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C/D MHAC

**HERITAGE RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Town of Carman and the R.M. of Dufferin are committed to protecting their heritage resources for the benefit of current and future generations. The Heritage Resources Act (1986) provides authority for the Town and the R.M. to designate and protect local heritage resources and to develop initiatives that will encourage, support, educate and promote the management and sustainability of historic resources in the community. The C/D MHAC advises Councils on heritage matters and is the vehicle for achieving heritage goals.

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The C/D MHAC accomplished the majority of the objectives laid out in our 2013-15 Heritage Resource Management Plan. During the next three years, the C/D MHAC will continue to fulfill its mandate as a committee of the Town of Carman and the R.M of Dufferin Councils. The following plan outlines our recent achievements and the objectives we expect to accomplish in the next three years.

Goal #1 - To maintain current inventories of heritage sites in the Town of Carman /R.M. of Dufferin.

Objective 1 – Complete and distribute an updated ‘Special Places’ inventory.

This past year, a ‘Special Places’ heritage grant funded an updated inventory of approximately 175 heritage structures in the Town of Carman and R.M. of Dufferin. In 2016, C/D MHAC will review the inventory, adding further information as required. The Inventory and related documents will be made available to the public through our own holdings and copies placed with the Dufferin Historical Museum (DHM) and Boyne Regional Library.

Goal #2 - To advise and assist with designation, preservation or commemoration of heritage sites, artifacts and other aspects of local heritage.

Objective 1 - Identify and research additional sites for possible heritage designation.

As part of the “Special Places” project, Historic Resources Branch (HRB) personnel will short-list the inventory to provide supporting data for ongoing designation, preservation or commemoration of heritage sites in the municipalities. Over the next three years, C/D MHAC will draw upon HRB expertise and local knowledge to recommend municipal designation or other appropriate action.

Objective 2 - Identify need for, and initiate preservation or commemoration of, heritage sites and artifacts.

C/D MHAC plays a role in identifying need for preservation and, in some cases, assisting in preservation of existing monuments, signage and artifacts, including photographs, documents, and other materials relevant to local heritage. In 2013-15, for example, the committee initiated repair of the Paul Hiebert monument.

In 2016-18, C/D MHAC will:

- 1) Identify and oversee repairs on existing signage, cairns and monuments;
- 2) Assist financially in scanning and labelling vintage photos currently held in the Dufferin Historical Museum. Copies will be held off-site for further preservation of the images;
- 3) Share photographs and other relevant information from website contacts with the DHM and other relevant parties. This material also will be available to the public through our files and through regular additions to our heritage website;
- 4) Where preservation fails, commemoration through signage, monuments or other approaches may be warranted. Sites warranting such measures will be identified from the “Special Places” inventory review and systematically addressed during 2016-18 under our Signage program (see below).

Goal #3 - To promote public awareness and appreciation of heritage sites in the Town of Carman and the R.M. of Dufferin.

Objective 1 – Ensure that public awareness and education continue to be a major thrust of our heritage activities.

1) Website. As part of a funded heritage pilot project, C/D MHAC worked over the past two years with a consultant/web manager to develop a fully functioning website (carmandufferinheritage.ca). The site is based on a model developed by the HRB and is updated regularly with ‘News and Events’ content and thematic ‘Vintage Photos’. Reader feedback has become a significant source of new information, photographs and documents.

In 2016-18, the committee will continue to update and add to the heritage website. We have renewed with our host site and have engaged the same capable consultant to provide on-going maintenance. We recently reviewed the site and plan on continuing this format in the coming year.

C/D MHAC will share photographs and other relevant information from website contacts with the DHM. This material also will be available through our files and available to the public through regular additions to our heritage website.

2) Signage. Major initiatives over the past three years included installation of a plaque at the former Boyne River Swimming Pool, preparation towards replacing the former Missouri Trail sign east of Carman and ongoing research into the history of Carman businesses.

We expect to install the Missouri Trail sign in 2016-18. In addition, existing signs will be inspected and where necessary, repaired. Placing plaques or signs on historically significant

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sites in the Town of Carman and R.M. of Dufferin will continue as a major focus of the committee in 2016-18.

3) Student involvement. Engagement of schools and local teachers in regular, organized heritage projects has been one of our less productive areas during the past three years. Success in this area has been more of qualitative than quantitative in nature.

