. Decisions do not seem to follow bylaws.

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11/22/2022 05:17 PM

No mention of people in this survey

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 07:24 PM

### Risteen building?

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 07:45 PM

Maybe not tear down every heritage site to allow further development of apartments and condos? I understand that there is a lot of work behind maintaining a heritage site, but when its something like the oldest harness race track in all of Canada, and NB decides that its doing away with harness racing doesn't mean a Nationally acknowledged site should be completely destroyed. Just like how it was a great idea to remove all of the train tracks, but that's slightly off topic.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 10:51 PM

### Save buildings

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/23/2022 06:20 AM

Be consistent, don't have loopholes (like "garden suites"), don't be afraid of developers threats and have an aesthetic specialist either on staff or on retainer that can speak to the merits of new developments that will be close to heritage buildings. Lastly, don't assume that all the people in heritage buildings are rich!! Dear gracious. We love



these

buildings and

are not all rich.

Give us some

property tax

credits for

upgrades on

our

properties!!



11/23/2022 12:27 PM

Stop the building of gaudy and tasteless apartment complexes in the downtown and other heritage areas. New apartment complexes that have appeared over the past 5 years look like they were designed



without the exterior of the complex, the neighbours, or the neighbourhood in mind. If we are to preserve the look of our 'cozy, culturally expanding' town, we need to keep these things in mind for future developments.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/23/2022 01:28 PM

To improve heritage conservation in Fredericton? What heritage conservation? City staff and councillors need to educate themselves and to listen to experts in the community. The "new and improved" Officers' Square is embarrassing. I used to be proud to take visitors there but not now. A fortunate was spent on the new fencing, and it looks terrible. The mature trees should never have been but down, and the amount of concrete in the plan will make the space hot. But Harvest will have a permanent stage, and that's all that's important, right?

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/24/2022 01:21 PM

The city continues to disregard the heritage and historical significance of areas in the city to build large soul-less apartments and condos...they have dramatically changed the look and feel of the town plat area. Is this pla. focused just on St Anne's point area..."richer area of the city" gets more attention than Town Plat? The development of the Train station is tone deaf to the residents of that area. If we are not protected why should waterloo row be..? Build big ugly apartment/condos along there...but that won't happen....

### Screen Name Redacted

11/25/2022 11:00 AM

If you are putting added heritage requirements on private property owners you should provide financial incentives to maintain those requirements. Heritage is for all but you sometimes ask an individual/business to absorb costs individually for all to enjoy.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/26/2022 08:04 AM

There should be specific categories for historic buildings that allow reasonable renovations. There have been no designations on the north side. Do not allow the destruction of historic buildings for so called progress.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/26/2022 08:11 AM

More preservation of heritage properties

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/26/2022 11:46 AM

The city's current system is obviously not working in the St. Anne's post area as there are new homes in this area that a few years ago would never have been allowed. The bylaw around that controls the area is completely unfair and make little to no sense. I do not think the city staff have the appropriate expertise to develop such a



program. Nor

do I believe

you should try

to preserve an

"area" without



explaining to the public the overall goal. I was on the original committee and can attest to the fact that the resulting bylaw was never interpreted the way it was intended!

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/26/2022 01:42 PM

I live in ward 11, and made a massive investment to be a resident of this ward. And so many new residents and families. The city is neglecting this area, letting it vandalized by traffic and new creative development. The area is not walk-able, although we have people coming from out of town to admire the homes. Citizens of this area are let alone to fight to preserve it. No financial support, and no responsiveness to any requests for traffic calming and for measures that will preserve this beautiful time capsule.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/26/2022 06:19 PM

Public education including education of current councillors and staff.

Also the should mount a campaign to promote the importance of heritage to youth and to developers!

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/28/2022 07:08 AM

Establish a VISION for how heritage is to be protected. Possible Vision Statement: "Incorporating heritage into the core of community development such that connections to our collective past are celebrated, protected and maintained as the community continues to evolve." Use this as a purpose statement for a revised bylaw. Establish public benefits to be served by a (revised) Heritage Bylaw. The following are elements derived from the AHNB survey of heritage bylaws in existence in New Brunswick (2021) and should be seriously considered for inclusion in a revised bylaw: 1) to protect specimens of various architectural styles for the future; 2) to protect distinct neighbourhoods/districts of various architectural styles for the future; 3) to promote heritage tourism and language conservation; 4) to preserve streetscapes; 5) to discourage incompatible development adjacent to heritage structures or in neighbourhoods/districts of heritage significance; 6) to discourage demolition of heritage structures; 7) to maintain a registry of heritage structures; 8) to allow for a system of heritage alteration permits which safeguards the integrity of the structure/neighbourbood/district; 9) to encourage/incentivize owners of heritage buildings to maintain and enhance their character defining elements; 10) to enable judicious retrofitting of heritage structures to minimize landfill waste and encourage environmentally conscious, low carbon repurposing; 11) to sensitively integrate new technologies such as telecommunications and alternative energy systems into heritage settings; 12) to support landscaping and tree planting/retention of mature trees in heritage neighbourhoods/districts; 13) to establish penalties for the contravention of the bylaw; 14) to establish responsibilities of a Preservation Review Board set up to administer the program. Ensure



alignment of operational elements of the program. Design manual, staff organization, program resourcing must adequately implement the statements made about heritage in Fredericton's Municipal Plan and heritage bylaw. Establish a fund (from permit fees from the heritage preservation area) to provide incentives for the maintenance of heritage properties. Incentives are currently not available for maintaining individual heritage homes. Utilize density bonus provisions for heritage conservation (ie., be creative in eliciting public benefits given in exchange for major variances, addition of storeys, etc.)

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/28/2022 01:33 PM

In some cases it is already too late. Sites need to be identified and conserved and not be swayed by commercial interest

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/28/2022 07:56 PM

Yes, don't tear down perfectly good buildings that are heritage sites. Don't allow these older buildings to fall into disrepair. Our city used to have a beautiful downtown area, but with the area around the Centennial building and the area where a historical building was across from the Legion on Queen St., and the disgrace of Officer's Square, our downtown area is an eyesore!

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/28/2022 08:09 PM

Stop tearing down the old buildings! (And taking down trees!) You are destroying the heritage and quaintness of Fredericton for "progress".

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/28/2022 10:11 PM

Respect and highlight indigenous, acadian, and especially ecological heritage of the area.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/29/2022 04:10 AM

Please stop destroying the natural beauty of the downtown core. Officers Square number 1 mistake. The building behind the lighthouse could be number 2. Wouldnt it be great to see a craft beer/distillery set up there? My fear is that it'll all be torn down like other historic buildings in the city.

## **Screen Name Redacted**

11/29/2022 07:45 AM

I was not aware there are financial incentives. As a homeowner of a designated property which is on the town plat keeping up the external appearance to meet by-law requirements can get expensive. However owners of rented buildings ie St John St should be held to account for the condition of their building



strengthen bylaws...

11/29/2022 07:24 AM



11/29/2022 07:34 AM

More public education

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/29/2022 10:36 AM

Not allowing older buildings to be torn down without looking at every avenue available for its upkeep and savior

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/29/2022 11:11 AM

N/A

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/29/2022 12:16 PM

If a construct of any kind has deep and abiding connections to the city and its history, keep it and make it work somehow. Whether it be facade, a whole structure and associated character- look at that value rather than economy

#### Screen Name Redacted

11/29/2022 02:21 PM

Provide ongoing education of members of City Council as to the unique heritage Fredericton has and its value and importance in terms of a desirable place to live, protection of our environment, promotion of healthy life-styles, and understanding of our City's past. Hire planners who understand more than development. Provide opportunities for the public to know and appreciate Fredericton's heritage. Offer meaningful incentives. Ensure the implementation of by-laws and regulations so they are effective in preserving heritage buildings.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/29/2022 03:54 PM

Better advertising for what they are doing. And not putting tons of ugly concrete in officer square

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/29/2022 04:02 PM

Save the trees and the Skyline of the city. We can have development without bulldozing forests under.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/29/2022 07:03 PM

We have experienced challenges obtaining house insurance as numerous companies "do not insure heritage homes". I do understand that a heritage designation is not the same as Fredericton's bylaw



regulating the

entire zone.

And I work in

the heritage

industry

myself. But it

would be

helpful if the

city could

help to offset

homeowner

costs, as both

are "on the

same team"

with regard to

safeguarding

heritage.



Indigenous history and current inclusion

11/30/2022 06:55 AM



11/30/2022 07:03 AM

Heritage conservation should be of the original people of this land. Any heritage conservation that focuses on colonial heritage is racist and should not be done. Learn from the indigenous people about the history of the land, and let them decide what should be worthy of conservation.

#### Screen Name Redacted

11/30/2022 07:42 AM

Make Fredericton North's historical properties more significant

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/30/2022 08:19 AM

Stronger protections and more financial incentives. I worry about what will happen to the old justice building on Queen Street and the building on the bottom of Regent near the recreated lighthouse.

#### Screen Name Redacted

11/30/2022 09:11 AM

Saving healthy trees. I've seen too many property owners cut down mature, healthy trees for cosmetic reasons. Perhaps there needs to be bylaws to protect the trees we have and property owners need to apply to cut down a tree. If the tree is old and in danger of collapsing on a structure or human being, then yes, it needs to come down. If it's diseased, yes. If a property owner wants to cut down a tree for the sake of a better view, then no. We need our trees. The planet needs our trees. Some countries, some communities demand, have made it law, that for every tree a developer cuts down, that developer needs to plant two. Or three. When developers cut down large stands of trees (as along Brookside Drive), we lose another little bit of our forest heritage. Can't we expect some responsibility, some gesture of replacement?

### Screen Name Redacted

11/30/2022 10:50 AM

Since moving to Fredericton, and New Brunswick generally, I have been shocked at how little the various levels of government do to protect heritage here. Some of the oldest sites pre/post contact on the continent are here, and the built environment is full of architectural and historical treasures. To be quite honest, I suspect that heritage sites in private ownership are protected by the owner either by deliberate choice or lack of interest rather than any government intervention. We've seen numerous significant structures destroyed since I moved here in 2012, always with the same rather tired and lame excuses. Many of these sites are still undeveloped, and are now simply sitting as eyesores or dangers to the public in full view.

## **Screen Name Redacted**

11/30/2022 04:53 PM

When building new performance art centre do not erase unique (albeit retro) landmarks like current playhouse roof. It is iconic. Even things that are ugly to some people can be iconic and an identifier for our city.



11/30/2022 07:34 PM

Yes. I will be sending in a written submission. (Note, I was unable to 'specify' why I checked 'other' in questions 1 and 3 because the dialogue box did not open.)

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/30/2022 08:27 PM

More open with future plans about what is going to happen to various buildings /parks/statues that the City owns and plans to tear down, sell etc. Also public surveys (and answers actually listened to and considered) about large projects that the City plans on doing within the city. ie: Officers Square, the old Court building (previously the school downtown on Queen street) The post office and other buildings on Queens Street.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/30/2022 09:28 PM

Talk with elders in and seniors who live in fredericton all their lives

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 04:32 AM

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 05:24 AM

Yes. Follow the example of old European cities (Paris, Prague, Moscow, etc.), where the "old town" is largely preserved, and a "new city" (with modern glass and steel buildings) is developed on old and re-zoned industrial land. We all love visiting these old cities, marveling at their esthetic beauty. Then "we" return to Canada and get back to the business of destroying our heritage in the name of "progress" and convenience.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 06:31 AM

Unfortunately, you guys have ruined a few things that can no longer be fixed. The pool that could have been remade with a splash pad beside it, Officers Square, the Frex area could have been another park and old buildings should have been moved or refinished.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 07:12 AM

1) Give it higher priority with respect to budget. 2) Improve public education and communications with respect to content and timing. (ie to avoid another Officers Square situation) 3) Council makes final decisions but leave the technical leadership and planning to staff in Planning and Heritage, with input from Public Works and other staff in their specific areas of expertise.. 4) Give higher priority to the planning and implementation of an Archeology Plan. ( research, issues, policies, goals, objectives, policies, strategic action items with cost estimates/timelines, all with public/interest groups



communication and input)



12/01/2022 06:58 AM

It would beneficial to planners and decision-makers to better understand the relationships between heritage preservation and both economic opportunities as well as climate impacts.

#### Screen Name Redacted

12/01/2022 09:36 AM

Please see my lengthy response to Q #5.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 12:44 PM

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 01:05 PM

City by-laws should be strictly followed

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 01:02 PM

Legal protection of historic properties should be stronger.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 01:04 PM

More public consultation.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 01:29 PM

There need to be disincentives for owners of properties not included in the heritage zone to demolish historically important buildings.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 04:46 PM

There is a lot that Fredericton can do to preserve and promote its heritage. It can start by NOT allowing the heritage buildings downtown to be torn down to make way for apartment buildings. It should also start by NOT further destroying Officer's Square by putting in more outdoor concert features. It should be turned into a living archaeological site that celebrates its history as one of the oldest sites in Fredericton, tying in its long indigenous and European-Canadian history, and the public should be encouraged to observe the archaeological digs there, similar to Vindolanda in the UK. There should be more signage and tie-in between Officers' Square and the



Garrison

District,

celebrating our

military history

instead of

shaming those

of British and

French

heritage as

colonizers,

with exhibits

that explain

why explorers

came here and

how they have

contributed to

our history. More should be done to show that our heritage doesn't



just include

French and

English, but

Irish, Scottish,

and so many

other cultures,

too. It can

even tie into

how we have a

new wave of

immigrant

heritage

starting now

with the Syrian

refugees

coming to live

here, and to

show them

that they are

not so

different from

our own

ancestors who

came here for

a better life.

Heritage

buildings

should have

plaques

explaining their

importance to

the city's

history,



similar to the blue plaques in the UK. Our museums, galleries, and other cultural centers should be heavily promoted and feature plaques and artwork that explain our history from all peoples, indigenous and others. Statues shouldn't be torn down or hidden away. They should be moved to museums where people have the time and space to reflect on a long explanation of why the artist is important and why the life of the person the statue represents may be complicated, but no less important to our history. We should have a city museum that explains our history. So many New Brunswickers have no idea about our history before, during, or even after the Europeans arrived. They don't know about our city or our province's role in Canadian history. Frederictonians often feel these things happened to other places like Toronto, but big things happened here, too, in the founding of our country as it looks today. Buildings that sit on top of buildings that were torn down should have plaques on them to show where once there was an important building that was relevant to our history. Fredericton has a great opportunity to invest in its heritage, to bring the always bickering Anglophone, Francophone, and indigenous groups together through our shared history, and I really hope you do something with that opportunity instead of ignoring the public, like usual, and perpetuating the cultural divide between our three main cultural groups.

## **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 05:55 PM

Improve the authenticity and story telling and tours by groups like the Calithumpians. They are "hokey" and a missed opportunity to inform and entertain on the history of the city. I've hear many people say they are embarrassed to take visitors on a tour, as we were when we too grandchildren on the Haunted Hike.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 07:15 PM

Not wait until it's too late to seem a property a heritage property. Go now and identify all potential properties.

## **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 07:51 PM

Forbid anyone to demolish any 'old building' but DO give huge incentives to those that want to renovate (depending on financial situation owner)

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 08:55 PM

They could stipulate that All new construction in the downtown heritage area be designed to harmonize with what is already there. The facade of any new building should be appropriate to its surroundings.

## **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 09:08 PM



The

Downtown

area should be

incorporated

into the

Heritage Area.

There is money

to be made in

maintaining

and

encouraging

owners



to restore their properties. There are good examples in the City core, but help and encouragement is needed. Also, consideration should be made for home owners who maintain their homes in a historic way in the form of grants or tax intensives. Much of the Old Town Platt has been largely the work of home owners. But then we are taxed when house upgrades are made. Homes should be allowed to up grade their windows and allow for insulation. This allows most Historic properties to be green as well as historic. These are just my observations.

## **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 10:20 PM

Consider heritage to be more than "colonial white heritage". People, names and places have been here for thousands of years, consider some traditional name changes to recognize First Nations contributions to the region.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/02/2022 04:57 AM

More effort put into historic site preservation

#### Screen Name Redacted

12/02/2022 07:51 AM

Communicate more effectively. Which I think you folks are already working on. But it feels like many of the issues around heritage preservation stem from folks feeling surprised or like they don't have control. I also think there is a disconnect between city hall and the general public on really simple definitions that make dialogue about heritage difficult. Particularly around what areas of the city are protected and what is included in those areas. For example, here are just some of the geographical areas/neighbourhoods and their definitions I've heard about: -The St. Anne Point preservation area. (I think this is an administrative subdivision) -The Historic Garrison District. (I think is mostly for marketing/tourism) -Downtown, from City hall perspective (Roughly Queen-King-Brunswick and Westmorland to Chruch) -Downtown, from the public's perspective (For some can include everything from, St. Anne's Point Dr. - Dundonald and Waterloo - Sunshine Gardens area) With so many different definitions for such a small section of the city, it's really easy for miscommunication and misunderstandings. I think City Hall has to be mindful of how the administrative definitions they have for areas of the city don't necessarily align with the colloquial definitions the public has for areas of the city.

## **Screen Name Redacted**

12/02/2022 06:34 AM

Buy heritage properties in order to save them from demolition or inappropriate development. Prevent demolition or inappropriate development of heritage properties by developers or owners, regardless of owner's desires. Example is the shameful destruction of the stone building at the end of Queen St. Respect the heritage



character of public spaces, such as Officer's Sq., and not develop it



out of heritage character. Respect its original pieces, not just replace with replicas.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/02/2022 07:11 AM

No, happy with the City's approach

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/02/2022 05:44 PM

STOP selling heritage properties for demolition and rebuilding...

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/02/2022 06:40 PM

Seek public opinion before modifying possible heritage sites.

(Officers' Square in an example)

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/02/2022 11:32 PM

yes, restore Officers Square to the way it looked in the late 1960s (we have all seen the pictures). Hold concerts etc elsewhere. Stop paving walkways/paths in nature parks such as Odell. Preserve nature areas and make wild animals the priority. Establish a food forest. Make all rentals required to include at least one 4 x 10 foot bed for gardening per unit. Make paths through parks as well as all walking paths restricted with bikes not allowed. Stop allowing tall buildings in the downtown area. Start enforcing city bylaws in the college hill area as they are single family homes but have now been changed into rooming houses and slums, destroying the family home area of the city. Do something to stop the speeding on Smythe, Regent, York, and Hanwell st .... pets are killed, wild animals are killed, seniors are near misses etc - people speed up and down that hill as if it were the highway - my mother's dog was kill and she was almost hit on several occasions

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/03/2022 08:39 AM

When city decides a home is heritage but has 60, s siding that does not make any sense and to much pettiness in the past with people

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/03/2022 11:03 AM

They really need to listen and follow advice of those with heritage conservation experience. The downtown area of Fredericton (and areas on the north side) have many beautiful, historic buildings and sites that should not be destroyed to be replaced by tall, plain, ugly buildings and concrete surfaces. Leave those to the outskirts of the downtown. Fredericton has too much history to lose forever by those



uninterested

in it or

neglect.



