

R.M. OF GIMLI

Heritage Management Plan

2015 – 2019



Gimli Municipal Heritage
Advisory Committee

This document outlines projects identified by the Gimli Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee as high priorities for next few years, preceded by the 2015 Annual Report. The MHAC's main goals are identified as they fall under the important categories of Research, Promotion, Education, Conservation, Designation/ Plaques, and Personnel. Following this section, the Annual Implementation Plan presents these projects again in the chronological order in which the MHAC intends to carry them out.

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by Wally Johannson, RM OF GIMLI HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MHAC Members: Ernest Stefanson, Claire Gillis, Councillor Richard Petrowski, Rick Lair, Don Steinmetz, Stephe Hykawy, Stefan Tergesen (resigned). I want to thank Stefan Tergesen, a member since 2007, for his creative contributions to and financial support of the work of the committee. Also, I wish to thank other committee members for their ideas, diligence and support. Every successful project is a result of careful consideration by this able committee.

2015 PROJECTS

1. The major project of 2015 was the celebration of the **Centennial of the Former Gimli Public School**. This was organized by the Centennial Committee of 18 community volunteers, ably chaired by May Peiluck. Kathe Olafson set up a website and registered 128 former teachers and students for the reunion. Former students and teachers came from Nova Scotia to Vancouver Island, and had a wonderful time. An exhibit of Terry Tergesen's photo collection, organized by Lorna Tergesen and assisted by Bev Einarson, took place at the Lady of the Lake Theatre. The use of the facility was donated by the New

Iceland Heritage Museum. Tim and Robert Arnason organized a very elegant Meet and Greet, and later a Farewell Breakfast at the Lakeview Resort. An exhibit of class and staff photos throughout the decades, developed by Marion Korolyk, Shirley and Michael Michaluk, Lillian Wlosek, was set up in the hallway and heritage classroom of the old school. Audrhea Lande gave a reading from her biography of Sigurbjorg Stefansson, and May Peiluck led a community tour on a school bus, driver and bus being donated by Evergreen School Division. Johnson Hall provided the venue for the formal Saturday evening dinner organized by Dolores Skolny and Connie Magnusson-Schimnowski. Waldi Wawrykow and W.D. (Billie) Valgardson regaled us with anecdotes and a history of the old days at Gimli Public School. Past teachers were honoured with framed plaques. Other committee members – Don Bjornson, Lynette Sisterson, Glenn Stevens, Claire Gillis, Peter Magnusson, and Helga Malis – provided wise council, photos and artifacts.

The Gimli Public School Building 1915-2015 A Commemorative History, written and developed by Ed Ledohowski, has sold almost 200 copies, with the assistance of Tergesen's.

2. 30 copies of **Loni Beach: A Gimli Heritage Neighbourhood** were printed and personally delivered to owners of heritage cottages in the community. Our policy as a committee is to operate through persuasion rather than regulation.
3. The **Four-Year Heritage Management Plan** is complete and ready for distribution to Council.
4. Reprints of our four **Heritage Tour Brochures** have been ordered from Sign Pro.

5. An **Inventory of Gimli's Notable Persons** was completed on our behalf by Lorne Thompson.
6. A grant application has been submitted to Manitoba Tourism, Culture, Heritage, Sport and Consumer Protection for development of a booklet on the **History of Fresh Air Camps within the RM of Gimli**.

We thank Council for its support, financial and otherwise, of our work throughout the years. We also acknowledge the support of Historic Resources Branch staff and heritage grants totaling \$15,195 this last year from the Heritage Grants Program.

BUDGET REQUEST - \$5,000 (unchanged from 2015 grant) for 2016 projects, and preplanning of projects for Canada's 150th anniversary celebrations in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Johansson, Chair
RM of Gimli Heritage Advisory Committee

Research

- Pictorial History of Former Gimli Public School
 - Loni Beach Heritage Neighbourhood
 - Fresh Air Camps Booklet
 - History of Gimli Air Base
 - Gimli Harbour and Lake Winnipeg Fishery
 - Gimli Notable People
 - Gimli Park Cottage Area Booklet