In 2014, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of WWI, seven local students were recruited to research war casualties from their community. Each students planted a rose for their soldier in a local memorial garden and participated in Remembrance Day and other presentations.

Over the next three years, C/DMHAC will continue to seek out members with interest in heritage and background in education to develop this aspect of our mandate.

4) Media coverage. Local newspapers, radio and online media are our primary avenue for broad-based access to the local community; coverage of heritage activities by the local media has been excellent. Installation of the Boyne Swimming Pool Sign was well covered in *The Valley Leader* and *The Manitoba Co-operator*.

In 2016-18, we will continue to promote media coverage of heritage-related events.

5) Brochures and 'Business' Cards. C/D MHAC prepared and continues to distribute Carman Walking Tour brochures featuring buildings and places of historic interest in the community. This and other heritage materials are available at strategic locations in the community. These will be reviewed and reprinted in 2016-18.

In 2016, C/D MHAC will produce a brochure locating cemeteries in the municipalities and providing QR code access to an online guide to each cemetery, including symbolism on grave

markers. The project is funded under a heritage grant; C/D MHAC will print and distribute the brochures.

A driving tour of heritage sites in the R.M. of Dufferin has been ‘in the works’ in past years; it will draw upon additional information from the “Special Places” project and will be completed during the course of this three-year plan.

In 2015, we designed and printed business cards featuring the C/D MHAC logo and website address; these have met with interest and will continue to be distributed at promotional events, local businesses and by individual committee members.

6) Promotion at Heritage Events. C/D MHAC works closely with the Dufferin Historical Museum in cross-promotion on our websites and by sharing display tables at events such as the Carman Fair, Wellness Fair, Farmers’ Market displays and similar events.

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This is a productive relationship and one that makes optimum use of the finite volunteer resources of the community. We will continue to jointly develop and promote heritage in the coming years.

7) Other sites. C/D MHAC arranged for digitalization of the *History of the R.M. of Dufferin in Manitoba 1880-1980* through the manitobia.ca website where it joins other local histories; links to these resources are available through the C/D MHAC website under *Local Heritage > Caches and Collections*. We also funded digitalization of early local newspapers – *The Carman Standard* (1890 –1914) and *The Dufferin Leader* (1898 – 1940); available online through *Pembina Manitou Archives* and on disks through C/D MHAC, DHM and Boyne Regional Library. In 2016-18, we plan on arranging digitalization of the remaining editions of “*The Dufferin Leader*”.

8) Small & Former communities. One of the objectives in our 2013-15 HRMP that was not realized was our plan to sponsor local heritage activities in communities across the rural municipality. Other Manitoba MHACs have successfully mounted “Heritage Days” in different parts of their municipalities to celebrate the heritage of those communities and ensure it is preserved and suitably recognized. This recognized need has been partially met in Carman/ Dufferin by Multi-Cultural Days hosted in Carman by the DHM. Emphasis has been on the ethnic groups that make up our communities. The Museum has opted not to continue this event in future.

The C/D MHAC will explore the feasibility of hosting at least one such event in the R.M. of Dufferin by 2018 and will work during this period towards ensuring that the heritage of small/

former communities across the rural municipality is preserved and suitably recognized. Several strategies will be studied and prioritized over the next few months:

- . Promote and support collection of oral histories, local stories and family histories including histories of Century Farms and property ownership;
- . Support and, where possible, assist local residents in collecting, scanning and displaying vintage photos;
- . Organize local Genealogy Workshops;
- . Promote local heritage fairs;
- . Extend commemorative signage to additional rural sites.

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Goal #4 – Actively recruit new members to serve on or work with the C/D MHAC.

Objective 1 – Maintain a full complement of committee members.

Recruitment will remain a primary goal of C/D MHAC in 2016-18. We will personally target members with ties to education and those with interviewing, writing and organizational skills.

Objective 2 - Involve local experts in individual committee projects.

During 2013-15, we found that advertisements and other recruitment initiatives were minimally productive. However, the committee has had success with enlisting individuals to work on specific projects in which they have special interest and expertise. For example, local writer Margaret Riddell contributed her research and writing skills towards preparation of the signage legend and publicity for the Boyne River Swimming Pool; Murray Billing is consulting on Cemetery Tour project. Given the current high level of involvement of local citizens in volunteer and other activities, this will likely continue to be our preferred approach in 2016-18.