12/03/2022 11:57 AM

Fredericton has gutted its mainstreet vistas and killed too many trees and erected eyesores of what passes afor sculptures



Don't tear down historical buildings like the one at the end of Queen

12/03/2022 04:39 PM

that was destroyed.

**Screen Name Redacted** 

12/04/2022 04:05 AM

Actually conserve history?

**Screen Name Redacted** 

12/04/2022 01:17 PM

Respect, restore designated heritage sites.

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12/04/2022 04:29 PM

Increased interaction/ communication with property owners. We owned the Taylor House on Northumberland Street for 40 years. No communication or involvement.

**Screen Name Redacted** 

12/04/2022 07:47 PM

More is needed to educate people about the first settlers of fredericton native and European

**Screen Name Redacted** 

12/05/2022 00·50 AN

Be consistent and set up guidelines

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12/05/2022 10:25 AN

Pressure landlords to clean up derelict properties (ie. Corner of University & Damp; Waterloo).

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12/05/2022 10:41 AM

Appreciate the economic and social value of heritage conservation and stand up to developers who make promises and don't deliver.

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12/05/2022 01:39 PM

Your survey asks readers to rate various aspects of heritage but it does not address overview questions such as how heritage relates with newcomers. Everyone must come to grips with preserving the environment. With the environmental sloping steeply downwards, heritage preservation becomes mute. Let's ensure all new buildings



(including

schools, public

and private

ones) are

energy neutral.

With

geothermal

options, wind,

sun available

and the

employment

of passive

options, we

can preserve

our

environment

and heritage.

Presently we

are in building

boom, but

lack energy

sustainability

being baked in will contribute to environmental deterioration in the



coming years.

Let's start

options that

are cheap to

implement.

Make

downtown

Fredericton

walkable and

bikeable (75%

of people

working in

downtown

Fredericton are

within 25

minute ebike

ride, so why do

we keep

expanding

roads).

Obviously

transit would

have to

expanded to

cover the 3

months that

would a

challenge for

biking.



12/05/2022 12:55 PM

Ensure signage includes more diverse language, protect more heritage properties from demolition, and conduct deeper archaeological reviews of areas set for development, whether new or existing.

#### Screen Name Redacted

12/05/2022 01:10 PM

The City needs to stop the demolition of heritage buildings, and stop the selling off of large lots. Fredericton is a beautiful town, but it won't be if landowners only look at money and not legacy. The city needs to create legacy and manage heritage through strict bylaws and regulations. Please tighten up the heritage bylaws to preserve our town.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/05/2022 02:42 PM

Look into the history of a building or location more closely

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/06/2022 02:20 PM

Not sure if relevant, but them seem to be getting rid of certain things and modifying, modernizing or deleting. Like the race track, exhibition grounds, pool area in Wilmont Park.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/06/2022 02:28 PM

Yes. Stop tearing down old buildings in the downtown and preserve the ones we have left.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/06/2022 03:45 PM

Talk with us first instead of ramming ahead and saying we are just doing it. Consultation is always favored

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/06/2022 04:38 PM

A lot of heritage buildings have either been torn down or are at risk of being torn down. Please protect our heritage.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/06/2022 05:43 PM

Public education. Public input. This survey is okay, but not available for long enough.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/07/2022 01:44 AM

I'm from Australia and lived in Fredericton for some time and have to say you are very lucky to have the wonderful heritage feel across



Fredericton - we

don't have that

here in

Melbourne. Too

many developers

have got away

with ruining both

older

architecture and

also our parks

and open spaces

and crowding

them with poorly



planned out

housing that is

cheap and

ugly. I urge

Fredericton to

keep up its

wonderful

interest and

investment in

his amazing

buildings and

historical

homes in

particular.



12/07/2022 05:49 AM

As the Capital City, its time the city staff and officials recognize the value of provincial Heritage Organizations that operate from Fredericton

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/07/2022 05:53 AM

Educate councillors. Educate staff. Educate taxpayers. Knowing what you have leads to a greater care and concern for it and the potential to realize what the void will be once heritage aspects of Fredericton are lost.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/07/2022 12:05 PM

I don't think the city needs heritage areas. I agree that certain buildings deserve heritage recognition and preservation, but currently it is too far reaching and not practical given the cost and limitations of housing in the city.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/07/2022 12:49 PM

Reviews of the approaches to heritage conservation within the city need to take place on a regular basis and should always be open to public consideration.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/07/2022 07:02 PM

Care for old buildings or sites more before either letting them fall into disrepair or be torn down or drastically changed. Consult before major decisions, and listen to the people.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/08/2022 08:11 AM

Stop ruining downtown whoops to late, City needs new young councillors that will look out for their future Fredericton, not older irrelevant citizens that are current councillors there likes and views are not that of the new younger generation.sorry.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/08/2022 08:05 PM

Better care and maintenance of its heritage cemeteries: the Old Burying Ground, the Rural Cemetery, and the Loyalist Cemetery by the riverside.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 04:02 AM

Clean up the drug houses on Union Street so the rest of the beautiful homes in the area can shine and the neighborhood can stop being vandalized and ransacked!

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 04:14 AM

Change the by-laws so that city staff who are not elected and accountable to the public do not have the outsized authority that they currently do in approving changes within designated heritage sites and that the mayor and city council play more of a role in approving changes in designated heritage areas. City staff are too subject to



pressure from private interests of property developers and can not be trusted to keep the long-term public good in mind. The St Anne's point area is not just any part of the city. It is a unique asset to Fredericton as it is part of what what tourists and new comers find beautiful and compelling about the city. They see it on their first approach to the city from the airport. it needs to be preserved. Excessive infilling with modern structures in this areas will destroy this assets and Fredericton does not boast many cultural assets. We do not have a symphony, we do not have a ballet, we do not have a natural history museum, etc.Add assets to Fredericton. Do not destroy that ones that are already here.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 04:10 AM

A comprehensive plan is needed that includes streetscapes, parks and trails. Look at Savannah, Georgis as just one example.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 04:16 AM

i regret to say I do not know all the things the city does to conserve the city's heritage. Perhaps more public communication would help the citizens to be more engaged.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 04:14 AM

expand heritage preservation to other areas of the city, not just downtown

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 04:23 AM

Include heritage experts and Fredericton historians (of all ages) in all aspects. Tap into their knowledge and follow their guidance to ensure with preserve Fredericton's beauty now and for years to come.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 04:16 AM

Consult with citizens prior to destroying heritage buildings. Help maintain abandoned heritage buildings before they become unsalvageable.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 04:16 AM

Stop tearing down our heritage building and ensure any new development fits in with the downtown heritage appearance. New modern buildings like the eyesore on the corner of Brunswick and Carleton do not fit in with the other buildings.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 04:50 AM

Larger view of heritage and conservation. Fight proliferation of ugly condos, and control heights of new buildings. Identify and protect buildings and areas of significance. I don't understand the grand plan, Trees and heritage buildings are a precious resource, I think of the



houses that

were torn

down to build

the centennial

building which

was a in itself

an important

part of our

built heritage

and now?



12/09/2022 06:04 AM

Save Fredericton heritage buildings, streetscapes and scenic views!

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 06:48 AM

Incentivise local downtown merchants/landlords/owners to improve their heritage building facades.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 06:52 AM

Do anything!!!

#### Screen Name Redacted

12/09/2022 07:19 AN

Be more involved and concerned.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 08:35 AM

There appears to be an approach that favors development over preserving our heritage buildings. There appears to be emphasis on receiving property tax income over preserving our heritage for our future generations. I am simply a Fredericton resident who has quietly looked on at this over many years. Even this survey just happened to be mentioned on CBC this morning there was no promotion of it to residents! The City should promote this public input but it seems to want to avoid it.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 09:18 AM

Stop heritage buildings from being torn down

### Screen Name Redacted

12/09/2022 10:40 AM

Please stop destroying things (buildings, trees, etc) for the benefit of some developer and do serious engagement and consultation when the community speaks up. Listen to those who are invested and have professional expertise. Put multiple Indigenous leaders on your Heritage Committee. Why are we developing/repurposing/digging up and destroying land that is unceded and unsurrendered? Why are we doing things to Officer's Square that make Indigenous elders have to camp out overnight in protest? For the sake of a skating rink? Find consensus, not majority bullying and impositions. Does city council hold town halls? Regularly? Does it has formal settings to hear from constituents in person and at regular meetings? I haven't seen,



spoken to, or	my city councilor. I don't see the Mayor hosting monthly
heard from	community meetings to discuss these things.
	ENGAGE with the community - not only with 10 minute surveys and



social media

posts - with

regular,

informed, and

intentional

town halls. Let

your

constituents

have a say in

these things. I

know the

municipality

has its own

jurisdictions,

but the

Centennial

Building, the

Justice

Building, the

coming-soon

new Justice

**Building and** 

new

Playhouse building - we are creating concrete jungles in the midst of



our downtown. Heritage will mean very little when the river is flooding our downtown, we are covered in pavement and concrete and parking lots, and all the trees have been destroyed because they are taking up too much room in a park). The City has already decided to destroy numerous heritage sites, often to be left as a hole in the ground or some forgotten place. The Centennial Building is of huge - HUGE heritage value to the city and province, and its a complete debacle. (Sure, let's see in 5 or 10 years how much heritage this building - with Master Artworks reflecting the history of the province, as one of the first buildings built during Canada's Centennial celebration, serves the public and engages in our shared heritage.) Whether it is the city's jurisdiction or not, do some advocacy. Raise a stink! Use some muscle. What's the point of caring about heritage if heritage designations can be ignored, bypassed, or have little teeth to begin with? I know I am mistaken in some of what I say. I know there have been Heritage successes as well, and I am grateful. But this is often the perception. And I believe municipal government, as it touches the most local issues, needs to stay REGULARLY and DELIBERATIVELY engaged with its citizenry. Give your citizens better outlets to communicate with municipal leaders (these surveys are a start!) and better outlets to respond to policy decisions. Let's open up our democracy. Thank you for reading this and taking these issues seriously.

**Screen Name Redacted** 

12/09/2022 11:05 AM

Extend the preservation area to protect more of the downtown

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12/09/2022 11:26 AM

more public awareness

**Screen Name Redacted** 

12/09/2022 12:00 PM

Heritage protection urgently needs to be increased inside designated heritage areas and practiced as well in the rest of the city. This city is small, with a limited remaining number of heritage sites and buildings - we cannot continue to neglect or abandon them if the special character of Fredericton is to be saved.

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12/09/2022 12:00 PM

Not think of developer dollars as the primary factor to consider.

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12/09/2022 12:52 PM



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Heritage preservation must be given greater priority than the interests



12/09/2022 04:17 PM

of wealthy developers and landlords, especially those not residing within city limits.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 06:14 PM

Yes ... need to understand the impact to property owners if their property is designated , for example dramatically .increased insurance rates

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/13/2022 03:48 PM

Stop destroying the old to make way for the new. No more tall glass buildings, heated skating rinks, and cutting down trees that are in the way.

#### Screen Name Redacted

12/13/2022 08:22 PM

This survey has leading questions and should be reviewed

### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/14/2022 01:26 AM

Consult more before allowing owners to tear down bldgs. Have bylaws with broader scope and bigger teeth. We've lost so many old brick bldgs since owners were allowed to let them fall in disrepair leaving no other financially viable option other than to tear down. Stop bldg owners from commissioning the painting of murals on brick walls. It destroys or weakens the brick according to the Canadian Conservation Institute.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/14/2022 05:42 AM

The City has a poor track record with respect to conserving the heritage of Fredericton. Two recent examples are Officers Square and the Risteen Building.

## **Screen Name Redacted**

12/14/2022 11:58 AM

Avoid cutting down mature trees - new saplings take a generation to grow to full size (as often pictured on sketches of future development!). While expensive, it is possible to relocate mature trees - other cities and countries do it. Don't be so quick to accept developer promises - nothing worse to see than a 'historic' building demolished with only a big hole or empty lot remaining for far too long. Instead, incentivize developers to renovate/repurpose older buildings in the city. There should be a carbon cost reflected in new development versus renovations - for example building permits could have extra fees for tear downs / new builds versus financial incentives for improvements and renovations of existing buildings. Perhaps find a middle ground for developers who keep existing building street facades combined with new construction.



12/14/2022 12:26 PM



I think you are doing a great job.



12/14/2022 01:32 PM

recognize and promote pre-loyalist cultural heritage (First Nations, Acadian, ...

#### Screen Name Redacted

12/14/2022 06:03 PM

Most people don't know where the heritage protection areas are. Maybe more signage.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/14/2022 06:22 PM

Leave Officers Square alone and stop approving giant apartment buildings and condos

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/14/2022 07:01 PM

Quit cutting Elms, building ugly apartments on city waterfront, tearing up historical property for rinks, skate parks, use Wilmot Park for sports. Think about the buildings that are getting approved, the Hilton among others does not fit in the look of this city. We are not Moncton, quit trying to make Fredericton look that way. Anything new should reflect the city history and the last few years you have not been doing that. Downtown is ruined.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/15/2022 05:11 AM

1) enlargement Heritage Zone - especially in downtown core where any style of structure can be erected 2) Enforce the By-Law in effect 3) Revise booklet guidelines to comply with heritage bylaw 4) Enact heritage levy on all commercial development in downtown - to support erection of public art works/monuments e.g. city of Philadelphia 5)Control/ Prohibit above ground electric wiring - parts of City e.g. downtown /Bishop Drive area are eyesores and probably dangerous to health with transformers being erected in close proximity to human occupation

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/15/2022 07:21 AM

more consideration need to be given to the design and finishes of new buildings, the preservation of existing structures and support towards homeowners/businesses who invest significantly in their heritage properties with incentives/tax cuts/tax holiday, etc.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/15/2022 04:21 PM

Don't be afraid to embrace the future. Too many restrictions and regulations



I agree with the statement each individual owner must agree with a

12/15/2022 04:54 PM



heritage

designation.

To put one on

a current

owner without

their consent

could have a

substantial

financial

impact. If they

consent them

they have

taken on the

risk or reward

that comes

with it. And

the next party

is aware a

building has a

heritage

designation

and can



make an informed decision based on that information.

#### Screen Name Redacted

12/16/2022 11:33 AM

I think it is fantastic that our city is preserving heritage sites. Once lost, heritage buildings and sites will be gone forever. Thank you.

#### Screen Name Redacted

12/16/2022 03:19 PM

Stop tearing down what is beautiful, leave green spaces within the city, give tax breaks to people that own heritage properties ( or just lovely old Fredericton homes) that need restoration & amp; maintenance. Punish those that destroy & amp; mutilate our beautiful properties. Little by little the downtown is losing its special quaintness. Regent St for instance, Officers Square is a huge heritage blunder!!!!!! Graffiti EVERYWHERE!!!!! I worked as a tour guide for Chamber of Commerce Tourist Bureau 1965-68 for my summer jobs. (in French & amp; English) People were soooo impressed by the beautiful architecture, colourful houses, green spaces, cleanliness. I think it would be lovely to make more of the river. Walkway across the old Carleton St piers. Coffee shop in the middle, riverboat tours Access to cruise ships in Saint John to bring tourists for day trip to Fredericton. I think the tourist advertisements for NB lag behind those of NS & amp; Newfoundland dramatically. We need to be proud of what we have here & amp; promote it. Not trying to look like Toronto or every other city.

## **Screen Name Redacted**

12/16/2022 04:33 PM

Recognition that unfortunately not everything may be worth saving. There should be a focus on preserving built heritage, but that need to be balanced with density, accessibility, and municipal planning. Heritage needs to equally recognize the unique Indigenous, Loyalist, Acadian, and new Canadian experiences.

## Screen Name Redacted

12/17/2022 04:18 PM

Heritage is about culture so much more than buildings. Part of our heritage is evolution and advancement. We should embrace innovation and welcome new ideas and new people. That is what makes for a rich culture, not regulating what people do with their houses.

#### Screen Name Redacted

12/17/2022 08:01 PM

I think new buildings and construction should have more regulations on how the outer facade appears. For example the new modern house on Waterloo row takes away from the older grand homes. Some plain GNB buildings on King have no character to match existing structures. Why not encourage character when doing new builds. The new apartment building at the bottom of Regent near Charlotte has done a great job blending into existing character structures with its gorgeous arches. More buildings should follow this



#### type of construction

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/18/2022 08:53 AM

Listen to the residents and not sell land just to make money

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/20/2022 06:05 PM

New developments should be held to a standard and style that match the current neighbourhood.

#### Screen Name Redacted

12/21/2022 05:26 AIV

It is imperative to the historic downtown look and feel of Fredericton to work in partnership with local businesses and home owners to maintain trees and add incentives for owners to upkeep their exteriors. So many tourists comment on coming to see these houses and that adds money to the local economy. Unfortunately the graffiti, homelessness and dirty downtown streets are making the downtown far less appealing and safe to many people.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/21/2022 05:27 AM

I do not agree that the city should play a part in what I choose to do with my house. There are city permits that can be applied for and the decision should be made there. If the city wants a say in what someone does to their house they should have an incentive program to assist. If they follow the heritage program they are allotted a certain amount of money. There are older home which require a certain amount of money to upkeep and I should be able to fix it the way I want as long as I follow the building bi-laws. I don't think that it is right that the city changes the designation after someone purchases their home. I would not have bought the house if I new it was a heritage house.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/21/2022 05:54 AM

East side downtown area, Church St. Etc. Many rundown buildings and only getting worse. I own in Nashwaaksis but walk/ recreation downtown in this area for many years.

