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TRUST LAUNCHES "BUILDINGS AT RISK" LIST

February 15, 2010 was Heritage Day in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, an appropriate day for the Trust to officially launch its "Buildings at Risk" list.

Compiled by NHT Vice President Deborah O'Rielly, this visual presentation highlights some of the province's most endangered historic properties. It also offers some hope: Since the presentation was originally shown to the audience at the Southcott Awards ceremony back in June 2009, a number of the properties on the list have been saved,

including 3 Barnes Road in St. John's (above). To view the rest of the list and to hear Deborah discuss the list with Ted Blades on CBC radio's "On the Go," please visit our website at www.historictrust.ca/index.php/advocacy/buildings-at-risk

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 26TH ANNUAL SOUTHCOTT AWARDS

The Trust invites nominations for its 26th annual Southcott Awards. Named for the 19th century Newfoundland building firm, J. and J.T. Southcott, these awards are presented to individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions to built heritage preservation and conservation in Newfoundland and Labrador. Since 1984, the Trust has given Southcott Awards to 170 properties across the province.

Nominations are normally considered for finished architectural restoration projects. The committee considers architectural design, quality of conservation work, preservation of original features, use of traditional materials, and the integrity of the structure and its surrounding site. Heritage property owners are welcome to nominate themselves, but family, friends, contractors, builders or architects may also nominate a property or individual.

For further information on criteria, nominations, and past winners, please visit our website at www.historictrust.ca, phone 709.739.7870, or e-mail coordinator@historictrust.ca



SMART GROWTH ST. JOHN'S FORUM



The Smart Growth St. John's public forum took place on February 8 at City Hall in St. John's and attracted a few hundred people. This discussion of planning and development was built on the success of the first Smart Growth forum, which was held in April 2009.

Ron Hynes started the evening by leading the crowd in singing the St. John's Waltz. The discussion was moderated by Memorial University geography professor Dr. Keith Storey and featured a diverse panel of speakers with a variety of backgrounds and interests.

New St. John's resident Elena Patarini spoke first, drawing on her experiences as an architect and urban planner in New York City and Italy. Elena was followed by Strat Canning, a planner and independent research consultant and one of the individuals responsible for the Downtown St. John's Strategy for Economic Development and Heritage Preservation.

Next up was self-described "NBC" (Newfoundlander By Choice) Dave Hopley, who drew on his own experience as a downtown business owner and resident. Actress and comedian Mary Walsh then brought her renowned sense of humour to the proceedings, steeped in her own roots in downtown St. John's. Once the speakers had finished, Dr. Storey welcomed comments from the floor. Citizens raised a number of issues, from the lack of a public library in the downtown core to their concerns about new development proposals.

Now that this dialogue has started, the folks at Happy City are intent on continuing it. Their website has more in-depth information about the April 2009 and February 2010 forums, as well as a wealth of resources for anyone who is interested in effecting positive change for future planning and development in the City of St. John's. Visit them online at www.happycity.ca

NOTES FROM THE NHT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Newfoundland Historic Trust Annual General Meeting was held at the Newman Wine Vaults on February 11, 2010. This meeting saw a number of changes to the Trust's Board of Directors. Former Treasurer David Hood stepped into the role of President and director Deborah O'Rielly assumed the role of Vice President. Robyn Pike will continue in her role as a director and Kimberley Blanchard will continue to serve on the board as Past President. The Trust welcomes Karen Viscount to the board as Treasurer, and Aaron Felt, Sherri Kelly, Dave Lane, Greg Locke, and Terry O'Rielly as directors.

After the official meeting business was finished, those present were treated to an inspiring conversation with Trust pioneers Shannie Duff and Shane O'Dea. Shannie and Shane talked about the Trust's inception, as well as its battles and successes over the last four decades. The evening continued with a port and cheese tasting hosted by local wine educator Tom Beckett.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize departing Vice President Kim Mackay for all of her hard work and dedication to this organization over the years. Thank you Kim and good luck with all of your future endeavors!

The Newfoundland Historic Trust has a brand new website!
Visit us at www.historictrust.ca

PROPOSED FORTIS DEVELOPMENT ON WATER STREET



In January 2010, Fortis Properties officially announced development plans to retrofit the existing Fortis Building and its adjacent properties (civic addresses 151-163) on Water Street. If City Council approves the proposal, they will also be permitted to build a brand new fifteen-storey building.

Architect Robert Mellin developed this 3D model based on the January 2010 Fortis press release and added it to a photo of St. John's harbour taken by local photographer Greg Locke.

Trust VP Deborah O'Rielly has researched and written a very comprehensive report on the buildings located at 151-167 Water Street, tracing them from their construction in the early 20th century to the present day. To read the entire building report, please visit our website at www.historictrust.ca - direct link at tinyurl.com/ygxmgw6.

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