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# LAC DU BONNET HERITAGE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN

## 2014

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**Lac du Bonnet Municipal  
Heritage Advisory Committee**



A combined committee of RM and Town to advise their councils on any matter relating  
to the powers afforded to councils under the terms of The Heritage Resources Act.

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## RECOGNITION

The Lac du Bonnet Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee is indebted to the following agencies and individuals that have supported and made possible the initiatives the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee has undertaken over the years.

The assistance and financial support given through the various program of the Manitoba Government’s Dept. of Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport.

An Annual Operating budget provided by the R.M. and Town of Lac du Bonnet and the in-kind and financial contributions from the many Private and Corporate supporters.

*And*

The contribution made by the volunteer members of the  
 Lac du Bonnet Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee.

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

## 2014 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Rural Municipality and Town of Lac du Bonnet are committed to protecting their heritage resources for the benefits of future generations. The Heritage Resources Act (1986) provides authority for municipalities 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 area.

The Lac du Bonnet Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee has produced a Heritage Resource Management Plan, identifying a number of key goals and objectives for the R.M. and Town's heritage resources in the year 2014. Those goals and objectives are as follows:

Goal: Identify, preserve and promote the heritage resources of the R.M. and Town of Lac du Bonnet.

Objective A - Act in an advisory capacity to the Town and RM of Lac du Bonnet and local heritage groups.

Objective B - Evaluate the condition and restoration possibility of the Ylatala Log house.

Objective C - To complete the operation of the spray system on the Vickers Vedette monument. To create a plaque that acknowledges the donors and supporters of the Vickers Vedette project.

Objective D - Erect a plaque to commemorate the Lettonia settlement..

Objective E - To hire a half- time Researcher to compile the history of the Lac du Bonnet Town Dock.

Objective F - To hire a half-time Researcher to compile photographs, records and oral histories of the One Room Schools in the R.M. and Town of Lac du Bonnet.

Objective G - Plaque the Pinawa Tote Road.

Objective H - Update the Lac du Bonnet MHAC web site.

Objective I - Promote Manitoba Day projects with the School Division.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **Planning Context**

Heritage resource management for the R.M. and Town of Lac du Bonnet is given direction in the following “Historical Resources” section of the Lac du Bonnet Planning District Development Plan.

Section 12.2 The Heritage Resources Act (1985): The primary objective of the District Board with respect to historical resources is to promote the identification of sites and structures that have historical and archaeological significance and to protect them from uses or activities that would endanger their preservation.

### **Lac du Bonnet Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC)**

The R.M. of Lac du Bonnet Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee was established in April 1990 by Municipal By-law No. 14-90, so “that the Council may refer to the Committee for its consideration and advice, and the Committee may on its own initiative consider and advise the Council on any matter relating to the powers afforded to the Municipality under the terms of the Heritage Resources Act and, in particular, the Committee may make recommendations to Council respecting the designation of heritage buildings, structures, and lands as Municipal heritage sites, and the demolition, preservation, alteration or renovation of those buildings, structures and lands”. On March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1991 the Town of Lac du Bonnet passed By-law 536/91, officially creating the Town’s MHAC. Over time, the membership of the two MHACs has combined into one MHAC, which represents the interests of both the R.M. and the Town.

This year council expressed further confidence in the roll their Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee plays in preserving the heritage of the region. On March 26, 2013 the R.M. Council gave third and final reading to BY-LAW No.36-13 establishing the Lac du Bonnet Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee a “standing committee of council”.

Membership on the MHAC is currently comprised of Gord Emberley (Chairperson), Brian Captain, John Honer, Mai Lavoie, Norm Plato, (Town councilor), Lyle Stevenson, Frank Terra, (R.M. councilor), Kathy Willis, Gus Wruck

### **Lac du Bonnet MHAC Mission Statement**

MHAC to maintain this community’s commitment to the preservation and presentation of Lac du Bonnet’s heritage resources and to provide opportunities for public awareness, education and participation in heritage conservation.