## **Screen Name Redacted**

12/21/2022 11:22 AM

Yes

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/23/2022 04:47 AM

My main concerns is whose "heritage" has been focused upon through this program's history. I have seen Heritage Program in the



news when it

comes to

protecting the

heritage of

buildings from

early 1900's,

and nowhere

to be seen

when

Indigenous

groups are

calling



for

archeological

digs. We have

an entire

Indigenous

language

whose history

goes back

centuries in

this region, and

I have not seen

any Heritage

program and

services

support to

keep it alive. Is



Heritage program and services involved when more green space on Forest Hill gets turned into a multiunit building? Has it been involved in bringing awareness of the existence and history of Ripples internment camp? Or the fact that the UNB Woodlot was once farmland cultivated by enslaved people? Which version of our history are we protecting and how are we choosing to tell the stories we protect? The entire city's north side has a history too, and I've learned more about north side fredericton's heritage from cab drivers than I have from this program.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/23/2022 09:09 AM

Unsure

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/23/2022 11:49 AM

Preserve the streets with heritage homes as much as possible. Do not allow construction of multiunit buildings on streets with single family homes

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/23/2022 01:51 PM

Cease allowing destruction of historic properties, and limit new developments. Fredericton's charm and character are integrally part of its small size; there's no reason to try to turn it into Halifax.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

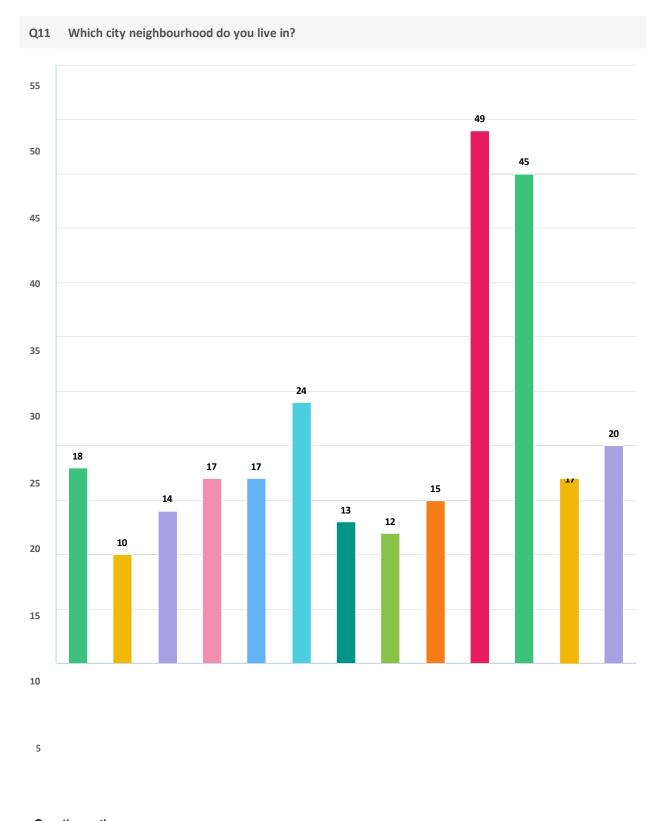
12/23/2022 04:12 PM

The heritage the City is trying to conserve is white colonial heritage. More efforts need to be made to take direction from Indigenous groups whose heritage long predates Fredericton.

Optional question (183 response(s), 87 skipped)

**Question type: Essay Question** 



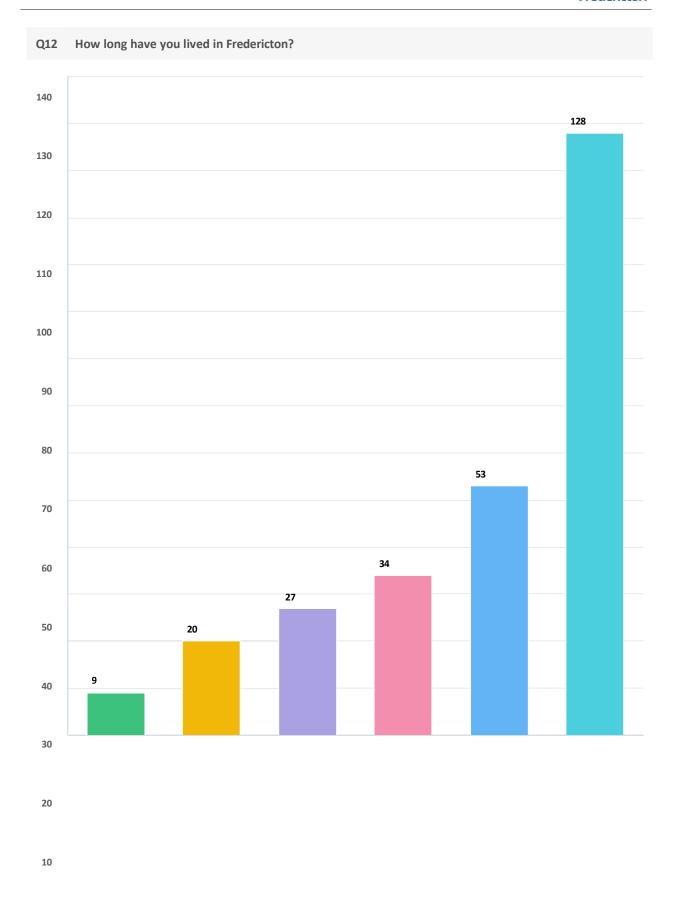






Southwood Park/Lincoln (Ward 7)	Skyline Acres (Ward 8)	Bishop Drive/Odell Park (Ward 9)		
West Downtown and Plat/Sunshine Gardens	(Ward10) Eas	t Downtown and Plat/UNB (Ward 11)		
Silverwood/Garden Creek (Ward 12)  I don't live in Fredericton (that's ok, we want to hear from you too!)				
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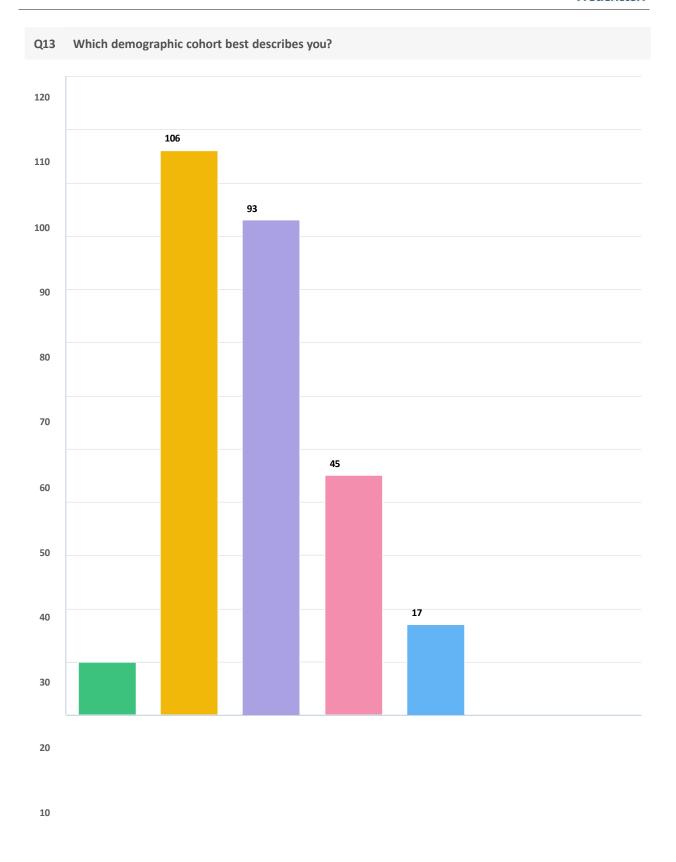




Less than a year
 One to under five years
 Five to under ten years
 Ten to under twenty years
 Twenty to under thirty years
 Thirty years or longer

Mandatory Question (270 response(s)) Question type: Checkbox Question







The Silent Generation (born 1928–1945)

Baby Boomer (born 1946–1964)

Generation X (born 1965–1980)

Millennial (born 1981–1995)

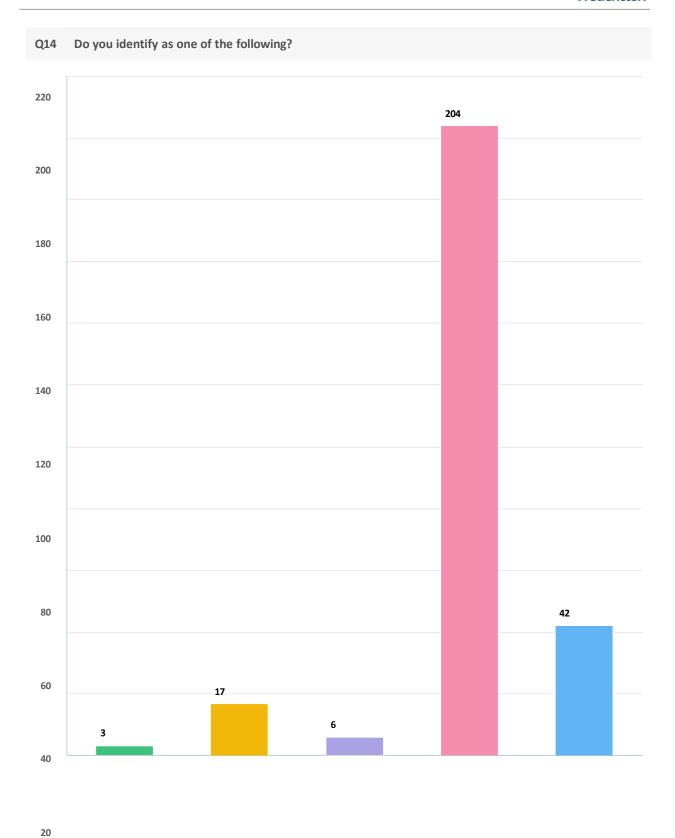
Generation Z (born 1996–2010)

The Greatest Generation (born 1901–1927)

Generation Alpha (born 2011–Present)

Mandatory Question (270 response(s)) Question type: Checkbox Question







Prefer not to answer

Visible minority

None of the above

Mandatory Question (270 response(s)) Question type: Checkbox Question

Francophone

Indigenous person



Q15 Optional: Is there any additional feedback you wish to share about heritage conservation in Fredericton that was not captured in any of the previous survey questions?

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/17/2022 12:57 PM

Keep up the good work!

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/17/2022 01:10 PM

Buildings such as the historic king street fire station should be purchased and used as a Fire Fighter museum!

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/17/2022 02:34 PM

The time-frame being allowed for the current review of the heritage program and services - and the resulting municipal heritage bylaw update - is too short to be truly meaningful, and does not appear to allow for actual public meetings or workshops to discuss in more detail. Pending changes to the town plat secondary plan will apparently be in place before a heritage survey of the area is complete, resulting in the potential for significant loss of heritage buildings, streetscapes and neighbourhoods.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/17/2022 05:23 PM

save buildings, provide incentives to developers to keep and rehabilitate older buildings,

#### Screen Name Redacted

11/18/2022 09:11 AM

Disclosure I involved with St. Mary's Ferry Landing Neighbourhood Association. I am bit of a cheerleader for the city to look at a new way of dealing with heritage. I look upon it as an opportunity that the city can't afford to screw up because once these historic homes are demolished you can't bring them back. I think the city needs do a clear change in the way they deal with heritage issues.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/18/2022 10:25 AM

I have been disappointed by development plans that destroy the historical fabric of the downtown plat and allow sprawl without concern for planning so that suburbs will one day be treasured as much as Sunshine Gardens is today, at least by people such as myself who has worked in the heritage field.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/18/2022 05:12 PM

More archaeological investigations on city projects, especially downtown. Consideration for archaeology in planning phases of city projects.



thank you for undertaking this important vision casting!

11/21/2022 08:29 AM



11/21/2022 10:14 AM

When restoring historic sites, please bring in expertise in that field so we do not build a fake brick wall pretending it looks historic.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/21/2022 10:36 AM

Green space is EXTREMELY important to heritage areas and, actually, to all areas of the city. The city has done much to promote Odell Park and Killarney and I am grateful and I know that diseased trees need to be culled to keep other trees healthy, but we need more of them. Even small wooded areas not even the size of a house lot would be of benefit for the mental wellness of residents.

#### Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2022 10:52 AM

Get a new plan together asap before the city looks like every other city with no past, no vision and nothing remarkable to behold

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/21/2022 11:35 AM

any heritage action also needs to be inclusive - not all about white settlers

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/21/2022 01:08 PM

Make the Preservation Review Board more transparent, representative of the community and accountable. Currently the representation is stacked to favour development, tax base growth, business and engineering interests BEFORE heritage. Preserve our history and built heritage. You won't get a second chance. Just imagine if the Westcliff Project passed in the 1970s as urban renewal. Gone would be city hall, the Normal School, the Barracks. Quite a legacy of shame.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/21/2022 03:27 PM

I am often concerned that we put too much time and money into conservation. I feel we focus too much on the military past. The red coats with guns annoy me. Why chose that as something to emphasize? I don't like the new monuments on York St. that resemble cannon barrels. Why not instead pay more attention to the river and its importance in the past?

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/21/2022 03:49 PM

Downtown Fredericton's heritage feel and appearance is one of its greatest assets. For those who have always lived here, it is too easy to take it for granted. The varied architecture, low building height, sidestreets, lanes and trails make downtown Fredericton one of the most human cities I have lived in. (I have lived coast to coast in



Canada.) As

Fredericton

pursues

further

economic

development,

and the

rejuvenation

and

replacement

of older

infrastructure,

it is



imperative that

historic

structures,

streetscapes

and specific

places be

safeguarded.

Timeworn

structures and

pathways give

the place



soul.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/21/2022 03:45 PM

What's been done to Officers' Square is a shameful travesty

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/21/2022 06:06 PM

This Review should have been given more publicity. And be easier to find on the City website.

#### Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2022 06:07 AM

It seems as though the department is working very hard and could use more hands on deck. I do not know much about the state of things admittedly, but in my work I hear that the department is difficult to interact with because there are few people around and they have so much to do. I think it will take a while, but would love to see positions open up so that those interested may get involved and help to diminish the workload.

#### Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2022 06:13 AM

It would be interesting to understand where city residents stand regarding their attachment to their build environment, and their historical past. Do residents care about historical buildings? What would need to change in order for public opinion to shift to support funding to restore/renovate/reuse our historic city.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 06:09 AM

I think is a tough job and unappreciated

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 07:33 AM

The current system seems to be working, hence the large number of existing "heritage" properties. There is nothing wrong with new construction or change even in existing neighbourhoods.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 08:06 AM

Not sure what the value is for the personal ranking of different forms of heritage earlier in the survey. They should all be treated equally.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 02:45 PM

Preservation of heritage is a waste of time, energy and money unless something is done to address the homeless / drug-addiction problem in Fredericton - the downtown neighbourhoods and green spaces are



experiencing

serious and

increasing

problems

(including

litter,

loitering,

squatting,

urinating,

defecating,

biohazard

waste,

general



safety	/۱

Protect more of the downtown neighbourhoods, like our street



11/22/2022 05:06 PM

Aberdeen.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 05:17 PM

Contributions to heritage by people

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/22/2022 07:45 PM

Thank you for creating a survey. I hope to hear a follow up plan of action instead of letting responses fall to the wayside.

#### Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2022 06:20 AIV

People come to Fredericton and love Fredericton in large part due to the aesthetic beauty of the heritage and river and trees. Force owners/slum lords that are negligent in upkeeping their buildings to work on them.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/23/2022 12:27 PM

More bike and walking paths. More Tree-lined avenues. More small green spaces in neighbourhoods. Public gardens. There can be a symbiotic relationship between new, green spaces; new development; keeping the appearance of our town's heritage.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/23/2022 01:28 PM

Take heritage conservation in the city seriously, or Fredericton will look like any other little generic city on a river. Retire the people at the top who seem to be making all the decisions; they don't need to be named.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/24/2022 01:21 PM

Stop the building of large apt/condo buildings in downtown...Town Plat area... they should fit with the neighbourglhood. The York street development was approved DESPITE the fact it did not follow the Town Plat Plan .. to make it "pass" they abolished the Town Plat Plan. These apt/condo buildings will dwarf single family homes and increase population density when the infra structure is not able to sustain it. As a single family homeowner ..... there are no protections for homeowners. natural light being dramatically reduced by 10 story apts. We have no voice .CONFIDANT that this would not be happening if any of our councillors were being affected ..... "not in my neighbourhood".

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/26/2022 08:04 AM

The city should strongly support the Fredericton Regional Museum and the groups that promoted the culture of this area of New Brunswick.



11/26/2022 11:46 AM

I have resided in the ward 11 area for over 35 years and love the area but I do not like what I see regarding the heritage bylaw for the area. I



believe there is a real disconnect between what the residents want and what the city wants. I do believe you can "protect" the area with putting a time capsule around it and not allowing creative development. Any particular homes/buildings that have a "heritage significance" should be identified up front and protected.

#### Screen Name Redacted

11/26/2022 01:42 PM

We have moved here and invested to renovate the home where we live. We hoped to see the City valuing our investment to keep this beautiful part of town. Instead, we struggle and are appalled by the disconnect between what the residents keep asking, which is traffic calming measures, sidewalks, cross walks and greater support to maintain this area authentic and well preserved, and what the City does, which is nothing at all, or outrageous development and usage of University avenue as a highway for all needs.

#### Screen Name Redacted

11/26/2022 06:19 PM

I have worked in heritage education all of my professional life and I would like to offer my services to better promote and preserve Fredericton's heritage. Heritage tourism is a huge bragging point for the city. There are many issues that need to be addressed before it's too late!

#### Screen Name Redacted

11/28/2022 07:08 AM

We need a balance of carrots and sticks to preserve Fredericton's heritage. Currently the sticks only cover a very small number of structures (and don't contemplate a definition of heritage that would include things like indigenous traditions and languages). When one of the few remaining 18th century structures, the Risteen Building, can be demolished without consequence, that tells me that the program is not working as it could or should. Thank you.

### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/28/2022 06:38 PM

Some expectations of citizens are unrealistic and, if it was THEIR money being spent to preserve something there perspective might not be quite as strong. Sometimes the cost to an owner is too high and should be their choice. If heritage preservation is way more expensive than other options - then it should be better incentivized.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/28/2022 07:56 PM

The heritage of our city has been handed down to us/you to look after by the people's who have come before us. Time to do that!

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/29/2022 02:51 AM

Combining heritage and development services substantially diminished the priorities of heritage.



11/29/2022 04:10 AM

Na

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/29/2022 07:10 AM

I would like to see representation and public education of the Wolastoqey and Acadian people who lived here before the loyalist, and of the genocide/slaughter of the Acadians that took place here.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/29/2022 07:45 AM

Heritage homes are a tourist draw for Fredericton especially the larger centennial homes and buildings. While the city has clear direction on how the bylaw is to be enforced and guidelines followed, it should also consider a tourism grant to ensure the Heritage stock is well maintained and tourist worthy. I understand this comment could be controversial as many city residents would rather have dollars spent on the homeless and roads, but tourism generates income for the city and having a well preserved Heritage stock contributes to the local economy.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/29/2022 11:11 AM

N/A

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/29/2022 12:16 PM

Ball has been dropped twice since I've been here. Risteen house and Officers Square. Learn from your mistakes.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/29/2022 02:21 PM

Stop destroying the heritage buildings and places of Fredericton.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/29/2022 07:03 PM

Hi Juan!

# **Screen Name Redacted**

11/30/2022 06:55 AM

Our councillors are doing great. I've never been happier with our city team.

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**Screen Name Redacted** 

11/30/2022 10:50 AM



I think my

previous

answer laid it

out pretty

well. There

should

probably be

some

mechanism to

force property

owners to

repair and

maintain their

heritage

buildings.

There's more

but this is

hardly the

forum for it. As

for the

feedback

survey, here's

some

feedback: I

think



asking for

someone's

generation is

weird. It's one

thing to ask

someone's

age, or age

range, but

asking people

if they are a

"Greatest" or

an "Alpha"

seems out of

touch and

lends itself to

certain biases.

Also, as with

minority or

disability

status, people

should have

an option not

to answer

rather than to

give bad data.



