

Gathering of the Heritage Sector - Chat Record - July 15 2021

Time	Name	Message
12:15:41	Dinu Bumbaru:	Bonjour de Dinu Bumbaru de Héritage Montréal
12:15:42	Darryl Cariou:	Hello from City of Calgary.
12:15:45	Robert Pajot:	Hello everyone from Ottawa !
12:15:47	Richard Krehbiel:	Good morning from the Smithfield Society in parched southeastern Saskatchewan.
12:15:49	Sheila:	Sheila from East Coast of Vancouver Island,
12:15:51	Jim Mountain:	bonjour !signing in from near Almonte ON ...hello dear colleagues
12:15:52	Kristal Stevenot:	Hello from Victoria
12:15:55	Wendy Fitch:	Good morning its Wendy Fitch - Museums Assoc of SK - Regina
12:15:56	James Maddigan:	Hi, James form Ottawa
12:16:05	Donald Luxton:	Don Luxton from Vancouver!
12:16:06	Hughena Matheson:	Hughena Matheson Burlington
12:16:09	Cynthia Klaassen:	Hello from smoky Calgary!
12:16:12	Sheila:	Cowichan Historical Society
12:16:17	Jennifer Forsyth:	Jennifer Forsyth, Alberta Museums Association, Alberta
12:16:24	Deb Crawford:	Hello: Deb from Innisfil Ontario
12:16:25	Chris Sholberg:	Hello from Nanaimo, B.C.
12:16:32	Marianne Fedori:	Marianne Fedori from Lake Country, BC
12:16:34	Terry Eyland:	Hello all. Terry Eyland from the Dartmouth Heritage Museum.,
12:16:43	Leslie Thompson:	Hello. I am Leslie Thompson from Toronto- Architectural Conservancy of Ontario
12:17:00	Marlee Robinson:	hello from Morpeth in Chatham-Kent - and Architectural Conservancy Ontario Board
12:17:38	Claudine Déom:	Bonjour de Montréal!
12:22:20	Kiersten Vuorimaki:	https://nationaltrustcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/National-Trust-Request-Election-2019.pdf
12:22:23	Laura Saimoto:	Hello from Vancouver!
12:24:03	Michael Rikley-Lancaster:	Hello from the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum in Almonte
12:24:24	Kiersten Vuorimaki:	https://www.ourcommons.ca/Content/Committee/421/ENVI/Reports/RP9295003/envirp10/envirp10-e.pdf
12:32:54	Mark Thompson Brandt:	Kiersten, when is klegislation expected to be tabled for the Parks \$28.7M??
12:40:16	Robert Pajot:	HI Mark, I don't think there is an official timeline (or at least a public one) - but we do know that they are actively working on it.
12:49:37	Elka Weinstein:	Kirsten, does the funding for Parks Canada cover National Historic Sites?
12:49:59	Marlee Robinson:	jobs will come from retrofitting etc by specialty skilled trades people so consider training so retrofitting is done correctly.