### **Lac du Bonnet Heritage Resource Management Plan Objectives**

The Committee has identified a number of key goals and objectives to further the management of Lac du Bonnet’s heritage resources in the year 2014. To that end, the Lac du Bonnet MHAC has developed the following Heritage Resource Management Plan to:

- 1) Decide what specific course of action will be taken within the year 2014 based on the given priorities of the R.M. and Town of Lac du Bonnet;
- 2) Implementation of Goal and Objectives Guidelines; Ensure that any resource expenditure - money, time, and labour is done in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

# **LAC du BONNET HERITAGE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

## **GOALS and OBJECTIVES GUIDELINES- 2014**

**Goal: Identify, preserve and promote the heritage resources of the R.M. and Town of Lac du Bonnet.**

### **Objective A - Act in an advisory capacity to the Town and RM of Lac du Bonnet and to local heritage groups.**

#### *Action Steps*

1. Through research and consultation develop and recommend programs to Councils for action by the municipalities and other groups in the community.
2. Implement recommendation of councils in co-operation with community groups those projects that relate to heritage.

### **Objective B – To evaluate the future possibility of the Ylatala Log house restoration.**

#### *Action Steps*

1. To have Heritage Resources examine the current condition of the logs now in storage.
2. Evaluate the practicality of restoration
3. Determine the most suitable location for the structure.
4. Determine the potential cost of restoration.

### **Objective C – Complete spray system on the Vickers Vedette monument.**

#### *Action Steps*

1. Procure two (2) brass hose nozzles.
2. Using a bucket lift to reassemble water spray unit on the top of the pylon.
3. Connect hoses and set timer to desired spray cycle.

### **Objective D – Plaque to commemorate Lettonia settlement.**

#### *Action Steps –*

1. Resubmit corrected text to Insign Architectural Signage.
2. Approve and or edit final proof and cost of bronze plaque.
3. Erect plaque on suitable cairn or rock.

### **Objective E – Researcher to compile the history of the Lac du Bonnet Town Dock.**

#### *Action steps-*

1. Employ university summer student. (April 2014)Heritage Grant approved, expire on September 14, 2014)
2. Gather all relevant information on the Town Dock.
3. Prepare report on the information gathered.
4. Prepare dedication as a Municipal Heritage Site and submit to councils

**Objective F – Researcher to compile the histories of the one room schools in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.**

*Action Steps-*

1. Employ university summer student (April 2014) Heritage Grant approved, expires on September 14, 2014)
2. Gather all relevant information i.e. photographs, records and potential oral histories on the one room schools within the R.M of Lac du Bonnet.
3. Prepare a report on the information gathered.

**Objective G - Plaque the Old Pinawa Tote Road for possible inclusion in Trans Canada Trail.**

*Action Steps*

1. Locate original tote road.
2. Attain estimates on all costs of the project.
3. Prepare text for a plaque and get HCT&S approval.
4. Apply for necessary grant. (June 2014)

**Objective H – Up date the Lac du Bonnet web site.**

*Action Steps*

1. Regularly update the web information (quarterly – ongoing).

**Objective I - Promote Manitoba Day projects with the School Division.**

*Action Steps*

1. Approach School Division and teachers to undertake a Manitoba Day project,
2. Assess potential and identify heritage expertise available to schools.
3. Identify follow up action required.