11/30/2022 04:53 PM

In Quebec City street signs named after people give blurbs about the person. It would be nice to know the why behind a street name. I live near patience lane. Stupidest name. If there was a reason for it it would be nice to know. If not include indigenous words/words that are representative of under represented groups in the city.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/30/2022 07:34 PM

I will be sending a written submission. Thank you.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

11/30/2022 08:27 PM

There should also be more consideration to the North Side of Fredericton. Fredericton's heritage is not just Waterloo Row. le: St Mary's Landing.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

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11/30/2022 09:28 PM

12/01/2022 07:12 AM

Thanks for seeking input through this survey. Fredericton has a lot going for it with respect to its natural and built heritage resources. Hopefully, more measures will be undertaken to seriously protect and enhance it.

#### Screen Name Redacted

12/01/2022 06:58 AM

The heritage aesthetic in Fredericton is what makes it unique and recognizes its standing as one of the oldest settled areas in Canada by both First Nations as well as Europeans. Why would we strive for generic, 'anywhere North America', when we have these built and natural gifts to capitalize on?

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 09:36 AM

Please see my response to Q#5.

#### Screen Name Redacted

12/01/2022 12:44 PM

Preservation of historic buildings is a key element community. Buildings tell the story of a community. It's people, its culture, its beginnings, its built form etc. Preserving and celebrating historic buildings so we can tell the story to future generations. There needs to be mechanisms in place to ensure buildings of significance are not neglected and are preserved and celebrated.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 01:05 PM



Stop the

building of ugly

condo

buildings. City

should have

stricter rules

regarding

visual aspect

of new

buildings.

We need to respect the past as the city modernizes.



12/01/2022 01:04 PM

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 01:29 PM

It is so important for quality of life as well as tourism. As we build larger and larger apartment complexes, we must not allow these to replace or overshadow the heritage streets and views. We live here, and wish to continue to enjoy it as a whole.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 04:46 PM

Most of what I mentioned before was focused on the physical spaces we have and making sure their heritage is highlighted, but Fredericton can also do better from a people perspective, too. It could do more to promote and encourage the public to take part in ceremonies (i.e. powwows, other indigenous ceremonies, but also things like raising the flag on St. Patrick's Day that the Irish Association does). There should be more festivals promoting our cultural heritage like the Highland Games, but for other cultures, too. There should be more parades celebrating our different cultures, and temporary or permanent displays explaining that culture's important historic contribution to our city (and I'm including the Pride Parade in here, too, because Frederictonians should better understand the contribution of LGBTQ+ members to our heritage). Studies have shown unequivocally that the more we understand our history, the more we understand ourselves, and Fredericton needs more understanding of who we are as a city.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 05:55 PM

I feel it is important to realize what may appear modern today, in 100 years will represent this time in history. There needs to be a balance in heritage preservation without demeaning new and innovative. It too will become heritage one day. I strongly

#### Screen Name Redacted

12/01/2022 07:51 PM

Don't ever get rid of heritage... you can't reverse certain decisions. Old homes can totally be modernized. Some of you should travel to the Netherlands to meet with city councils to discuss how they do it. Why reinventing wheels while they might have many available to share. I'd be happy to connect

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/01/2022 08:55 PM

It seems to me that in recent years city council has pushed developments in the downtown that have destroyed the character of what was here with great disregard of how citizens felt.e.g. the mess made of Officer's Square. Commerce seems to be the sole driving factor, producing a culture of "backward modern", and a truncated hodge podge of this and that. It has and will continue to be vastly disappointing to say the least.Cheaping out does not good



architectural planning make.



12/01/2022 10:20 PM

Thank you for offering this survey.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/02/2022 06:34 AM

Fredericton has incredible heritage character, it is one of its greatest and unique attractions, but it seems bent upon destroying much of it for the sake of development and money, very short-sighted. Once the heritage is gone it is gone forever. Fredericton has to recognize what makes it unique and valuable and not squander it for the sake of more tax dollars. There should be a fund available to rescue heritage buildings when they are in danger of destruction, such as was done for the brick York St. Property next to Brunswick St. Baptist Church.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/02/2022 07:11 AM

The City should not use taxpayers' money to fund private heritage preservation nor designate properties without owner's consent.

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/02/2022 05:44 PM

Due to many older adults still not using the Internet, am wondering what further information you are willing to provide to the public in the local newspaper and/or over the various radio stations in the area!?

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/02/2022 11:32 PM

yes, get rid of the water park in Wilmont park and bring back the historic and beloved huge deep wading pool

# **Screen Name Redacted**

12/03/2022 11:57 AM

My capital city used to be called The City of Stately Elms. I have yet to find a steel coagulation of extruding metals as inspiring as a single tree, shrub, or flower.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/03/2022 04:39 PM

Don't put greed before historical conservation.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/04/2022 04:05 AM

I have zero faith in this city's municipal Govt to truly respect heritage



Thank you for attending to this important matter.

12/05/2022 01:10 PM



12/06/2022 02:28 PM

I can't believe how many old buildings this city has lost downtown. The charm of our downtown is evaporating. No one comes to a small town to see modern development. If this continues we will have no tourism.



12/06/2022 03:45 PM

Stop tearing it down. Referendums are nice. Public input always before doing. Make slum landlords fix their properties... not all on the outside... ask the people who live there. Should not be because Mayor and Council say yes!

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/06/2022 04:06 PM

Don't like question 14. I am indigenous to planet earth and have never lived on any other planet.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/07/2022 05:53 AM

Create a workable plan and stick to it. Way too many heritage aspects of the City are being forgotten in whatever plan or process is currently in place for Heritage Conservation in the Capital City of NB!

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/07/2022 12:49 PM

No, I think you have done a reasonable job of covering the ground.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/08/2022 08:11 AM

Clean up union street

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 04:02 AIV

It would be so nice to see some sort of regulation where new constructions should match the aesthetic of the area they are being built in. Instead of it all being a visual mess. Moncton is terrible for this but Fredericton seems to be heading in that direction with some of the new apartment building going up.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 04:14 AM

In addition to preserving the ST Anne's point heritage area, more needs to be done to reinstate Indigenous heritage sites and identity to all areas of Fredericton.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/09/2022 04:10 AM

I am aware that the City is looking to develop blocks along Regent and Smythe street into high density housing. Housing is needed but please first consult with the public with true public meetings with seated public and Q& A format (Engage Fredericton surveys and open houses are not meaningful public consultation), and come up with a comprehensive plan. You have the secondary plan now, with designated areas for high density. So buying up blocks of houses outside these designated areas for high density housing development



without proper

public

consultation

is not

appropriate.

Please do the

right thing and

think long-

term.

Streetscapes,

parks, trails

need to be



a priority. #Savannah



heritage preservation needs attention and education.... once it's gone

12/09/2022 04:14 AM

it's gone forever!

**Screen Name Redacted** 

12/09/2022 04:23 AM

Please see comment in earlier question about consulting with a professional survey designer.

**Screen Name Redacted** 

12/09/2022 04:50 AM

Afraid this survey is a flawed and not very useful tool. We need to celebrate as well as protect our heritage and future. Groups invested in heritage need support and incentives. Too many condos, not enough trees, programs to encourage conservation and beautification of properties. More parkland, as we grow and build. Parks and areas of beauty and recreation can be small and still very important. If a tree has to be removed how many should be planted to eventually replace it.

**Screen Name Redacted** 

12/09/2022 04:39 AM

Heritage Conservation should not be used as an excuse to not build more housing in Fredericton

**Screen Name Redacted** 

12/09/2022 06:04 AM

The whole city, covering the north and south, needs a Heritage Plan and then sticks to it.

**Screen Name Redacted** 

12/09/2022 09:18 AM

More awareness and education are needed...heritage district boundaries are not as visible as they could be

**Screen Name Redacted** 

12/09/2022 10:40 AM

Heritage is a public issue. Development is a private endeavour. Allow the public to take precedence over the private

**Screen Name Redacted** 

12/09/2022 12:00 PM

Nearly every decision that has led to the destruction of a heritage element has been regretted shortly thereafter. Carleton St. Bridge. Foresight is what is missing



12/09/2022 12:52 PM

When I travel, experiencing local culture and heritage buildings is an important part of the experience. Heritage tourism should be better promoted in Fredericton by having a better/stronger heritage program, including stronger measures to prevent demolition od heritage



buildings. Many extol the importance of our heritage; it is now time to put those City documents words into action.

Screen Name Redacted Please have city government stop destroying history just because



12/09/2022 04:17 PM

people with money tell you to.

#### Screen Name Redacted

12/13/2022 03:48 PM

We had a beautiful city. Please restore it to how it was.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/14/2022 01:26 AM

I really feel a loss about the changes to Officers Square. I feel the public was generally ignored and some of the changes are shortsighted. Feels like we are losing green space there. A restoration of the public garden it was would have likely been more welcome and cherished by future generations. But I'll be happy to see it finished and used once again. The process has made me lose trust in city governance.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/14/2022 05:42 AV

PAC and City Council seem to have no plan or concept of how to preserve the heritage of Fredericton. There are numerous examples of projects that have been approved by PAC that should never been presented to Council as approved. The destruction of (heritage) trees and the entire mess at officers Square is a good example of destruction of a heritage property (despite citizens' vocal and sustained objection). Currently, approval of destruction of three houses in the immediate vicinity of two stately homes is appalling. Just to put up another apartment building. Council will approve anything submitted by developers. Why can't development such as this be on the outskirts of the city? The area south of Bishop Drive could be developed. Although perhaps not a heritage site the City's ongoing quest to control and develop the exhibition grounds is of great concern. This site was donated for a specific purpose and the City chooses to ignore or minimize the stipulation and has approved construction of more apartment buildings. Unsightly apartment buildings need to be limited to the outskirts of the city instead of the exhibition grounds or any tiny parcel of land that a developer can find in the city.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/14/2022 11:58 AM

We should continue to encourage future development to densify the core of Fredericton, but not at the expense of heritage buildings.

#### **Screen Name Redacted**

12/14/2022 06:03 PM

I feel that if/ when properties are purchased, purchasers need to be advised if they are in the heritage zone. Maybe make it part of the real estate listing if not there already.



12/14/2022 07:01 PM

Yes, think about what you are doing, this is a lovely city. Improvements can be made and buildings put up without distorting the heritage of this city.



12/15/2022 04:21 PM

I'm all about conserving heritage but we shouldn't sacrifice the future for it. Every generation will have their place in history, and we should let that happen naturally. Why should any generation have priority over others.

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12/15/2022 04:54 PM

I should have written my previous comment here.

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12/16/2022 11:33 AM

Thank you

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12/16/2022 03:19 PM

I think I have said it all

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12/16/2022 04:33 PM

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12/16/2022 06:45 PM

Build more safe public transportation

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12/17/2022 04:18 PM

I think it would be more valuable for the city to support King's Landing, or purchase a historic home and do something similar, rather than try to enforce a certain look on the city as a whole.

**Screen Name Redacted** 

12/17/2022 08:01 PM

I feel the Playhouse should be renovated rather than building new. My kids performed there and watched plays where they have developed a sense for the arts. They are really upset that this beautiful building will be replaced. They appreciate the history of that stage. The price tag of the new build seems astronomical. Plus we will lose the magical feeling of our current playhouse.

**Screen Name Redacted** 

12/18/2022 08:53 AM



Even though I

was born in

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I beleive I am

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12/21/2022 05:26 AM

Please continue to include the public in any decisions about heritage sites. I feel more emphasis on public sites as opposed to private is the most important. Transparency of all decisions need to be shared with the public prior to passing. Many home owners would not buy heritage houses due to restrictions and thereby older homes may fall into disrepair. I appreciate this survey opportunity.



12/21/2022 05:27 AM

More public awareness. There are many beautiful old homes in Fredericton and I would hate to see any be torn down. More incentives for heritage homes to help upkeep them. Do more to help stop the graffiti in the area. It make the area look unattractive to tourists. Help homelessness with a place to stay. Having homeless people living in downtown parks is unacceptable.

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12/21/2022 05:54 AM

More vintage lighting downtown, in trail areas especially.

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12/21/2022 11:22 AM

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12/22/2022 05:44 PM

question 14 could be seen as racist.

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12/23/2022 04:47 AM

Consider reframing terms of reference away from the lens of privileged white Fredericton, and it will make it easy to populate the committee with more diverse individuals.

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12/23/2022 09:09 AM

I was unaware of these services

Optional question (112 response(s), 158 skipped)

**Question type: Essay Question** 



# Appendix B – Discussions and Interviews

Over the course of the Engagement Phase, discussions were held with over seventy people plus all those who participated in meetings and group discussions. Listed alphabetically, these included:

- Acadian Heritage
- Architects, Engineers, Designers & Gaming Designers
- Assist NB, Ability NB
- Association Heritage New Brunswick
- Association of Professional Archaeologists of New Brunswick
- Arts, Culture & Theatre
- Black History Society of New Brunswick
- Boyce Farmers Market
- Building Trades Business Fredericton North Inc
- Charlotte Street Art Center
- City Council
- City Staff
- Cultural Organizations
- Consultants
- Developers
- Downtown Fredericton
- Economic Vitality Committee
- Faith Communities
- Fredericton Heritage Trust
- Fredericton North Heritage Association Councillor
- Fredericton Region Museum

- Heritage & Archaeology Branch; Tourism, Heritage Culture, PNB
- High Schools
- Individuals
- Insurance Business
- Kings Landing
- LGBTQIA2S+
- Marysville Historical Society
- National Trust for Canada
- New Brunswick Museum
- New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame
- Preservation Review Board
- Real Estate Board of the Fredericton
- Rights Holders
- Science East
- St Thomas University
- University of New Brunswick



Révision des programmes et / services patrimoniaux de la

# **PORTES OUVERTES**

January 25 janvier
4 pm – 8 pm | 16h à 20h
Centre des aînés de
Fredericton Senior Centre,
112 Avenue Johnston Avenue



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The City of Fredericton is located on traditional Wolastoqey (Maliseet) territory. The City of Fredericton is committed to ongoing relationship building and reconciliation with First Nations, who have lived on these lands since time immemorial.

La Ville de Fredericton est située sur le territoire traditionnel des Wolastoqiyik (Malécites). La Ville de Fredericton s'est engagée à entreprendre un processus continu de réconciliation et de renforcement des relations avec les Premières Nations, qui vivent sur ces terres depuis des temps immémoriaux.

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# Review of the City of Frederictors Heritage Programs and Services

The City of Fredericton is currently reviewing its heritage programs and services. Tonight's engagement session will help us to better understand how you perceive heritage, its conservation importance, and the value it provides compared to other City services, programs, and amenities.

Your feedback will be considered in a report to City Council with actionable recommendations for improved service delivery.

### About the City's Heritage Program

The Heritage and Urban Design Division is a one-person shop within the City's Planning and Development Department that administers the City's Preservation By-law (By-law L-4). It also provides other services including support to have properties added to the Local Historic Places Register as well as advisory services to owners of heritage buildings and properties within the city.

# Révision des programmes et services patrimoniaux de la Ville de Fredericton

La Ville de Fredericton procède actuellement à la révision de ses programmes et services patrimoniaux. La séance de concertation de ce soir nous permettra de mieux comprendre comment vous percevez le patrimoine, son importance du point de vue de la conservation et la valeur qu'offre la Division du patrimoine par rapport aux autres services, programmes et équipements de la Ville.

Vos retours seront pris en compte dans un rapport au conseil municipal contenant des recommandations concrètes à réaliser pour améliorer la prestation de services.

## À propos du programme patrimonial de la Ville

La Division du patrimoine et du design urbain, guichet unique au sein du service de pianification et d'aménagement de la Ville, a pour mission d'administrer l'arrêté sur la sauvegarde du patrimoine municipal (anêté L-4). Elle assure également d'autres services, dont l'aide à l'ajout de propriétés au répertoire local des lieux patrimoniaux ainsi que des services de conseil aux propriétaires de propriétés et de bâtiments patrimoniaux dans la ville.



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"Heritage" means many things to different people.

A recent survey told us the following came to mind when Frederictonians thought of Heritage.

Which of the following come to mind when YOU think of heritage?

statues Archaeological sites

Archival material Trails

**Streetscapes** 

**Buildings** 

Parks views Historic objects

Structures Celebrations

Natural Areas Artifacts

Le mot « patrimoine » inspire une multitude d'interprétations et justement

un récent sondage a révélé ce qu'il évoquait pour les habitantes et les habitants de Fredericton.

Parmi les options suivantes, laquelle évoque pour vous lidée de «patrimoine»?