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Arnes Harbour Fish Plan



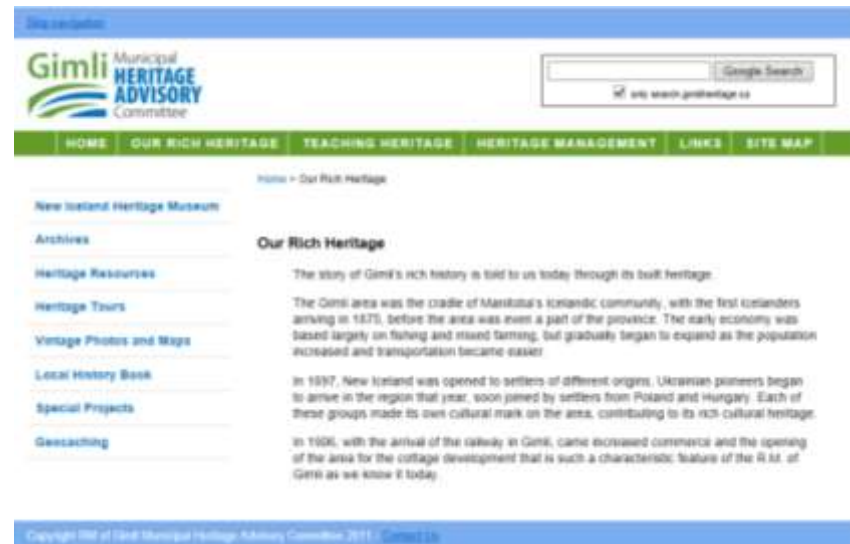
Sigurbjorg Stefansson-a Notable Person

Promotion

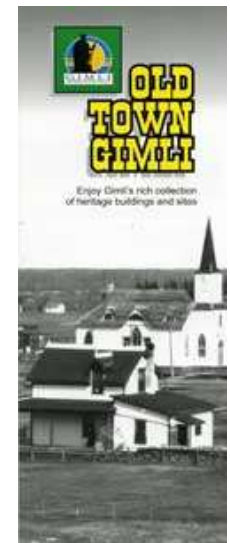
- Centennial Reunion of Gimli Public School Students and Teachers
 - Public School Centennial Exhibits
- Distribution of Loni Beach Booklets to Cottage Owners
 - Reprint of Heritage Tour Brochures
 - Update of Website
 - Stories in Local Media



Loni Beach Building Owners' Handbook



Gimli MHAC website



Heritage Tour

Education

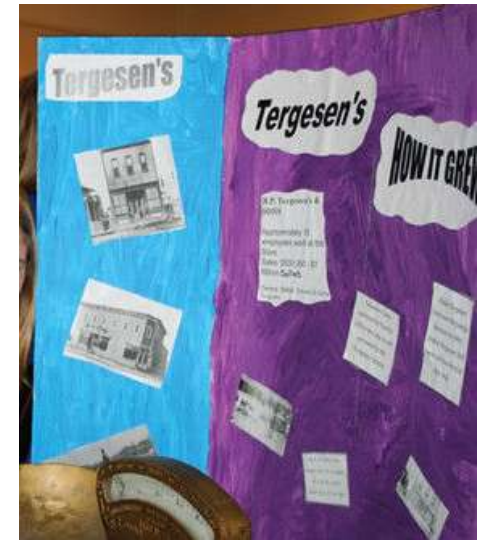
- School Liaison
- Education Portion of Website



Gimli Dock Art



Tergesen's store



Heritage fair project on Tergesen's

Conservation\

Two High Priority Sites for conservation work; grants necessary

- Unitarian Church
- 10 North Lake



10 North Lake Street



Gimli Unitarian Church



Gimli Unitarian Church

Designations/Plaques

- Plaques for Fresh Air Camp Sites
- Centennial Tags for 100 year old buildings/sites



Old Gimli Public School-a Centennial Building



Camp Morton Monument and Former Chapel



Heritage Sign

Personnel

- Recruit new chair, members
 - Advertise



Long-time MHAC Chair Wally Johansson with Andy Blicq & David Butterfield (Historic Resources Branch, retired)



Actions for 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016

| Action | Lead | Notes/Approximate Budget |
|---|------|--------------------------|
| Centennial Reunion of students and teachers of Former Gimli Public School | | |
| Centennial Exhibit | | |
| Pictorial Booklet on Former Gimli Public School | | |
| Printing and Distribution of “Loni Beach A Gimli Heritage Neighbourhood” | | |
| Centennial Tags | | |
| Heritage Management Plan | | |
| Website Updates | | |

Actions for 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

| Action | Lead | Notes/Approximate Budget |
|---|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Reprint Heritage Tour Brochures | | |
| Fresh Air Camps Pictorial History Booklet | | |
| Fresh Air Camp Plaques | | |
| Gimli's Notable Persons Booklet | | |
| Website Updates | | |

Actions for 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

| Action | Lead | Notes/Approximate Budget |
|---|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Canada's 150 th Celebration | | |
| Open House Exhibit | | |
| Historical/pictorial Booklet on Gimli Air Base | | |
| Historical/pictorial Booklet on Gimli Harbour and Lake Winnipeg Fishery | | |
| Website Updates | | |

Actions for 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

| Action | Lead | Notes/Approximate Budget |
|---|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Inventory of RM of Gimli Cemeteries | | |
| Gimli Park Cottage Area Booklet | | |
| Heritage Promotion | | |
| Website Updates | | |
| Development of Heritage Management Plan for 2019-2022 | | |