



# Prince George Heritage Commission

## 2019 Annual Report to Council

# Mandate

- “To protect, conserve and interpret the heritage resources within the City of Prince George by supporting, encouraging and facilitating their proper conservation, maintenance and restoration.”
- Duty to investigate and report to Council on buildings or sites within the city that may have heritage value.



Photos courtesy The Exploration Place.

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# Membership

## Nine appointed volunteers:

- Katherine Carlson
- Ron Davis
- Marlies Greulich
- Harry Hufty
- Megan MacMillan
- Trelle Morrow
- Mia Reimers
- Alisha Rubadeau (Chair)
- Darcie Smith

## City support staff:

- Cheryl Livingstone-Leman  
Community Partnerships  
(Staff Liaison)
- Tristin Deveau, Planning  
and Development  
(Planning Support)
- Leslie Kellett  
(Administrative Support)

# Heritage Register

- Added two new sites to the Heritage Register:



Buchan House  
2755 Hammond Avenue  
(constructed 1959)



Nielsen House  
2280 McBride Crescent  
(constructed 1957)

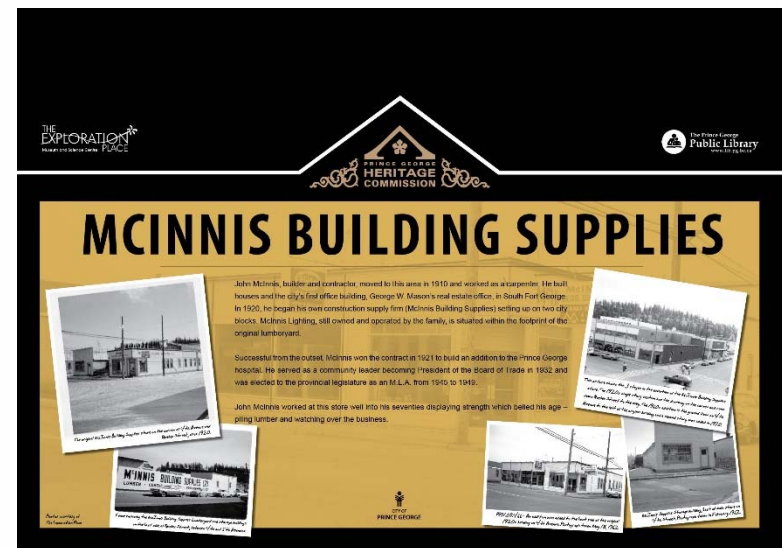


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# Interpretive Signage

- Completed work with the City's GIS Department and External Relations to develop an Interactive Map of all 22 downtown heritage signs. Available on the City's website and on smartphones.
- Replaced or repaired all 22 downtown interpretive signs.



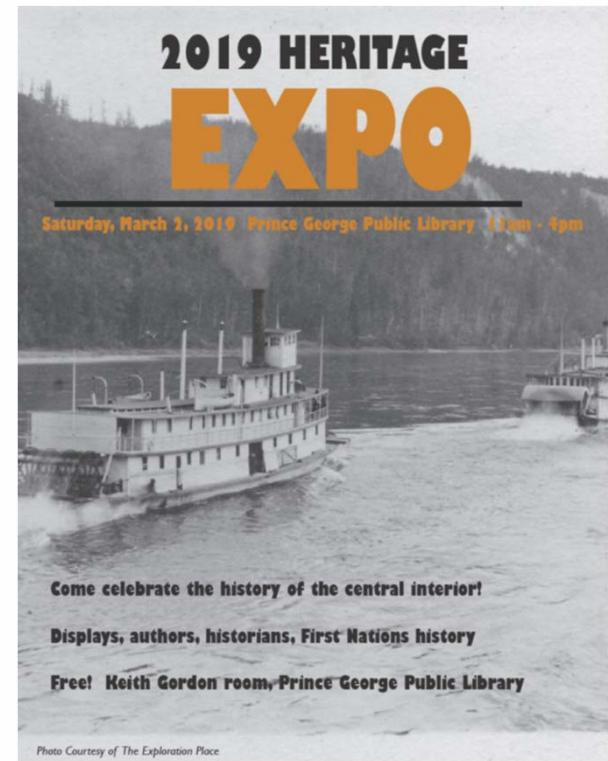


# Community Outreach & Education

- Heritage Expo, in partnership with UNBC and Prince George Public Library (March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019)
  - free one-day public event celebrating & sharing local/regional history
  - 16 exhibiting organizations/authors
  - approx. 200 attendees