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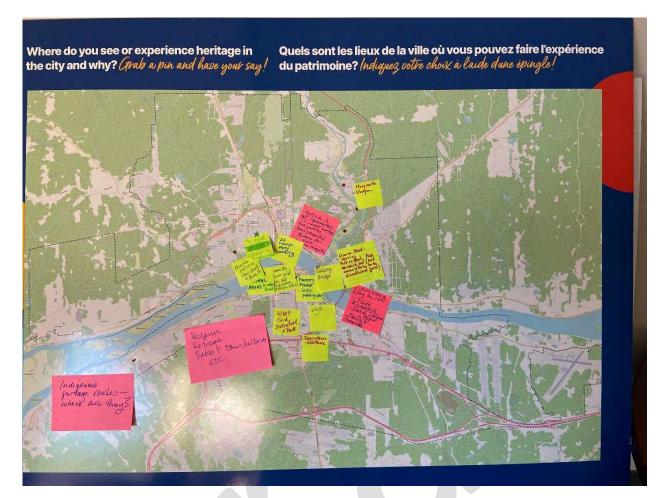
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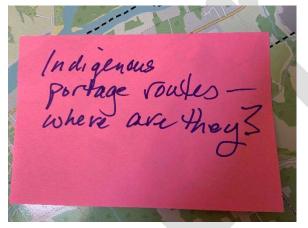
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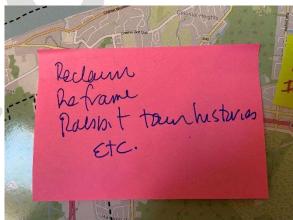
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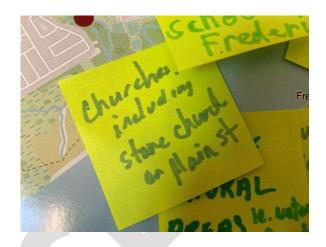
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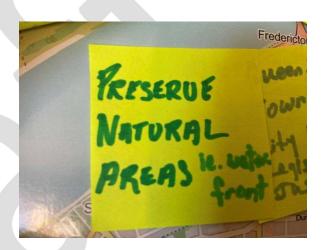


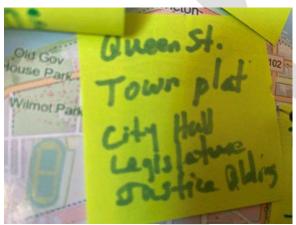










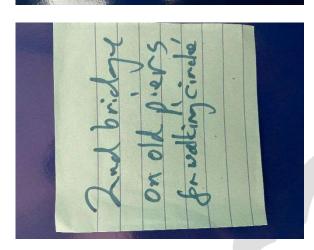






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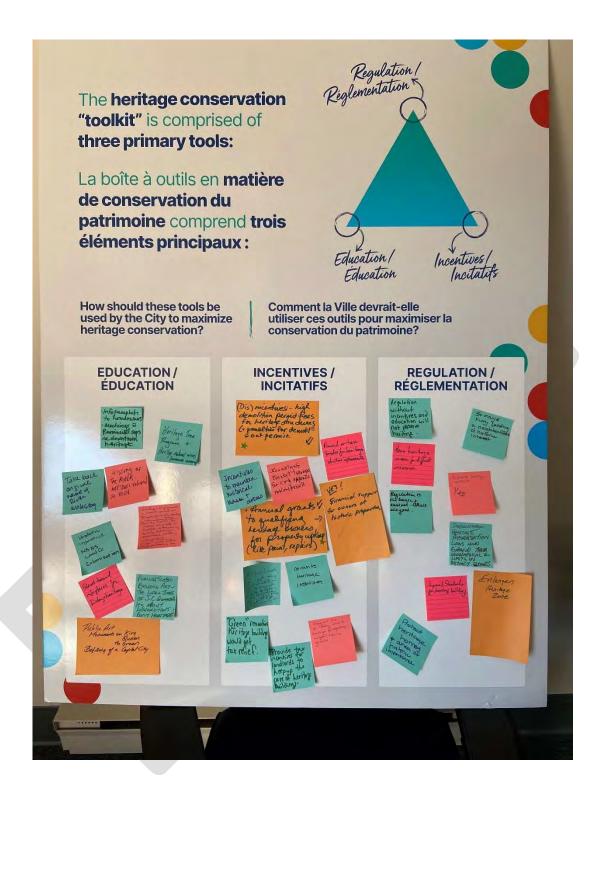
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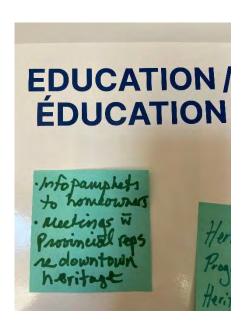
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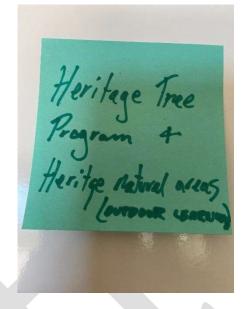
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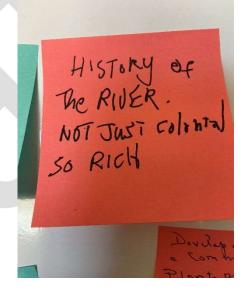
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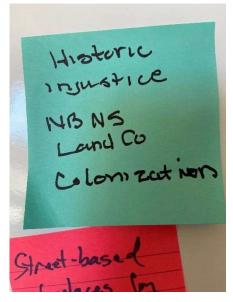


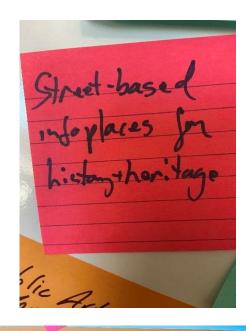
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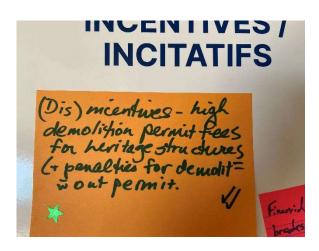
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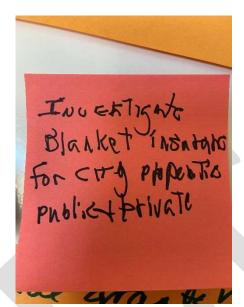


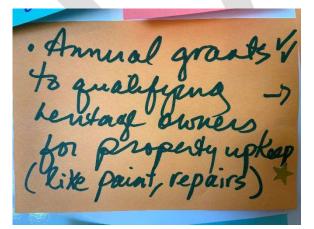


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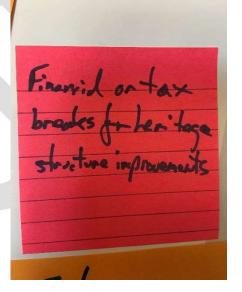
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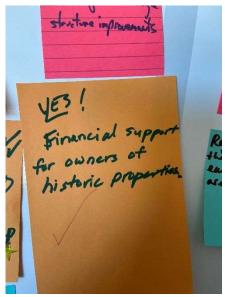






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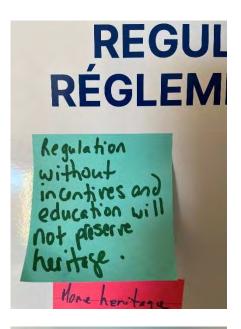
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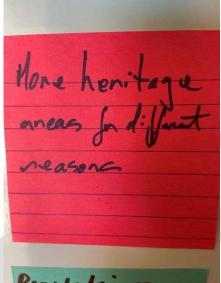
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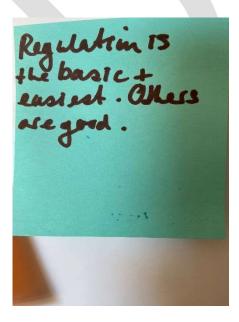
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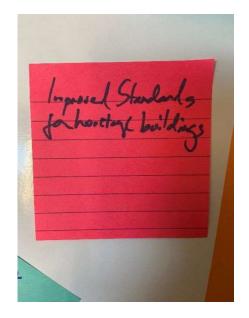




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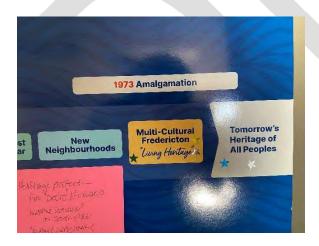
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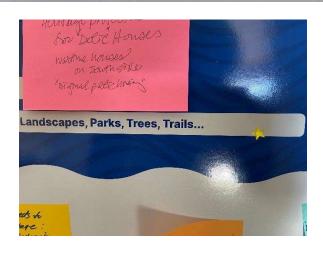


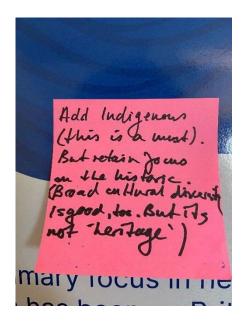
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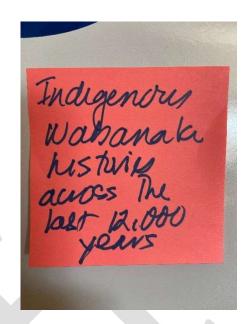
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### **Heritage Timeline Natural Heritage and Environment** 1867 Recognition of St Mary's First Nation – Sitansisk 1848 Fredericton Incorporated 1785 Fredericton - Capital of New Brunswick 1973 Amalgamation Traditional Knowledge/Intangible Heritage Museum Collections Historical Areas Heritage of All Peoples **eriod** 30 M years ago Irish, Scottish, Others Living Hentage Archaeological Record Social Wholements - Whomens Make - Guil Rights 1981t Black Heritage Downtowns Industrial Heritage Built Heritage, Streetscapes, Historic Neighbourhoods, Significant Places, Cultural Landscapes, Parks, Trees, Trails.. The City's primary focus in heritage St manys Ferry Landing S blocks X 1 & blocks S mall + contained area to develop as a heritage area conservation has been on British Colonial/Post Confederation. In your opinion, should the City consider expanding its conservation efforts to other periods/eras? Indicate where and why with a a sticky! Focus on 'attend' and artidic horitage to colobrate not bust "built"









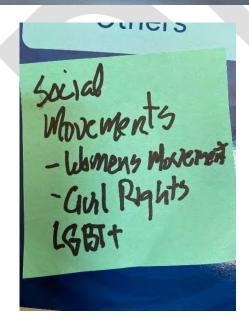
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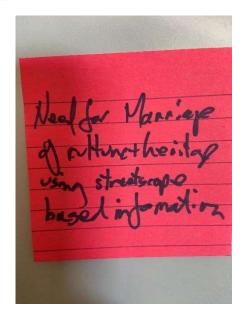
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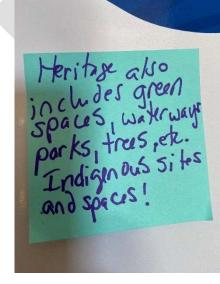


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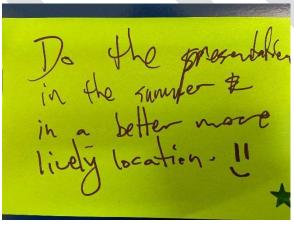
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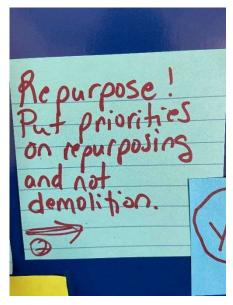
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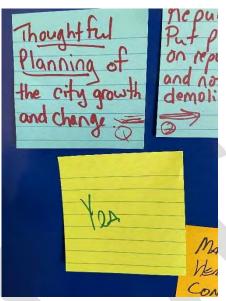


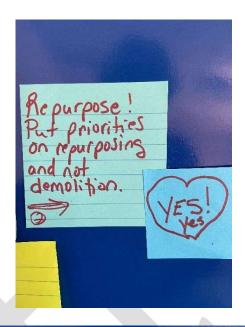






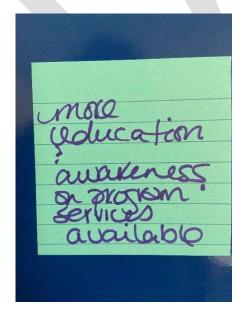


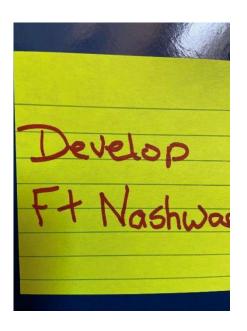




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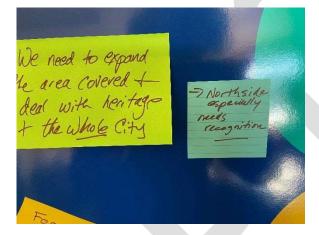
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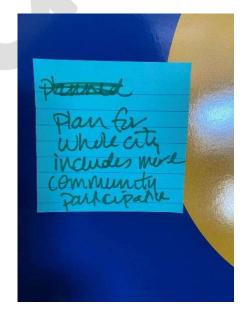
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# Appendix D - Draft Final Report Comments (Redacted for Privacy)

1. I know it's a tough topic. As a stakeholder when I read the report and see that less than 0.5% of the population bothered with the survey it becomes obvious that this isn't a subject that's on the mind of many people. It almost feels like it's a make-work project driven by a handful of people.

The suggestions seem like a lot of committee creation, outreach, consultation and that kind of thing. As someone who develops on both a small and large scale, my feelings of avoiding development in areas with a heritage designation hasn't changed.

We don't need more committees and red tape to get things done. The opposite is true. The author was on point with insurance being an issue. It's not something I had even thought about but it's a valid point. The insurance on our own home in the heritage area has more than double to be just over \$1000 per month. I'm not sure how any committee or body could help with controlling the industry. If something could be done, that would be a win.

Ultimately someone has to pay for heritage preservation, rehabilitation and new conforming development. It's either the taxpayers or the developers and ultimately the end user. Unless there is a clear business case with numbers that are real and fact based I believe development and investment in these areas will lag behind the rest of the city.

2. Your report is a good document, well done and provides a nice summary of outstanding issues surrounding Heritage. Some of the information in your report was new to us. Clearly there is a lot of work to be done, but the report does provide a good road map to focus attention in various areas.

In owning and being part of the operation of a condominium property, we continue to learn about living in a condominium, including the insurance issues as we have discussed in the past. As you are aware our building was repurposed from an original church property to a school through various iterations to its current use. This site came very close to becoming a parking lot. We are very pleased that the decision was made to repurpose the building to the current use and we have significantly invested in maintaining the property.

Hopefully the repurposing route will be selected as the building stock ages in Fredericton. We do wonder however how the City's movement towards residential densification in any areas designated as Heritage will impact the heritage nature and properties in those areas. Is this an issue that will be addressed in the designation process? Or do you already have information that you can share on this issue? One would think that densification, particularly with large multi-residential units (e.g.apartment buildings), would negatively effect the nature and character of heritage designation areas.

Since the [redacted] redevelopment a number of insurers have left the condominium market and those that have remained have substantially increased costs to obtain insurance. This is an ongoing issue with condominium properties which we continue to experience. We have also learned through experience that adding a heritage designation of any sort, even reference as "historical", to the property further limits our access to the insurance market. In fact we are concerned whether we would even get insurance if our property was included in a heritage designation area. Even being included on a historical property inventory significantly limited our insurance options.

While location appears to be paramount in development decisions, it may be that repurposing heritage properties to condominiums, or even other uses, may be limited by insurance availability including cost. In our opinion this would further limit the likelihood of preservation of heritage properties. Ideally the opportunities for repurposing should be as broad as possible. While the resolution to this matter may not be readily apparent dialogue with representatives of all interested parties is needed if resolution is to be reached. In fact we believe this issue needs resolution before any further expansion of heritage areas.

The need for continuing dialogue between affected and interested parties, i.e the City, insurance companies, developers, property owners and regulatory bodies, is clearly laid out in your report. We support this recommendation and look forward to taking part in such dialogue.

One final note on the insurance issue. We would be interested to know if the consolidation of the insurance industry into large conglomerates will make it even more difficult for small markets like New Brunswick to obtain coverage? Any insight you can provide us on this issue would be appreciated.

- 3. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft report. It's an interesting document that contains several unexpected elements. Some of them are good but others, I feel, fall short and represent a missed opportunity.
  - On the good side, the report highlights that "There are heritage aspects to just about everything people experience" (p.2), and it outlines a broad strategy to bring together a variety of different considerations -- such as indigenous, cultural, material, modern and future -- into a kind of broad heritage master plan and vision. So far, so good.
  - But the downside of this, and the missed opportunity, is that the draft report seems surprisingly light at present on comments about how, as part of this vision, the city should nurture and protect its "astounding collection of built heritage" (p.7) from the late 19th century. Surely this must be an important part of the overall package. Everyone and everywhere has "heritage", but not everyone has an "astounding collection" like this to care for. Concern about its future, and about how to balance development and protection, was, I thought, one of the major factors that led the council to commission this report, but I don't see much that really responds to that concern. In the parts of the draft report dealing with this historic built environment:
  - ☑ There is a recommendation to develop a new heritage by law and design guidelines.

    However, there is no analysis of what is good or bad in substance with the present ones.

    Knowing this is key to developing better new ones.
  - There is a reference to the mandate of the rebranded Municipal Heritage Board, but the roles set out there seem to be largely the roles the existing Board already has under existing legislation. How will your recommendation make things better?
  - There is a recommendation for designation of a few municipally owned buildings, for inventories, for 'dialogue', and for a 'conversation' about possible designation in the downtown. A non-regulatory honorific level of heritage recognition is also proposed for some areas. All of this is good as far as it goes, but how far is that? Well-intentioned people can spend a lot of time in genuine discussion and still not agree. Honorific recognition sounds great, but does it really achieve anything if the structures that are being honoured one day can simply be pulled down the next? Full inventories of heritage structures would also be great, but they don't serve much purpose if the structures that they inventory subsequently disappear.

Appendix A to the draft report, presenting the public response to the survey questions, contains a lot of interesting comments. A strong theme, repeatedly expressed in one way or another by most of the people who wrote in, is that the city has been allowing its historic built heritage to be gradually destroyed, and that this must stop. The text of the report does not mention this strong

message from the public feedback. I believe it should.

Once that message is mentioned, I believe that the report should also include your own comment and/or recommendations relating to it. If you believe that the recommendations that are already in the draft report are a sufficient response the final report should say so. If not, you should make a further recommendation. Personally, I would like to see a comment that this "astounding collection" is a treasure we are lucky to have, and a recommendation that the city develop and implement an overall plan saying which areas of the city should be protected and in what way or ways. (Different means might be appropriate in different places.) If that's not your view, you would recommend something else, of course. But I would think that your existing draft recommendations would at least call for the addition of one more to the effect that the city should be prepared, if needed, to step in to protect the integrity of the areas that it decides deserves the honorific heritage recognition you recommend. Without this, what's the point? What's here today can and will be gone tomorrow, and whole streets and areas can easily be undermined by just a single unsuitable new building or two.

In short, in your broad and positive vision of 'heritage' please don't underplay the historic built environment. It's a huge asset to Fredericton both culturally and economically, and should be a very big contributor to the overall plan.

Thank you again for this opportunity for input. I look forward to seeing the final version of your report.

4. Thank you again for sharing the draft final report, and for reaching out to us earlier in the review process.

I have reviewed the report and attached edits as well as margin comments within a Word file that I copied most of the pdf into. The pagination and sentence spacing in the Word file may not align exactly with the original document, but I needed to be able to do a line by line edit of the material so using Word for seemed like the quickest way to do that.

Indigenous Heritage

Time Immemorial

Whether it is the Indigenous traditional concept of time immemorial or the archaeological record, It is clear that Indigenous people have been part of this land for a very long time. In this regard, Wolastogey Indigenous

traditional knowledge and science tend to complement each other.

It is difficult to adequately express the depth of human history and long held Indigenous relationships with the river, the land and all aspects of the natural world.

Through the history of colonization and subsequent periods, the relationships with land and language have been eroded, and in some cases was actively suppressed in the past by non Indigenous society. The Wolastoqiyik k people of this territory have great resilience and are initiating actions to restore the Wolastoqey language and strengthen traditional connections with the land. To a large part, the heritage presented to citizens and visitors focuses on the British Colonial and early Post Confederation periods. The complete story of the Indigenous experience before, during and after those periods needs to be presented. This would only enhance interpretation of the heritage of the British, Acadian and other cultural groups and bring more balance to how heritage is portrayed and recognized as well as foster deeper education and critical engagement with heritage related issues.

Other opportunities that exist include the following:

• Educational components in City heritage activities that recognize and inform about Peace and Friendship Treaties as well asand Aboriginal and Treaty Rights

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- Acknowledging and recognizing significant Indigenous people and places, including, but not limited to: the story of Gabriel and Mary Acquin and , the founding of Sitansisk/St. Mary's, and early paleo shorelines, and ancient Wolastoqey oral traditions of the Fredericton region.
- Increasing Indigenous presence and involvement in activities downtown and in the Garrison District, such as related theatre, artistic performances, art and self-guided tours.