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12:50:03	Mark Thompson Brandt:	First, we provide evidence that “Building Reuse is Climate Action” and ask for more extensive funding and opportunities for deep green rehab of existing and historic buildings – large, medium and small. We need to educate federal policy-makers that 40% of carbon emissions relate to existing buildings and their operations, to help them understand the great returns on investment this funding will bring. Next, we ask for training programs (i.e. for pandemic-related unemployed) for jobs related to green rehab of historic buildings, often a labour-intensive activity with a lack of skilled persons available.
12:52:47	Laura Saimoto:	Yes, I agree, to feel the relevancy to our daily lives, heritage at the local level is key. Can we ask for a call to action for the federal commitment to partner with municipal local governments on standardized heritage tax credit legislation?
12:53:26	Dinu Bumbaru:	Op-ed letters are about 750 words meaning you have to be punchy and clear.
12:54:22	Dinu Bumbaru:	It doesn't have to be international events. It could be the deadlines for commitments or royal enquiry commissions reports.
12:55:43	Donald Luxton:	In the United States, they use the Certified Local Government process to deliver their Preservation Tax Credits - in essence their cities and states. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is an obvious ally.
12:57:09	Jane:	Re: a municipal focus: ALL municipalities are struggling with the affordable housing issue. Perhaps this is something we can target to cover both the environmental sustainability (Jane Jacobs-style) and new jobs via retrofitting areas, as well as offering a solution to the housing issue?
12:57:20	Dinu Bumbaru:	Something that could be useful to fit the Heritage foot in the door of Federal Expenditures in a way that is clear is to ask for an effective Heritage Impact Assessment of all Federal Programmes and Projects using the Standards and Guidelines as a reference since these are endorsed by all Provinces and Territories plus the Federal.
12:58:41	Nora Reid:	We need to persuade provincial governments to provide automatic property tax reductions to registered or designated heritage buildings (provided they are properly maintained and heritage features protected). Cannot leave it in municipal government hands as they very rarely will vote to lose property tax revenues.
13:00:24	Jane:	Nora Reid, you are so right! My municipality has actually adopted a process to not designate (or even research!) anything without the prior approval of the owner/developer!
13:02:33	Nora Reid:	Simple solution to encourage designation in ON. Have provincial government create separate property tax class for designated buildings that would be taxed at a lower rate.
13:03:42	N Oakley:	We might recall that in 2016 the federal government committed \$14.4 billion for infrastructure projects across Canada -- although \$9.9 billion was identified as needed to support the National Parks/Historic Sites system, only \$20 million of this was committed and spent primarily on roads and bridges. Not clear what was spent on conservation, collections management or even public interpretation. This is not demonstrating leadership in conservation on the part of Canada and echoing Don's words, is frankly "insulting"
13:07:46	Heather George:	IHC are fantastic!

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13:08:44	Kiersten Vuorimaki:	https://indigenousheritage.ca/
13:09:42	Shane Edwards:	It seems that every time we discuss approaching government it seems like it is described as a "golden opportunity". Unfortunately it seems that we really seem to be make great progress. Our progress seems very slow and incremental. And far to often governments seem to slide backward in their support.
13:10:27	Heather George:	training for current practitioners is helpful too :) U Alberta has that great online course "Indigenous Canada" which is an excellent starting point. (Nia"wen Kiersten!)
13:10:45	Dinu Bumbaru:	Tomorrow, the World Heritage Committee meets after cancelling last year's session due to the Pandemics. Maybe we could remind our candidates that Canada has been a leader in the Convention, that Article 5.1 which calls for each country to "adopt a general policy which aims to give the cultural and natural heritage a function in the life of the community and to integrate the protection of that heritage into comprehensive planning programmes;" - and define what we see with these comprehensive planning programmes - green infrastructures, First Nations livability programmes, tax and housing programmes, job creation...
13:11:51	Donald Luxton:	The RAIC would also be a great champion for investment in construction.
13:11:58	Laura Saimoto:	I feel the message needs to be simple like the \$10 childcare announcement. This is a massive federal, provincial, and municipal program. So the principal of standardized heritage national tax credit nation-wide is very simple.
13:11:59	Kiersten Vuorimaki:	We have a growing resource list on Indigenous Heritage on our website- https://nationaltrustcanada.ca/online-stories/indigenous-heritage-resources
13:13:58	Heather George:	IHC does not have core / sustained funding currently or staff - I know Cody is working on that but important to note that even as a heritage org they could use better support for the amazing work they are doing
13:14:00	Victoria Dickenson:	Marc has underlined that we are a moment of pivotal change, and we need to embrace that - our message needs to focus on new paradigms and re-thinking of accepted norms, not simply a response to this year's policy initiative.
13:14:44	Kiersten Vuorimaki:	Heather- definitely. The hope was that the 2021 budget would include funding directly to the IHC
13:15:00	Dinu Bumbaru:	https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x82gm3w
13:16:08	Kae Elgie:	I really like Mark Brandt's simple slogan " Building Reuse is Climate Action" Let's build on that.
13:16:34	Nora Reid:	I intend to use it - thanks Mark!
13:16:59	Dinu Bumbaru:	Merci et à bientôt
13:17:03	Cynthia Klaassen:	We have a municipal election this fall in Calgary, so this will be useful for that too!
13:17:16	Wendy Fitch:	I will send my comments next week
13:17:18	Jim Mountain:	thanks so much NT !
13:17:35	Donald Luxton:	Thanks everyone!
13:17:37	N Oakley:	This is all sounding good and positive--let's keep up the momentum
13:17:40	N Oakley:	Thanks!
13:17:45	Mark Thompson Brandt:	merci, a bientôt tout le monde!