

Editor's View

Welcome to this double issue of *Heritage* magazine. We have been able to expand a number of our magazine sections. Heritage Canada Works, for instance, brings you more news about our own activities, notably our successful annual conference *Headlines, Hotlinks and Historic Places: Heritage in an Electronic Age*, held in Ottawa last October. Heritage Matters contains a comprehensive 14-page technical report on caring for historic windows. As more Canadians embrace their “green” responsibilities repair and maintenance for improved energy efficiency, rather than replacement, have more urgency than ever. Our combined issue has also enabled us to reduce production costs while taking responsibility for our impact on the environment.

The idea for this issue's lead feature came after the federal government ended the Commercial Heritage Properties Incentive Fund (CHPIF) prematurely last fall. Since the Fund was set up as a test run for an ongoing tax credit program, we hope that its success and early wrap-up are indications that this is now being considered. “Landmarks, Not Landfill—Federal Financial Incentives for Heritage Buildings” presents compelling evidence of the need for both tax measures and direct funding. The article begins on page 4.

In early April, Canadians will be marking the 90th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge with a special celebration, the dedication of the newly restored Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France. This monumental effort was made possible thanks to the federal government's Canadian Battlefield Memorial Restoration Project, established in 2001. Architect Julian Smith shares the challenges in determining a conservation approach for this commanding site and the commitment of the many players involved, from restoration consultants to stonemasons. The story begins on page 20.

I look forward to reading your comments about what appears in the magazine. I can be reached at cquinn@heritagecanada.org.

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