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# Community Outreach & Education

- Home Show (April)
- BCNE (August)

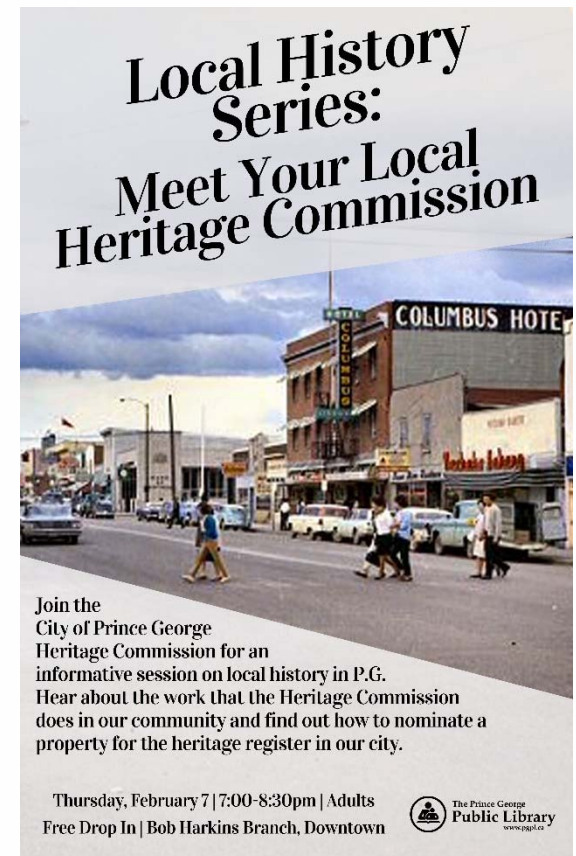
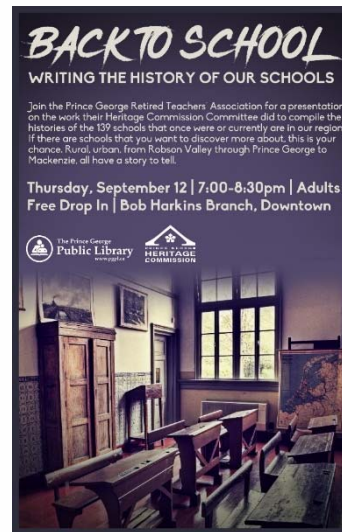


# Community Outreach & Education

- Annual Local History Speaker Series, in partnership with the Prince George Public Library.
- 2019 topics:
  - Meet Your Local Heritage Commission
  - “Back to School” Presented by the PG Retired Teachers Association



Artwork: Prince George Public Library.



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# Community Outreach & Education

- Historic Downtown Walking Tours
  - 13 walking tours during July and August (96 participants).
  - Local history presentations offered at 6 senior's facilities (141 participants).
  - Handheld brochure is a Partnership between the Public Library & the Heritage Commission.



Artwork: Prince George Public Library.



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# Community Outreach & Education

- Partnered with the Retired Teachers Association to develop an Artifact Box with information about Prince George's first school house and School '40 Years Ago'.
- An educational tool for public displays & events.



# Community Outreach & Education

In 2019  
the Prince George Heritage  
Commission Celebrated its  
**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

**Heritage Commission Celebrates 40th Anniversary**

The Prince George Heritage Commission, now in its 40th year of operation, is a group of 9 dedicated volunteers with an interest in heritage and history. They advise in matters regarding the protection, conservation, and interpretation of heritage resources within the community. The Heritage Commission members are appointed by City Council. For more information on how to become a Heritage Commission member call 250-561-7647 or <https://princegeorge.ca/heritagecommission>

**PRINCE GEORGE HERITAGE COMMISSION**

**DISCOVER PRINCE GEORGE'S HERITAGE:**



**Prince George Heritage Register**

A heritage register is an official list of buildings and sites that have heritage value. If you have information about a building or a site that has significant heritage value, consider nominating it to be added to the Heritage Register. For more information about the Heritage Register a brochure is available at City Hall or visit the City's website: <https://princegeorge.ca/heritageregister>

**NEW! On-Line Digital Tour**

Take a digital tour of historical downtown Prince George with the Heritage Commission's new online interactive map.

- Learn the history behind local heritage landmarks.
- View historical photos of existing downtown buildings.
- Use the map as a guide and take yourself on a walking tour of Prince George's past.