**Future Objectives**

*Proposed Actions*

1. Identify and plaque cemetery locations in the RM of Lac du Bonnet

# LAC du BONNET MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS 1999 – 2013

- April 2013 – Councils declared Lac du Bonnet Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee a “STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL”.
- August 2013 - Erected and dedicated the ½ scale artistic rendition of the Vickers Vedette flying boat and a plaque that records the aviation history of Lac du Bonnet.
- October 2012 – Signage erected at the Lac du Bonnet Peat Plant site.
- August 2012 – Drawings completed for the building of the ½ scale artist’s rendition
- of a Vickers Vedette flying boat.
- May 2012 – Hand out brochures available for a Heritage Walking Tour of the Town
- of Lac du Bonnet.
- April 2012 – Inaugurated a Geo Cache program within the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.
- December 2011 - Design and print proof completed for Town Heritage brochure.
- October 2011- Install underground infrastructure and shelter for Vickers Vedette monument.
- September 2011- Purchase, transport, assemble and polish stainless steel pylon.
- May 2011 - Acquire and modify a three ton rear truck axle assembly for use as a
- pivot for the Vickers Vedette monument.
- October 2010 - The foundation was poured for the Vickers Vedette monument.
- August 2010 - A plaque erected to commemorate the accomplishments of the late Paul Dow.
- March 2010 - Site-plan and drawings completed for the Vickers Vedette monument.
- December 2009 - Completed the research and prepared text for the Paul Dow and Lettonia plaques, now ready for casting.
- August 2009 - Completed the disassembly and storage of the Ylatala Log building.
- July 2009 - Completed second phase of the Lac du Bonnet Rural Municipality & Town Heritage Inventory of heritage sites.
- January/December 2009 - Completed two successful fundraising events which will allow construction of the Vickers Vedette monument to commence in 2010.

- November 2008 - Completed owner agreement and dedicated the Riverland one-room school as a Municipal Heritage site.
- July 2008 - First phase of the Lac du Bonnet Rural Municipality & Town Heritage Inventory to record heritage sites.
- October 2008 - Purchased the Ylatala Log House, one of the earliest Structures built in the Riverland settlement.
- July 2008 - Constructed a stone cairn and unveiled a plaque to the first One-room school in Riverland.
- January 2008 - Completed a plaque commemorating Interwest Peat Plant.
- January 2008 - Completed the Lac du Bonnet logo for heritage branding identification including letterhead.
- December 2006 - Completed drawings of the Vickers Vedette aircraft as part of a commemorative monument and the identification of the site. Presentation to R.M. and Town councils of site vision.
- Fall 2006 - Identified the beginning and end of the historic Old Pinawa Tote Road.
- Identified two Ferry landing sites on the east shore of the lake and discovered the historic location of the Interwest Peat Company Plant (1908).
- May 2006 - Encouraged the local schools to participate in Manitoba Day programs.
- January 2006 - MHAC fundraising dinner (120 guests) – Premier viewing of “Air Station Bay”, produced by Donna Marion for CTV to “A Manitoba Moment”. was available through the courtesy of CTV and Donna Marion.
- Summer 2005 - Erected brick cairn with 5 plaques – J.D. McArthur, Alex McIntosh, W. Wardrop, Brickyard and Sawmill.- Summer 2005 - Completed contract for drawings and material list for construction of ½ scale replica of the Vickers Vedette.
- October 2001 - Preservation of the graves in the original St. Mary’s Church Cemetery.
- May 2005 - Encouraged the local schools to participate in Manitoba Day programs.
- December 2004 - Web site link established off Municipal web site.
- September 2004 - Constructed and unveiled plaque to commemorate the St. Mary’s Church.
- Summer 2004 – Re activated Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society and transferred responsibility for the administration of the Hans Erickson Log Cabin.
- November 2003 - Constructed and unveiled plaque to commemorate RCAF Station.
- June 2003 - Initiated community “Flags of the Nations” commemorative program.
- May 2003 - Coordinated Manitoba Day project with local high school.
- October 2001 - Preserved the graves in the original St. Mary’s Church Cemetery.
- October 2000 - Dedicated a cairn commemorating the boundaries of the Selkirk Settlement, 1870 boundary of the Postage Stamp province, and Aboriginal presence in the area.



- January 2000 - Investigated and made recommendations on the potential for combining an Archives facility with the LdB library.
- October 1999 - Dedicated a plaque commemorating the service of late Sgt. Nicholson, RCMP.
- June 1999 - Prepared and made recommendations on extensive proposal for LdB Orientation Centre.
- October 1997 - Played leading role in establishing Community Heritage Manitoba, an umbrella group serving the needs of MHACs throughout Manitoba. -
- October 1995 - Hosted provincial MHAC Conference April 1994 -Introduced local history inventory into Grade 11 History course.
- March 1991 - Evaluated and recommended designation of Former Leroy
- House. (Designated a Municipal Heritage Site in April 1991)