The Community Inclusion Office and First Nation Relations explore and nurture initiatives and opportunities to foster meaningful relationships with Sitansisk and the other Wolastoqey Communities in New Brunswick. Through these efforts, aspects, opportunities and directions, the heritage of Indigenous People can continue to be explored together in meaningful and respectful ways with the Indigenous community, Sitansisk Chief and Band Council, Hereditary Chiefs, Grandmothers, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick and others. A broader understanding of Wolastoqey Indigenous traditional knowledge and world views, acknowledged in the words 'All my relations', will benefit everyone as climate change and other challenges are faced together.

# Wolastog

Within various aspects of the municipal realm, the City of Fredericton can use Wolastoq when referencing the river that flows through the municipality. This can lead to fully supporting the wider acknowledgement that the river is the Wolastoq. Also, further naming, signage and language-related opportunities can be identified throughout the city.

In 2013, the 400km portion of the St. John River in New Brunswick was designated a Canadian Heritage River. As a next step, working with Aboriginal Rights Holders, the St. John River Society, the Province and others, consideration could be given to changing Wolastoq this designation to reflect the name Wolastoq.

### Recommendation

• Through the Community Inclusion Office and First Nation Relations: to Continue to explore together with Rights Holders approaches to the presentation of the heritage of Indigenous People in what is now the City of Fredericton and the region to Identify Indigenous naming, signing and language opportunities including the wider acknowledgement of the river as the Wolastoq

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### Natural Heritage

The overall physical character of the City, including landform, built heritage, natural and cultural landscapes, the river and vegetation have been highlighted as an important aspect of its heritage character and sense of place.

The City and region's geography is, in large part, a result of geological activity over millions of years and from a Wolastoqey perspective some geography was reshaped by Klouskap, the Wolastoqey cultural hero and his interactions with Giant Beavers, a species that has been extinct for millennia. The region's geology is an amazing story and there are local sites, collections and expertise to tell it, including at the University of New Brunswick, Geological Survey of Canada, the Fredericton Region Museum, the New Brunswick Museum and Stonehammer UNESCO Global Geopark. The retreat of the Ice Age led to the lands and waterways where Indigenous People have lived for at least 14,000 years

The environmental concerns of a few decades ago have evolved into a broad acceptance that Climate Change is real. Learning from Indigenous traditional knowledge may positively inform perspectives about the land and water.

Parks, green spaces, the urban forest as well as the river and its tributaries are substantial components of the City's heritage, character and lifestyle.

As a pedestrian system flowing citizens and visitors to and along the City's waterfronts and through its vibrant areas and historic neighbourhoods, much of the trail system, land and bridges are, in themselves, part of the City's transportation history.

**Cultural Layers and Social Movements** 

The City's significant Acadian heritage, including early relationships with Indigenous people, has been under-represented. No substantial above ground evidence of Fort Nashwaak or the settlement of Point Ste Anne remains.

Recently, along with Indigenous material, significant archaeological resources related to the Acadian period have been discovered as part of the archaeological assessment at Officers' Square. In partnership with Acadian heritage organizations, Le Centre communautaire Sainte Anne and the Fredericton Region Museum, this and other known sites provide opportunities to better acknowledge and present Acadian heritage.

Within the Garrison District, provincial and national historic designations speak to the City's built heritage and military history. With the astounding collection of built heritage from the overlapping British Colonial and early Post Confederation periods including Officers' Square, the Officers' Quarters, Soldiers Barracks as well as other landmark buildings, period residential built form and the town plat layout, it is somewhat understandable that heritage interpretation and presentation, as well as tourism promotion has, for a large part, focused on these periods.

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Consistently, the clear message has been that, while these periods need to be presented, it is crucial that it be balanced with the truthful and complete interpretation of the Wolastoqey Indigenous experience during these times.

Black History is strong in Fredericton, the region and the Province. The Black History Society and other Black cultural organizations have been successful at bringing Black history and heritage to the fore.

The City can complement these efforts by working with the Black History Society and other organizations, Fredericton Region Museum and others identified to recognize, commemorate and tell the stories of significant people, places, and sites, as well as facilitating greater involvement by the Black community in civic activities.

Similarly, sites can be recognized, historical figures acknowledged and more stories told related to Scottish, Irish and other cultural layers.

It goes without saying that arts, music and literary heritage all provide great opportunities to celebrate the City, its contributions and all its people.

Running through the cultural layers and mix are, of course, numerous important social movements including but not limited to Civil Rights, the Women's Movement and the rights of LGBTQIA2S+ peoples, and the struggles of Indigenous people to survive colonialization and to have their Indigenous Rights reocgnized. Similar to cultural layers, there are people, events and places that speak to these movements.

### Recommendation

- Jointly through Heritage and Urban Design, Community Inclusion Office, First Nation Relations and Recreation, Tourism and Community Development, work with cultural groups and organizations to: o Acknowledge, celebrate and present all layers of cultural heritage and significant social movements
- o Tell complete stories
- o Recognize significant buildings, people and places related to cultural groups and social movements

**Digital Library** 

Information regarding heritage resources is the City are widely dispersed and are in different formats. Some areas have been previously inventoried, studied and recognized at different levels. While preservation area designation did not follow, this material is still relevant.

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It is understood that various organizations and individuals have collected information and stories on buildings and places. The list of Provincial and Federal designations and the Local Historic Places Register are, in essence, inventories as well.

It would be useful to bring this information together and supplement it with new inventories undertaken as components of future planning exercises to create a complete city-wide inventory of heritage resources.

A digital library, created and maintained through the City or another identified entity, could hold and make accessible this information as well as heritage material related to cultural layers and social movements.

# Recommendation

• Through the City or another identified entity, with existing and verified inventories supplemented through future planning exercises, begin to build and maintain a comprehensive digital library of heritage resources and other heritage material.

Post-Secondary Institutions and Faith Communities

Post-secondary institutions, schools and faith communities are a major component of the history, heritage and character of the City of Fredericton.

The New Brunswick College of Craft and Design adds energy, life and creativity along Queen Street. The University of New Brunswick, St. Thomas University and New Brunswick Community College step up the Hill and K-12 schools dot the urban landscape. Beyond their significant built heritage, Faith Communities throughout the City add to the social and spiritual heritage of Fredericton.

There are numerous opportunities to recharge relationships with these institutions for the benefit of all. These can include partnerships related to built heritage recognition, technology, awareness building, inclusion, community activity and other aspects of life in the City.

# Recommendation

• Through a variety of City departments and divisions, pursue greater relationships and beneficial partnerships with post-secondary Institutions, schools, faith communities and others identified Heritage Program and Services Capacity

Currently, the City lists the following as its heritage program and services:

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- Heritage approvals
- Heritage by-law designation
- Local Historic Places Register
- Heritage planning studies or processes
- Arts, Culture, and Heritage Funding Program
- Heritage interpretation and tours
- Other "informal" heritage services

It should also be noted that, while primarily delivered by Heritage and Urban Design, others are involved in the provision of the heritage program, services and activities. These include Community Inclusion Office, First Nation Relations and Recreation, Tourism and Community Development and Engineering and Operations.

Considering its present HR allocation of .25 of one staff position, which lags significantly behind most cities compared, Heritage and Urban Design's provision of the heritage program and services is

commendable. However, as currently staffed, it does not have the capacity to accomplish all its present heritage responsibilities.

To begin to address the present capacity issue and to begin the implementation of the recommendations presented here, at least one full time position needs to be added to Heritage and Urban Design with responsibilities devoted solely to the heritage program and services.

This will allow for increased provision of expert advice and clarity around regulations and design guidelines based on ongoing dialogue.

# Recommendations

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

**Evolution of the City and Landmark Structures** 

In addition to those highlighted previously, the City and its built form have evolved through a number of epochs, expansions and design approaches including:

- World Wars and Depression Years
- Industrial Fredericton
- Post World War II Housing and Development
- Amalgamation 1973
- Increasing Population and Changing Demographics
- New Neighbourhoods

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- Architectural design innovation and adaptation
- New retail centers

Fredericton is fortunate to have retained a number of significant landmark buildings, structures, places, religious built heritage and transportation infrastructure from these epochs.

Several landmark buildings presently have some level of designation or recognition. For others, it is important to work with owners to increase awareness of community value and consideration of the appropriate types of recognition.

Many of these still serve their original purpose. Some have been successfully and sustainably repurposed. Others provide great opportunities for the same. This is very encouraging. There will be opportunities for the City to facilitate significant re-use projects, led by others, where there is rationale in doing so either to advance the project or strengthen the viability of it. In these instances, the project outcome must be sustainable and there will need to be clear benefit to taxpayers.

The City has recently designated the Lemont House under the heritage by-law. The City can continue to show leadership in this regard by designating other municipally-owned heritage buildings, structures, parks and places including City Hall and Phoenix Square, William L Barrett Water Treatment Plant and others.

# Recommendation

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

In terms of communications and dialogue, it is fair to say a degree of polarization has developed that is hindering the success of heritage awareness and conservation activities.

A strategy to ensure increased citizen engagement, effective communication in all directions and ongoing dialogue regarding heritage resources, character, value and conservation is required to address this and to begin to implement the recommendations in this report.

The first step would involve one or more facilitated sessions, convened by the City, for heritage players to engage in positive, constructive dialogue with the objective of clarifying roles and resetting relationships.

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The strategy should consider approaches to optimizing the role of Fredericton Heritage Trust, Fredericton Region Museum, other heritage and cultural organizations, communities, volunteers and subject matter experts .

There is a need to reinforce positive public attitudes embracing the social, community, educational and economic benefits of heritage character and conservation.

Through the review process, the assumption that younger demographics are, generally, not that interested was proven false in many ways. When students at all levels learn, they care.

Expanded heritage web presence using current technology, such as mapping layers, timelines and game-based learning applications will encourage multi-generational engagement.

In learning and awareness building, the value of theatre and the arts has been effectively utilized and will continue to be going forward.

# Recommendations

- As a first step in improving on-going dialogue and communications, convene a facilitated session, and more if required, for heritage players and Indigenous rights holders to engage in positive, constructive dialogue with the objective of clarifying roles and resetting relationships.
- 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

# **Capital Character**

Fredericton became the Capital of New Brunswick in 1785.. As such, there is a degree of connection shared ownership by all New Brunswickers.

This comes with a responsibility to lead the Province in heritage conservation ensuring the City's overall character is, while evolving, maintained by best practices and enhanced by great design. This will leverage image, visitorship, density and economic and social objectives.

The Legislation Assembly Block and the larger Capital District speak to this role. This is complimented by the adjacent Cathedral District.

The Federal and Provincial governments, as owners of significant heritage properties, are important players. Appropriate departments and agencies play crucial roles related to National Historic designations and Provincial Heritage Place designations and the accompanying regulatory process. DRAFT

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Other areas add to the heritage character of the Capital. The Town Plat still retains much of its original character and charm. With landmark buildings framing views of the river and facing remaining intact commercial blocks across Queen Street and environs, all animated by citizens, artists, theatre and visitors, the downtown area is a fascinating place in which to visit, live, work, learn, and socialize.

It is accepted that change is a given and development is essential in meeting many municipal objectives. However, while developers express mixed feelings regarding built heritage conservation, development or re-development can both express new design approaches and be sympathetic to heritage and sensitive to character. Great design is always the objective. Scale, massing and materials need to continue to be important considerations. River views and access to it, on both sides, are paramount.

Heritage Conservation By-Law

With a few amendments, the City of Fredericton Heritage Preservation By-Law, By-Law No. L-4, Heritage Preservation By-law.doccton.ca, has been in place since 1984, predating the current

enabling Legislation. A new City of Fredericton Heritage Conservation By-Law needs to be created that is in line with the intent of and municipal authorities enabled in the Heritage Conservation Act (Heritage Conservation Act (gnb.ca). The Preservation Review Board would be re-branded as the Municipal Heritage Board with roles, in line with Section 53 of the Act, as follows:

- Inform, advise and recommend to Council on all heritage matters and heritage resource management
- Provide substantive input into decisions related to demolition and/or new development in or otherwise impacting identified heritage areas and/or heritage resources
- Consider and recommend further conservation tools
- Develop heritage policies and advise on any other heritage conservation matters It will be crucial for a Municipal Heritage Board to have the involvement of appropriate expertise and representation as outlined and intended by Section 47 of the Act. Further, Indigenous representation can be explored with Sitansisk and/or Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick.

The enactment of the new by-law and establishment of board will also result in the drafting of new design guidelines.

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Recommendation

• Create a new City of Fredericton Heritage Conservation By-Law, and corresponding new design guidelines, in line with the municipal authorities enabled under Heritage Conservation Act including an expanded role for a new, re-branded Municipal Heritage Board Acknowledgement, Recognition and Designation

The City of Fredericton is rich in historic areas, unique neighbourhoods and heritage buildings and places.

Beyond the very recent designation of the Lemont House, and while some areas have been studied and proposed for designation, there have been no designations under the by-law in quite some time.

In light of the level of heritage value and benefits and the pressure on its heritage building stock, the City should engage 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 ByLaw .

Further, the new heritage by-law should include the establishment of an intermediate, nonregulatory level of recognition, applicable to historic/heritage neighbourhoods, areas, buildings, building clusters, streetscapes, structures and places.

Previously studied historic areas and newly identified areas could, going forward, be defined, described and afforded this honourific level of recognition.

Ongoing communication, dialogue, information exchange emphasizing the positive elements of recognition and community building activities over time could lead to consensus and subsequent designation through by-law. Street and area signage and publicly presented area/neighbourhood history could be employed to emphasize and celebrate their value and uniqueness.

Ideally, perhaps through the establishment of neighbourhood committees, much of the initiative and activities in this regard could be community driven.

This type of recognition would encourage heritage and community character to be a prime consideration as proposed development are being considered in the area or directly adjacent to it. DRAFT

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As proof of concept, St. Mary's Ferry and the West Town Plat, which will be inventoried as part of the upcoming south core plan, could serve as pilot projects.

### Recommendations

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

#### Insurance Issues

By far, the single most expressed concern regarding heritage designation or listing is the difficulties in getting insurance and the cost of it.

These concerns are real and understandingly cause serious pause on the part of property owners when considering what comes with heritage designation.

From discussions with the insurance industry at all levels, it is fair to say that insurance costs for older buildings, designated or not, are likely to continue to increase for the foreseeable future, and incrementally more for heritage designated and regulated buildings.

Insurance issues are complicated. Many insurers will not quote on any properties in New Brunswick due to the small size of the market. Insurers that will quote base their rates on aspects such as risk and replacement value. Further, the cost and supply of materials is a growing concern. While the needed skilled trades exist in the area, it is felt that availability is sometimes difficult.

Although differing in nature somewhat, insurance issues related to designated properties have been around for at least a couple of decades. Then, as now, there are multiple misconceptions on the part of the Insurance Industry that contribute to the situation.

These include misunderstandings related to municipal designation and regulatory requirements. Further, while listing on the Provincial/Canadian Register of Historic Place which come with no requirements for owners, it is sometimes confused with Provincial Heritage Place designation which has a regulatory process around it.

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The National Trust for Canada has established a task force to look for solutions at a national level. However, if there is to be hope for an improved situation here, it will involve working with other New Brunswick municipalities in considering some level of standardization related to municipal heritage designation and accompanying requirements on owners, as well as working with the insurance industry and the Provincial government.

While heritage designation should be seen as a positive in the real estate world, these issues also impact the real estate business related to buying and selling of designated or listed properties.

### Recommendation

• In conjunction with other New Brunswick municipalities, brokers, insurers, the insurance industry and the Province, create a task force with the objective of ensuring clarity on the various levels and types of designation and related regulatory requirements or lack thereof. A similar initiative with the real estate business would be useful as well

#### Incentives

Heritage and heritage conservation must be seen as an opportunity, not just an obligation. Incentive programs can be useful in this regard.

With a number of variations, incentives can include financial grants, cost recovery, tax-based

incentives and in-kind support. Incentive programs are typically developed based on the nature and makeup of designated areas.

Incentive programs need to be balanced, fair and designed to meet clear objectives. To be fully effective, municipal incentive programs need to mesh with programs offered through the Provincial and Federal governments.

Property tax incentive programs have great potential. In conjunction with other New Brunswick municipalities and the Province of New Brunswick, the City should seek clarification and, if necessary, the creation of a legislative framework that allows for the development of effective property tax incentives, or disincentive, programs by municipalities.

It is essential that heritage conservation actions do not conflict with parallel City objectives, such as increased density, affordable housing and inclusion. Built heritage stock needs to be part of solutions.

The social benefits of heritage conservation are subtle. The economic benefit is real and more readily apparent. In heritage neighbourhoods, buildings that become more financially viable DRAFT

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through different usage, can be part of the efforts to increase density, strengthen inclusion, provide affordable housing as well as build public support for heritage conservation. There may be opportunities to incentivize this activity.

The City should consider the development of a program to incentivize investment in heritage buildings that have demonstrated a lack of economic purpose and financial viability, thereby working towards implementation of the Municipal Plan while ensuring their longevity. Lemont House and Saint John the Evangelist Church are examples of where this type of program could be effective.

#### Recommendations

- In conjunction with the Province and other New Brunswick Municipalities, investigate opportunities and the necessary legislative framework allowing municipalities to develop effective property tax-based incentives
- As a future consideration, develop a program to incentivize investment in heritage buildings that have a demonstrated lack of economic purpose and financial viability, thereby working towards implementation of the Municipal Plan and ensuring their longevity

Fredericton Region Museum

As the primary collecting, conserving and interpreting institution in the City, the Fredericton Region Museum's value cannot be overstated.

While the museum has great social, educational and economic potential, presently it cannot adequately store, conserve and exhibit collections, despite the best efforts of staff and board. Among other issues, temperature control issues are not adequate for collections or staff and limited access to upper storeys impacts visitors and visitorship.

Understanding that the City is presently involved with a number of large capital projects, including a new Performing Arts Centre and aquatics facility, planning should begin towards a modern Fredericton Region Museum to meet public expectation, be functional and tell the stories of this land, its people, the city and region.

Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Holders and cultural and social groups need to be involved. Other institutions including NB Sports Hall of Fame, Science East, Charlotte St Arts Centre, Boyce Farmers Market, others throughout the City, and Kings Landing could be part of the conversation.

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Recommendation

• Liaise with the Fredericton Region Museum, Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Holders and other cultural and social groups to begin to explore the creation of a modern and functional signature civic attraction that meets public expectation and properly holds, conserves and exhibits collections while telling the stories of the land, people, City and region Archaeology

In the survey, many felt that collections and historic objects were of a high priority. This includes archaeological collections. Archaeology also includes archaeological assessments and investigations which inform science, mitigates impacts related to development activity and can complement aspects of Wolastoqey traditional knowledge.

Archaeological collections and activity have great potential for engaging citizens and visitors and being a vehicle to greater understanding.

Presently, artifacts are held and archaeological activity is regulated by the Province under the Heritage Conservation Act. Due to its nature and varying cultural perspectives around it as well as a past legacy of destruction and degradation of Indigenous archaeological sites by non Indigenous people, ,

aarchaeological activity can sometimes be controversial.

Proactive and on-going dialogue would better inform and guide development while conserving heritage.