Find it at: <https://princegeorge.ca/heritage>



**Heritage Speaker Series at the Library – Free!**

Local history experts and enthusiasts participate in an annual Speaker Series held at the Prince George Public Library. The topics range from the History of the Ski Culture in Prince George to an exploration of Metis culture featuring tea, bannock and beading. Attendance is free and everyone is welcome! Check the Prince George Public Library for more information: <http://www.pgpl.ca/> or call 250-563-9251.

Visit the Prince George Heritage Commission online at <https://princegeorge.ca/heritagecommission> or contact us by phone at 311

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# Recognition Program

- 2019 Heritage Places Award
  - Presented by Mayor & Council at Celebrating Success
  - Winner Amy Blanding ... Howieson House 2688 Inlander St.



Photo courtesy Rob van Adrichem



# Recognition Program

- 2019 Creative Spirit Award
  - Presented at Regional Heritage Fair (May)

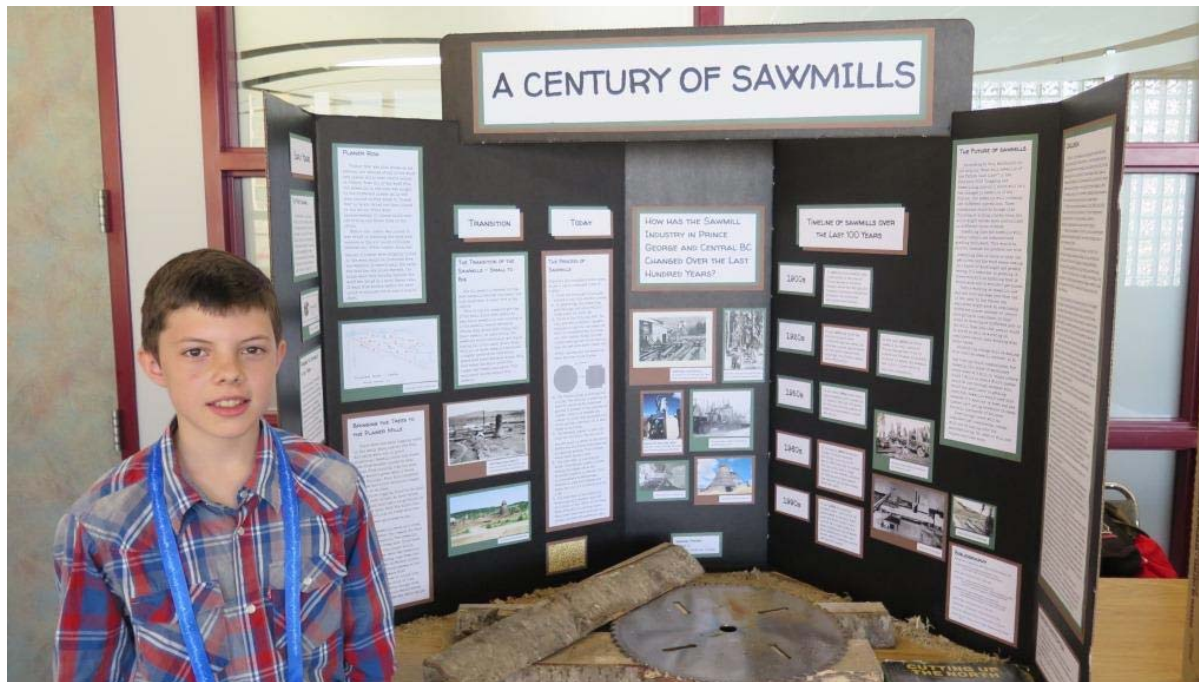


Photo courtesy Prince George Regional Heritage Fair.

# Networking & Capacity-building

## Heritage BC Annual Conference

- Three members attended Heritage BC Annual Conference, May 9 – 11, 2019.
- Conference is an excellent networking/learning event and a great way to share the good work being done in PG.



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# 2020 Proposed Work Plan - Highlights

- add new sites to the Heritage Register;
- propose inaugural 'Heritage Recognition Area' to the Heritage Register
- work with Downtown Prince George to add downtown heritage properties to the Heritage Register (using their Business Facade Grant);
- engage younger audiences via heritage colouring sheets, Regional Heritage Fair Creative Spirit Award and the artifact box.
- seek opportunities to build heritage capacity within the community, by attending community events.
- invited to present at the 2020 Heritage BC Conference.
- 'The Importance of Documenting Our Built Environment'

# Questions?



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