

# Heritage Task Force Report to Walden – CAN

December 6, 2007

## 1. Walden-CAN Anderson Farm Museum and Cultural Centre Task Force members:

- Marte Holouka, Co-chair;
- Les Burford, Co-chair;
- Sheila Prusila & Amanda Turcotte, Secretary
- Mary Barr, member;
- Elsie Stephenson, member;
- Lynn Quinn, member;
- Allison Muckle, member;
- Reg White; member.

Meetings have been held once a week at the Meadowbrook Retirement Village First Floor Common Room.

On Nov.22/6 we revised our Initial Work Plan & submitted it to Co-Chairs W-CAN Approved Nov.23/06

## 2. Status of **Goals in Initial Work Plan:**

- Seven goals set.
- Four goals completed
- Two goals are a work in progress
- One goal is outstanding.

### **Governance Recommendations in Priority**

1. SITE DESIGNATION AS PARKLAND FROM RESIDENTIAL<sup>1</sup>
2. NAME CHANGE
3. GOVERNANCE ISSUE
4. CREATION OF A FUND RAISING FRIENDS GROUP

### **Budgetary Recommendations in Priority**

1. BUDGET CONSTRUCTION AND AMENDMENTS – CREATION OF BUDGET AS PER PROVINCIAL GUIDLINES
  2. IMMEDIATE MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY ISSUES
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- Site security, arson and vandalism repairs, handicap accessibility, site safety, fire and electrical inspections, storage.
- Roof replacement on the Barn, farmhouse & grainery.
- Winterization of the stable.
- Electrical upgrade of the Barn's main sub-panel in the lower part of the barn.
- Site Accessibility – ensure that all areas and buildings become accessible to all.

### 3. STAFF INCREASE

- Clerk/Receptionist - half time ”
- Assistant to the Curator- full time
- Program Coordinator/ Exhibit Technician- full time
- Maintenance Person and Janitor - half time

### 4. MEMORY GARDEN

- Creation of; and Groundwork do be done by City crews as site would be recognized as parkland (i.e. Bell Park)

### 5. CREATION OF VISITOR/RECEPTION BUILDING

## **Funding and Programming Recommendations in Priority**

1. CONCERT SERIES
2. ART AND ARTISAN TOURS AND CONVENTIONS
3. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
4. TRANS CANADA WALKING TRIAL LINK
5. TRILLIUM APPLICATION

3. Meeting with Staff on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>:

Les Burford, Mary Barr, Sheila Prusila, Elsie Stephenson, Lynn Quinn and Gwen Doyle Co-Chair W-CAN

Ron Henderson - Director: Citizen Services, Library & Museum systems, Clair Zuliani - Manager, Library & Heritage Resources, Jim Fortin – Curator.

- Discussed history of the Library & Museum Board prior to and since amalgamation.
- Reviewed each of the 17 prioritized recommendations
- Many positive suggestions from Ron re: next steps in the process
- Discussed the Power Point presentation that will be made at the Public Input Meeting re Budget :on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Agreed to meet again on December 11<sup>th</sup> to continue the process

Submitted by Les Burford, Co-Chair