In this regard, a new mechanism is required. Similar to some other municipalities, the City should advocate for an Archaeology Plan created by the Province, through an urban lens, that provides clearer and more efficient pathways for development to navigate processes established in the legislation. The City, Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Holders, the Province, cultural organizations and others identified would be involved in the creation of this plan.

# Recommendations

• Advocate for an Archaeology Plan to be created through an urban lens by the Province that provides clearer and more efficient pathways for development to navigate processes established in legislation

Living History and the Heritage of Tomorrow

In the City, relationships with Indigenous people are continuing to build. Cultural activity in the City reflects the living history of increasing diversity and greater inclusion. By embracing culture, the City and its citizens contribute to a better world.

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Hopefully, the heritage of tomorrow will include increasing environmental consciousness and actions toward better relationships with nature.

Adaptive reuse of buildings, of which there are many opportunities, will be one of those actions. New architecture will also contribute to tomorrow's built heritage.

Our neighbourhoods and heritage areas will evolve. With the bold, exciting new direction planned for Main Street and conservation of the character of Queen Street and environs, our city centres will be wonderful and unique places to be.

**Summary of Recommendations** 

With robust implementation of these recommendations, and others that evolve, the City of Fredericton can be a heritage conservation leader both regionally and nationally. Consistent and strong Council and community commitment and support will be necessary.

Recommendations are listed by suggested implementation time frames.

#### On-going

- 1. Through the Community Inclusion Office and First Nation Relations:
- a. Continue to explore together with Rights Holders approaches to the presentation of the heritage of Indigenous People in what is now the City of Fredericton and the region

- b. Identify Wolastoqey Indigenous naming, signing and language opportunities including the wider acknowledgement of the river as Wolastoq
- 2. Jointly through Heritage and Urban Design, Community Inclusion Office, First Nation Relations and Recreation, Tourism and Community Development work with cultural groups and organizations to:
- a. Acknowledge, celebrate and present all layers of cultural heritage and significant social movements
- b. Tell complete stories
- c. Recognize significant buildings, people and places related to cultural groups and social movements
- 3. Through the City or another identified entity, with existing and verified inventories supplemented through future planning exercises, begin to build and maintain a comprehensive digital library of heritage resources and other heritage material DRAFT

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4. Through a variety of City departments and divisions, pursue greater relationships and beneficial partnerships with post-secondary institutions, schools, faith communities and others identified

Short Term (1 year)

- 5. Increase heritage staffing by adding one full-time position to be better able to provide the necessary level of service and expert advice and to begin to implement the recommendations presented here
- 6. Continue to show civic leadership by designating municipally owned landmark buildings, structures and places including City Hall and Phoenix Square, William L Barrett Water Treatment Plant and others
- 7. As a first step in improving on-going dialogue and communications, convene a facilitated session, and more if required, for heritage players to engage in positive, constructive dialogue with the objective of clarifying roles and resetting relationships Middle Term (1-3 years)
- 8. 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
- 9. Create a new City of Fredericton Heritage Conservation By-Law, and corresponding new design guidelines, in line with the municipal authorities enabled under Heritage Conservation Act including an expanded role for a new, re-branded Municipal Heritage Board
- 10.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 By-Law
- 11.Develop and institute a new, intermediate, non-regulatory level of recognition under the new City of Fredericton Heritage By-Law for identified heritage neighbourhoods and areas, buildings and places
- 12.As pilot projects, consider affording this honourific level designation to the St. Mary's Ferry neighbourhood and, as part of the upcoming South Core Secondary Plan, similarly consider areas of the West Town Plat

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Longer Term (3-5+ years)

13.In conjunction with other New Brunswick municipalities, brokers, insurers, the

insurance industry and the Province, create a task force with the objective of ensuring clarity on the various levels and types of designation and related regulatory requirements or lack thereof. A similar initiative with the real estate business would be useful as well

- 14. In conjunction with the Province and other New Brunswick Municipalities, investigate opportunities and the necessary legislative framework allowing municipalities to develop effective property tax-based incentives
- 15. As a future consideration, develop a program to incentivize investment in heritage buildings that have a demonstrated lack of economic purpose and financial viability, thereby working towards implementation of the Municipal Plan and ensuring their longevity 16. Liaise with the Fredericton Region Museum, Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Holders and other cultural and social groups to begin to explore the creation of a modern and functional signature civic attraction that meets public expectation and properly holds, conserves and exhibits collections while telling the stories of the land, people, City and region 17. Advocate for an Archaeology Plan to be created through an urban lens by the Province that provides clearer and more efficient pathways for development to navigate processes established in legislation
- 5. Thank you to the City of Fredericton for initiating this review. Please accept my personal appreciation to the staff and the consultant for the carrying out of the process and the draft report. Your efforts are to be applauded.

#### **INDIGENOUS HERITAGE:**

I note your comments (page 5) to recognize and inform about the Peace and Friendship Treaties. While you acknowledge the story of Gabriel Acquin, the founding of St. Mary's and the early paleo shoreline, you immediately skip to downtown Fredericton as a place where the efforts to increase awareness, presence and involvement with the Indigenous people over the settlement's/city's history will take place. While it is admirable to widen the awareness of the Indigenous people throughout the city, I respectfully point out that it is on the Northside in St. Mary's Ferry Landing where the Crown and settlement's inability to live the intent of the Peace and Friendship Treaty of 1726 was most evident.

The clash between the First Nations' and settlers' relationship with the land is illustrated most prominently in the NB and NS Land Company. The office building for this private land company also served as the residence of its commissioner. It was located in St. Mary's Ferry Landing on the lands now known as 429 Balsa. The office/residence burnt in the fire of 1893. The NB and NS Land Company was one of the big three land companies owned by British stockholders. Between the three, they promoted emigration to NB, Quebec and Upper Canada by selling passage across the Atlantic and land tracts.

I fully support the renaming of the river, Indigenous naming, signing and language opportunities. However, I would suggest that the city look to St. Mary's Ferry Landing as the main place for storying the ongoing relationship between the indigenous people and the settlers rooted in the historic injustice that was perpetrated by our ancestors in the original land grants by the British Crown and the further colonization of the province that occurred due to the actions of the NB and NS Land Company. It appears to me that guided tours be they guide lead or self directed, story telling sessions, and regular re-telling of the story through drama should be held in the Ferry Landing.

In order to move beyond the atrocities of the past and to prevent history repeating itself; in order to change, we need to listen to one another. As writer, teacher and change agent, Margaret Wheatley says: Conversation is the natural way we humans think together". In Fredericton, we need a place where ordinary people can speak out, can be heard and enter into respectful dialogue.

The Fredericton Dialogue Community was formed partly in response to racist incidents in the Dune Street area. They held community conversations and also worked to secure the vote for permanent residents. As their time with a student placement came to a close, they held a BBQ to celebrate the work they had accomplished over her time with them. At that event, Asif Hasan, the leader of that group, expressed a need the Dialogue Community had identified. He talked about the need for a permanent place for people to speak out and be listened to; a place to encourage public dialogue. He shared his vision for a Fredericton speakers corner. It would be an inclusive, safe and equitable platform that would foster public dialogue and civic engagement. The speakers corner is a place where diverse perspectives are welcome and marginalized voices will be amplified. It will help to build a more informed and connected society.

The St Mary's Neighbourhood Association of the late 1990's and the early 2000's requested an amphitheater to be built on the common land at St. Mary's Ferry Landing. In time, the association became inactive. In March of 2022, the newly formed. St. Mary's Ferry Landing Neighbourhood Association, presented to the City of Fredericton a number of requests to reanimate the small neighbourhood. A request for an outdoor amphitheater to be the permanent spot for the speaker corner was among them.

The proposed spot for the Speakers' Corner is located across Cliffe from Sistansisk. It would be a place where the First Nations people and people from other nations could come together to share their stories. Education, awareness, and social cohesion would occur as ordinary people stood up to tell their truth. By hosting meaningful conversations, the Ferry Landing would once again be welcoming people from near and far to its community. It is in this gathering spot that diverse people would find common ground forging a different way forward. The building and active use of the Speakers Corner could serve as a small act of reparation.

The Speakers' Corner would also tie in with the recommendations under the heading of Cultural Layers and Social Movements in the Draft Heritage Program and Services Review. It would be a place where more rounded or complete stories would emerge. Cultural groups and social movements would be given voice. It would be a place where advocates for social change messages could be amplified and their sharing of their perspective give rise to peaceful social action.

# NATURAL HERITAGE

The building of the amphitheater would take advantage of the historic bank of the river. It would be another way of acknowledging the natural landscape and bounds of the waterway. The seating could be terraced along the indentation in the land where the bank was prior to the building of the Westmorland Street Bridge, off ramps and Devonshire Drive. They would have an amazing view of the beautiful and bountiful river. The speaker would stand with their back to the river addressing the audience from a podium on the Devonshire/ river side of the common area.

It is important to note that the building of the Westmorland Street bridge prevented those that lived in the Ferry Landing access to the water but also the nearby residents. The lands in front of what is now known as 450 Bowlen and the properties in front of the three houses on Balsa Street were all joined together forming a great green area which was frequently visited daily by people beyond the small neighbourhood. Most importantly the people of Sistansisk walked along the riverbank frequently. Their affection for and connection with the river was evidenced by their strolls and sits along the waterfront throughout the year. While the trail system along the waterfront was meant to provide that access, the fact that the trail system is not connected (Devon Plaza upriver) to the system from the Westmorland Bridge upriver. The fact the portion in front of the Ferry Landing is not paved or plowed as other parts of the system are, is concerning. This should be addressed.

# HERITAGE PROGRAM AND SERVICES CAPACITY

I applaud the recommendation to increase staffing by one full time position. I think the lack of adequate staffing in this area is evident by the city's heritage record in the last decade or more.

# COMMUNICATION, DIALOGUE, INVOLVEMENT AND LEARNING

I fully support strengthening ties with Fredericton Heritage Trust and other heritage players; multiple generation educational initiatives, and increased dialogue with the community.

### HERITAGE CONSERVATION BY-LAW

I heartily agree with the updating of the Heritage Conservation By-Law and the establishment of the Municipal Heritage Board.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, RECOGNITION AND DESIGNATION

As a resident of St. Mary's Ferry Landing, I am so pleased to see the recommendation regarding honorific designation as historic/heritage neighbourhood. The idea that heritage and neighbourhood character be considered as the city reviews proposed development, is a great step forward in preserving the look, feel and streetscape of these neighborhoods. For me, new housing or development should be in conversation with the buildings that already exist.

I have never understood why the City doesn't lay out what infilling and new development in an area should look like. As it is now, the developer invests hundreds of thousands of dollars in plans and then submits them for approval. At that point, there is a reluctance on the part of the city to ask the developer to change their whole concept, and rightly so. BUT, then the neighbourhood is stuck with a building that is not in concert with the existing neighbourhood. In time, the whole neighbourhood look has disappeared without any intention, input or consent from the residents or the Planning Department. I think Planning needs to be more proactive in defining the community look and inviting developers to work with it to erect new builds that fit in.

The recommendation that St. Mary's Ferry Landing being considered for heritage inventory and as a pilot project for the honourific designation is terrific. I can't wait for these recommendations to be given the green light.

### **INCENTIVES**

In St. Mary's Ferry Landing neighbourhood many of the larger houses were subdivided into apartments in the 1950s and 1960s. We have 3 buildings belonging to Fredericton Not-For-Profit Housing and others buildings that are operated as supportive housing or care facilities. We are proud to be a neighbourhood where there is a good proportion of affordable housing. However, we do have a number of absentee landlords and developers are eyeing our neighbourhood, especially the waterfront. We would like to keep the mix of housing we have but would also like opportunities to improve some of the existing affordable housing. We would like to see a variety of incentives come into being that would help us retain our heritage homes, our single family and multifamily mix, as well as helping seniors to remain in their homes longer, and provide initiatives for landlords to upgrade some of our rental units that are now being neglected. We believe that heritage conservation efforts and the revitalization of our neighbourhood would heartily support the city's objectives around social inclusion, increased density, and affordable housing.

Thank you for this opportunity to review and reflect the Heritage Program and Services Review.

- 6. I'm disappointed that the report doesn't recognize the significance of the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame and it's long-standing operation as a key heritage institution within the Historic Garrison District. As a capital city, the City of Fredericton benefits when institutions like the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame operate within it's boundaries, however that fact seems oblivious to the report's authors.
- 7. The history of the place we now know as Fredericton is long, rich and varied. That history however incomplete it might be is told and recorded in many ways: by stories (oral and written), memoirs (personal and collective, amateur and professional), text books, paintings, drawings, photographs, artifacts, tapestries and other works of art. One of the most visible and tangible means of experiencing a component of that history is through our built heritage the buildings large and small, grand and humble, the streetscapes, neighbourhoods, cemeteries, monuments, parks, open spaces that animate our lives on a daily basis.

The fragility of our local built heritage is evidenced by the fact that no known pre-contact First Nations/Indigenous buildings and no known Acadian structures exist – victims of time, war, politics and human nature. Even more recent examples of our built heritage are readily exposed to possible demolition.

A review of the current City of Fredericton Heritage Preservation By-law (By-law L-4) and the associated heritage program and services is — as referenced in the Introduction of the Agapé/Broken Shovel draft report — was long overdue, and greatly anticipated [redacted].

What follows is a review of and commentary on the various recommendations of the Agapé/Broken Shovel draft report. The central focus is on the recommendations in the draft report that [redacted]has determined as the most significant with respect to appropriate and ongoing protection of our built heritage resources. The importance of preserving our built heritage is not only a priority for[redacted], but also by members of the public - as shown in Appendix A – Heritage Program and Services Review Survey Results of the Agapé/Broken Shovel draft report:

Q2 Please rank your heritage choices from most important to least important (with 1 being the top ranked, followed by 2, etc.)... [Mandatory Question (270 response(s) Question type: Ranking Question]

**OPTIONS** AVG. RANK **Buildings or structures** 2.57 Historic objects, artifacts, or archival material 3.93 Streetscapes 4.62 Archaeological sites 4.75 Parks, trails, or natural areas 5.08 Traditions and celebrations 5.44 Views or vistas 5.88 Statues or monuments 5.91 Language 6.82

The 3 most relevant draft report recommendations from a [redacted]perspective (with further modifications and details required) are:

Draft Report Recommendation 5. Increase heritage staffing by adding one full-time position to be better able to provide the necessary level of service and expert advice and to begin to implement the recommendations presented here.

[redacted]Comment: The draft report states "Fredericton... lags significantly behind in the level of human resources with only .25 of one staff position focused on the heritage program and services." This fact came as a surprise to [redacted], and would appear to be a major reason for the shortcomings of available Heritage Program and Services that have been ongoing for almost 20 years. Having only a nominal "part time" position for built heritage issues would appear to be the result of senior staff/council decisions (rather than a lack of funding) and must be resolved immediately. The lack of staff time devoted to various built heritage issues (built heritage studies and inventories, built heritage education programs and media, built heritage incentives for property owners) has put our built heritage resources in extreme jeopardy – particularly in recent years with the current Growth Strategy – and the risk to older neighbourhoods subject to demolition of existing heritage buildings in favour of larger new apartment buildings.

Draft Report Recommendation 9. Create a new City of Fredericton Heritage Conservation By-Law, and corresponding new design guidelines, in line with the municipal authorities enabled under Heritage Conservation Act including an expanded role for a new, re-branded Municipal Heritage Board.

[redacted]Comment: Part of the report focus of this recommendation and of associated commentary in other portions of the draft report appears to be to create a much larger and more diverse Preservation Review Board. To be clear, the current City of Fredericton Heritage Preservation By-law (By-law L-4) was created – following the requirements of the Province of New Brunswick Heritage Conservation Act (CHAPTER H-4.05) – to promote and protect built heritage: 2. PURPOSES

The purposes of this by-law are:

- 2.01 to promote the economic, educational, cultural and general development of the City of Fredericton through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places in preservation areas, through the maintenance and improvement of settings for such buildings and places and the encouragement of design compatible therewith;
- 2.02 to maintain a harmonious outward appearance of structures and settings which is attractive to residents and an enhancement to tourism;
- 2.03 to ensure that construction and renovation of buildings and structures are undertaken in a form compatible with the municipality's traditional architectural styles.

While other components of Fredericton's history are important and should be recognized/addressed, [redacted] believes this would be better accomplished via other entities, whether the Arts and Cultural component of the City's Arts, Culture and Heritage program, the Community Inclusion Office and First Nation Relations, the Fredericton Multicultural Association, the Fredericton Region Museum or associations created for specific cultural interest groups.

Attempting to combine additional "interest groups" into one much larger/multi-focus entity would be a disaster for all. In light of the shortcomings over the past 20 years of the Heritage Program and Services, concentrated and immediate resources must be available solely for built heritage purposes. If additional staff and resources are required for other entities with history-related interests, then the City is obligated to do so, but not at the expense of built heritage.

[redacted]does agree that the City of Fredericton Heritage Conservation By-Law and associated design guidelines need to be updated, and that the powers of the Preservation Review Board be strengthened and expanded, including term limits on the position of the chair, but with the mandate and focus continuing to be for built heritage.

Draft Report Recommendation 14. In conjunction with the Province and other New Brunswick Municipalities, investigate opportunities and the necessary legislative framework allowing municipalities to develop effective property tax-based incentives.

[redacted]Comment: The challenges of maintaining heritage buildings can be significant. The skilled trades necessary to properly maintain/repair/replace exterior materials and details can be hard to find and expensive to employ. Reasonably priced property insurance is becoming difficult to find – if available at all. Property assessments continue to rise, typically more-so for many larger buildings on larger lots in the current St. Anne's Point Heritage Preservation Area (SAPHPA). The required Certificate of Appropriateness currently required for most exterior work on buildings in the SAPHPA is an additional layer of regulation not faced by property owners in other parts of the city – and is seen by other heritage property owners beyond the SAPHPA as the main reason for not seeking to have their property added to the Local Historic Places Register.

If property owners in the current SAPHPA pay proportionally higher property taxes than comparable properties outside the SAPHPA, they do not necessarily receive a higher level of provincial or municipal services. It could therefore be reasoned that SAPHPA property owners are disproportionably subsidizing property owners in other areas of the city – in addition to being subject to the requirements of the City of Fredericton Heritage Preservation By-law (By-law L-4). So, while there are certain financial and logistical "detriments" to owning property in the SAPHPA, there do not appear to be any financial or logistical "benefits".

Most municipalities that have by-laws/regulations applicable to heritage buildings also have incentive programs to assist with professional design services and/or at least a portion of the costs of appropriately maintaining the exterior of designated heritage buildings. Incentive programs can be in the form of grants, loans or partial property tax forgiveness. Charlottetown (PEI) has a property tax incentive for qualifying heritage properties, while Moncton and Saint John have grant and/or loan incentives.

In the year 2000, the City of Fredericton commissioned a consultant report to review heritage incentives then available in municipalities across the country. That report indicated that a form of partial property tax relief as one of the most cost effective means of providing an incentive, with the "upside" of maintaining or increasing the value of the property and its assessment value. To date, it

appears that the City of Fredericton has taken no action with respect to providing any sort of incentive program for the owners of heritage buildings.

[redacted] comments on other draft report recommendations:

Draft Report Recommendation 1. Through the Community Inclusion Office and First Nation Relations: a. Continue to explore together with Rights Holders approaches to the presentation of the heritage of Indigenous People in what is now the City of Fredericton and the region b. Identify Indigenous naming, signing and language opportunities including the wider acknowledgement of the river as Wolastoq.

[redacted]Comment: [redacted]endorses recognizing and presenting the heritage of Indigenous People, and believes this can best be accomplished via entities other than the Preservation Review Board or a re-branded Municipal Heritage Board. (See [redacted]Comment at Draft Report Recommendation 9 – above.)

Draft Report Recommendation 2. Jointly through Heritage and Urban Design, Community Inclusion Office, First Nation Relations and Recreation, Tourism and Community Development work with cultural groups and organizations to: a. Acknowledge, celebrate and present all layers of cultural heritage and significant social movements b. Tell complete stories c. Recognize significant buildings, people and places related to cultural groups and social movements.

[redacted]Comment: Cultural and social heritage is important – and certainly is to be promoted, but not as part of the mandate of the Preservation review Board. The role and focus of the Preservation Review Board should be for built heritage. (See [redacted] Comment at Draft Report Recommendation 9 – above.)

Draft Report Recommendation 3. Through the City or another identified entity, with existing and verified inventories supplemented through future planning exercises, begin to build and maintain a comprehensive digital library of heritage resources and other heritage material. [redacted]Comment: [redacted]endorses the concept of a digital library of heritage resources – and is willing to participate in such a project – especially in terms of information related to built heritage.

While the City of Fredericton has done studies of several neighbourhoods with a large portion of heritage buildings, those studies are not currently available via the City of Fredericton website or its "Heritage" page.

Draft Report Recommendation 4. Through a variety of City departments and divisions, pursue greater relationships and beneficial partnerships with post-secondary institutions, schools, faith communities and others identified.

[redacted] Comment: [redacted] has participated in projects with other heritage focused entities in the past – including the Fredericton Region Museum and the Fredericton North Heritage Association – and maintains an ongoing relationship with them. The [redacted]has also participated in heritage fairs at the Bliss Carman Middle School, presenting an annual prize. A number of current and former [redacted]board members are associated with the University of New Brunswick or St. Thomas University. The [redacted]is currently actively involved in efforts to prevent the demolition of 2 local heritage churches. As such, [redacted]is open to working with various City departments/divisions and other local entities with an interest in enhancing the documentation of heritage resources – especially in relation to built heritage.

Draft Report Recommendation 6. Continue to show civic leadership by designating municipally owned landmark buildings, structures and places including City Hall and Phoenix Square, William L Barrett Water Treatment Plant and others.

[redacted] Comment: [redacted] supports this recommendation, and believes the City should also be responsible for placing plaques or other forms of heritage recognition on heritage buildings not owned by the City.

Draft Report Recommendation 7. As a first step in improving on-going dialogue and communications, convene a facilitated session, and more if required, for heritage players to engage in positive, constructive dialogue with the objective of clarifying roles and resetting relationships. Comment: [redacted]supports this recommendation – particularly with respect to the focus, role and composition of the Preservation Review Board. (See[redacted] Comment at Draft Report Recommendation 9 – above.)

Draft Report Recommendation 8. 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. [redacted]Comment: This would appear to be a component of the process identified in Recommendation 7 (above).

Draft Report Recommendation 10. 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 By-Law. [redacted]Comment: While the "downtown"/City Centre area identified in this Recommendation is certainly important, there are many other areas of the city that should be included in such an "engagement"/conversation process – such as the Residential Town Plat, The Queen Square neighbourhood, St. Mary's Ferry Landing, South Devon, Marysville. With increasing demand for developing more residential units and greater density throughout the city, many heritage buildings are at risk of demolition. These areas should be studied/inventoried for their built heritage value prior to the approval of new development. Demolition permits should not be issued until a study is done on the history of existing buildings proposed for demolition and a viable plan in place for the proposed new development – and in compliance with the current secondary plan for the area.

Draft Report Recommendation 11. Develop and institute a new, intermediate, non-regulatory level of recognition under the new City of Fredericton Heritage By-Law for identified heritage neighbourhoods and areas, buildings and places.

[redacted]Comment: Non-regulatory or "honourific" heritage recognition is certainly one means of identifying the heritage of a particular neighbourhood or area, contributing to a sense of "pride of place". In conjunction with some physical means identifying the neighbourhood and aspects of its history – special street signs, history panels, park benches – an educational component would also be present, and perhaps open the door to actual heritage designation in the future. While [redacted]supports this recommendation in principle, it should not be seen as means of avoiding the process of conducting heritage studies/inventories of areas with a large proportion of heritage buildings that might be worthy of heritage designation – such as the Residential Town Plat and Queen Square neighbourhood.

Draft Report Recommendation 12. As pilot projects, consider affording this honourific level designation to the St Mary's Ferry neighbourhood and, as part of the upcoming South Core Secondary Plan, similarly consider areas of the West Town Plat.

[redacted]Comment: While the St. Mary's Ferry neighbourhood – with a high percentage of rental properties - is certainly a candidate for such a plot project, the areas identified above as Fredericton South Core Secondary Plan and West Town Plat (Residential Town Plat?) should be subject to a more stringent/comprehensive review – and broken down into smaller components.

Development policies that deal with large parcels of land – such as the former rail yard lands on York St. and the NBEX property should not be the same as those for areas with existing, mostly older single family dwellings. While the current Municipal Plan appears to recognize this concept with its description of Established Neighbourhoods Designation – having a heritage study in place will add an extra level of protection for heritage properties that have not already been identified and inventoried.

[From the current Municipal Plan: The Established Neighbourhoods Designation comprises a diverse range of communities within the City, from established older neighbourhoods to recently constructed subdivisions. Residential intensification initiatives within the Established Neighbourhoods designation are intended to be limited. That does not mean that these communities will not evolve. Intensification will be primarily through complementary and compatible development on vacant lots, minor infill development, and accessory units. Generally, lands within the Established Neighbourhoods Designation are not expected to accommodate significant intensification. Rather, they are expected to evolve slowly over time, accommodating new development that is compatible with the general character of these areas. In some instances, more significant intensification may be permitted at the edges of neighbourhoods and along arterial and collector roads.]

Draft Report Recommendation 13. In conjunction with other New Brunswick municipalities, brokers, insurers, the insurance industry and the Province, create a task force with the objective of ensuring clarity on the various levels and types of designation and related regulatory requirements or lack thereof. A similar initiative with the real estate business would be useful as well.

[redacted]Comment: Insurance policies in general are becoming more expensive and with fewer items being included under coverage. Recently, heritage buildings seem to be singled out as higher risks by insurance companies. The National Trust for Canada has done extensive research on the topic of insurance for heritage buildings

https://nationaltrustcanada.ca/online-stories/up-for-renewal &

https://nationaltrustcanada.ca/what-you-can-do/advocacy-action/insurance-and-heritage-properties and should be a good resource for further action. As New Brunswick is considered a small market by insurance companies, a cohesive "unified voice" for the province – in conjunction with the National Trust for Canada - would seem a reasonable approach, supported by[redacted].

Draft Report Recommendation 15. As a future consideration, develop a program to incentivize investment in heritage buildings that have a demonstrated lack of economic purpose and financial viability, thereby working towards implementation of the Municipal Plan and ensuring their longevity.

[redacted]Comment: A number of heritage buildings in Fredericton have found "new life" by being "repurposed" for a use other than what they were originally constructed for. The Charlotte St. Arts Centre, the former St. Dunstan's School, The Lofts on York, Isaac's Way restaurant, Picaroons are all examples that come to mind. While not every "old building" can or should be saved, those that are seen as worth repurposing can be seen as creating less of an environmental impact compared to demolition and new construction while still providing jobs in the construction industry. New buildings are not the only form of "development", and older buildings with heritage character are often sought out by businesses as a reflection of the image they want to project to staff and clients.

This Recommendation would seem connected to Recommendation 14 (above), and the [redacted]comments there with respect to incentives. Additionally, programs/monies to "incentivize investment in heritage buildings" could be raised from items such as:

- i) charging for demolition permits for buildings anywhere in the city
- ii) building permit fees for renovations in the existing heritage preservation area
- iii) as a "community benefit" for variances received for any project anywhere in the city

Draft Report Recommendation 16. Liaise with the Fredericton Region Museum, Aboriginal Rights Holders and other cultural and social groups to begin to explore the creation of a modern and functional signature civic attraction that meets public expectation and properly holds, conserves and exhibits collections while telling the stories of the land, people, City and region.

[redacted]Comment: The City of Fredericton has a number of "big-ticket" projects currently planned – including a new Performing Arts Centre and a new Aquatic Centre – and optimistically a second active transportation bridge across the Wolastoq River at the Carleton St. Bridge piers. A new New Brunswick Museum is also being planned for Saint John. An entity such as that referenced in Recommendation 16 would be an asset to the city – and depending on partners and financing could become a reality. Linking existing buildings such as the Fredericton Region Museum, the old post office (on Queen St.), the NB Sports Hall of Fame and the Fredericton Public Library "under one roof" might be one possibility for realizing this – as well as reinforcing the downtown core businesses.

Draft Report Recommendation 17. Advocate for an Archaeology Plan to be created through an urban lens by the Province that provides clearer and more efficient pathways for development to navigate processes established in legislation.

[redacted]Comment: Archaeology is an important component of our heritage — as currently being discovered at Officers' Square. Due to the potential for "treasure hunters" to (illegally) take heritage artifacts for their own benefit, the Province and the City tend to keep archaeologically rich sites unknown to the public. Anything that can be done to assist in the discovery/recovery and protection of archaeological artifacts should be encouraged.

# [redacted]Final Remarks:

While there is a total of 17 Recommendations in the draft report, a number of the Recommendations appear to be inter-related – almost to the point of duplication. Specific/more detailed descriptions for how various Recommendations could be implemented would be useful. The focus of the current City of Fredericton Heritage Preservation By-law (By-law L-4) is for the protection of our built heritage – and should remain so – albeit with a strengthened mandate and powers.

Other aspects of Fredericton's history – other than built heritage – are certainly worth recognition, but through entities other than the Preservation Review Board and the City of Fredericton Heritage Preservation By-law (By-law L-4).

The value and impact of the current draft report will only be realized in seeing its final version – with appropriate amendments, its acceptance/approval by the City of Fredericton – and timely implementation of approved recommendations.

The rich resource of Fredericton's unique history — and Fredericton's residents past and present - have waited a long time to have their collective stories told and celebrated, and their built heritage appropriately protected. It is now time for our City Council and Staff to become "champions" for these endeavours, and see that they are appropriately implemented in a timely manner.

- 8. I read the Draft Report and below are some suggestions....
  - p. 5 Change Aboriginal Treaty Rights to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights as they are two distinct set of rights. Aboriginal Rights are inherent while Treaty Rights are from the Treaties

p.6 at "founding of St Marys add in parentheses (Sitansisk and or eqpahak)

Hereditary Chief should say Wolastoqey Grand Council Chief if you are referring to Sagom Ron Tremblay.

Perhaps define "All My Relations" I have a definition if you need one let me know.

p.8 Typo under Digital Library... Resources IN the city not Resources IS the city

p.13 Municipal Heritage Board - needs to include wolastoqey representative

9. "Don't it always seem to go That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone They paved paradise, put up a parking lot" Big Yellow Taxi by Joni Mitchell

In my view, the current draft Heritage Review Report contains a significant flaw that undermines its value as a map to a way forward, while simultaneously undermining Fredericton's ability to preserve, grow, and even prosper from any/all types of heritage referred to in the report. This major flaw is that the report does not try to contextualize the different types of "heritage" it mentions in its rather loose, rambling way, and therefore it does not offer any useful guidance at all on concrete actions that might help safeguard important elements of the city's past as foundational elements that could contribute to the city's future growth and success, both socially and economically. The city needs a Heritage plan that does not just repeat platitudes from past and present societal views.

It needs a Heritage plan that is not afraid to spell out exactly WHAT SHOULD be done, WHAT CAN be done, HOW it can be done, and WHY any of this matters.

For example, the report attempts to bring a new, inclusive lens to the understanding of what the term "heritage" means. That is commendable, but there is no need to see this as reinventing the wheel. After all, UNESCO has shown us how to proceed along this path for decades. Although there are many available documents about criteria involved in designating UNESCO's World Heritage Sites, a useful, succinct explanation of particular relevance to Fredericton is found in the Encyclopedia Britannica. What UNESCO calls a "mixed heritage site" is exactly what Fredericton's downtown already offers. Nature's wonders and its entanglement with human history and development are present in the river flowing through Fredericton's beautiful natural green spaces, all with links to both indigenous and French history that could be brought back to life by incorporating their stories through both virtual reality and actual artifacts with the already standing museum in Officers' Square. OR a new purpose-built museum/indigenous structure could be built beside the Library or elsewhere along the Green. (As an illustration, the city of York in England offers an incredible "lived" ancient Viking experience that tourists—and locals—flock to visit; it thus brings in revenue for the city.) Downtown Fredericton's history and its built heritage offer exactly what UNESCO designates as worthy of preservation: "Cultural heritage sites include hundreds of historic buildings and town sites, important archaeological sites, and works of monumental sculpture or painting." The Beaverbrook Art Gallery's incredible art collections sit almost across from a building designated a National Historic Site by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada: Christ Church Cathedral. According to a 1910 pamphlet on the Cathedral's website, this was the first Anglican cathedral built since the Reformation started in 1517, and it was also, in effect, the first new Cathedral foundation since the Norman Conquest (1066). Built history doesn't just "house" cultural history; it is cultural history, obviously. And all of this UNESCOtype cultural history is set amidst downtown Fredericton city blocks that currently offer some of the best preserved pre-20thc consistent and coherent physical streetscapes in all of Canada. But all of this rich built/cultural history is at risk of disappearing in a blink; much of it has only lasted this long by sheer accident, not by good city Heritage management. Here's one simple example of the kind of serendipity that is part of Fredericton's heritage "protection": my downtown block of George Street has one side designated as a heritage-protected area, but the other side of the same street is not—despite having well-preserved houses of equal age and historical/cultural significance. In the summer, tour busses from out of town regularly drive down my street and stop for passengers to ooh and ah and take pictures—but I feel like running out with a sign that says "Avert your eyes; do not take pictures of this side of the street because these must not be true "heritage" houses since they lack any heritage designation or protection." I have spent vacations in European hotels in old cities in France, Italy, Switzerland,

England, etc. (14th c sweets warehouses, old industrial buildings, old Manor houses, castles, etc.) that were comfortably modernized inside while preserving the outside streetscape of the European "old downtowns". I have been in banks and cafes, etc, that similarly kept the historical streetscape while also serving necessary modern functions and contributing to the local economy (for example, Verona's Roman Coliseum still successfully stages booked-out operas and theatrical performances every summer).

Why can't Fredericton simultaneously preserve and prosper from its unique culturally intertwined built heritage like the old European cities that I have seen succeed time and again? Is it because the Europeans and the rest of the world are gifted with better imagination or better architects/engineers than we are? Or is it because here in Fredericton so many people in power truly just do not understand or do not care? From what I see in this draft Heritage report, its only real concrete suggestion seems to be that the city might create a registry of buildings that might be worthy of preservation—or at least of designation as "significant"—but there are no concrete actions suggested that would actually preserve any such worthy buildings. So in effect, this report seems to be suggesting that Fredericton should create what will become a "Heritage Memorial" registry: these are the buildings that we once had that we might have saved if we had tried, but from now on they will exist only as faded memories in this mourning document. The classic movie Field of Dreams is about a visionary whose dogged determination has inspired many people to believe in the notion of "Build it and they will come." That's an admirable philosophy in many contexts, but not if we want our city to preserve its incredible built cultural Heritage and use that as a driver of economic prosperity, as so many countries around the world with ancient sites have figured out how to do (think of the rich cultural history represented by Cambodia's Angkor Wat complex, or of India's Taj Mahal, or of Peru's Machu Picchu, and so on). Very few tourists are going to be drawn to Fredericton to admire our new glass buildings as architectural wonders —after all, much more impressive ones can be found around the world--in London or Dubai or even Toronto. But we don't have to build it so they will come; it already has been built. All we have to do is figure out how to preserve it and make good use of it.

Or we can do what Joni Mitchell sings about,

"Don't it always seem to go

That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone

They paved paradise, put up a parking lot".

- 10. I am a 23 year old indigenous male living in Fredericton. I don't want to say I totally disagree with this plan as it is good to have history in the city. But putting more by-laws in regarding buildings and having areas of the city being classified as heritage zones really hurts investment into the city as it costs more to build and maintain a building therefore driving up prices for renters. I believe funds could be allocated to other places instead of adding another position to the heritage group as I just seen a post that the city of Fredericton is lagging in filling potholes and such because inflation to prices meanwhile money isn't being saved to conquer these inflations it is being spent on these things that are not necessarily essential. This also goes hand in hand with the building by-laws and having only so many units allowed to be built per hectare. I totally agree with heritage but the city of Saint John is a prime example of their heritage zones, they are not maintained as the cost to do so is very high resulting in the Uptown centre looking decrepit as it is not maintained. The city of Fredericton needs to move into the future and draw young families into it. This involves upgrading municipal services and recreational services, expanding our housing making it easier for families to move here unlike how it is now. I understand this probably will not get read as it is 9:17 at night on a Friday but my personal opinion is this city caters to the elderly and does not like change.
- 11. I am very pleased that the draft report presents a very comprehensive review of heritage programs and services for the city of Fredericton. The recommendations are ambitious and cover a substantial area. The enactment of the recommendations would result in the city showing leadership and

assuming many new responsibilities. Given the current rate of growth and the resulting substantial challenges and threats to heritage resources, this review is timely, critical and frankly, about time.

Acting on the recommendations will come at a cost. The current capacity is almost nothing. To lead and actually get things done, additional resources will need to be dedicated. The review mentions that an additional staff person is needed to handle bylaw administration and to provide expert advice to heritage place owners. I would suggest that to properly implement the other recommendations during the timeframe mentioned, several other staff resources will need to be found. While several city departments are listed under a number of the recommendations, it is doubtful that they can take on delivering new heritage based programs and services without supplementary resources.

As mentioned earlier, I believe that the review deals with a comprehensive and very appropriate approach to heritage. Community groups and organizations definitely have a role to play. Senior levels of government should be strongly encouraged to play a significant role, especially in a financial way. Ultimately the responsibility to make this review take on life will be with the municipality. None to soon. Fredericton excels at many things and punches well above its weight. Now is the time when heritage should be one of these things.