

## Heritage Canada Foundation On-site with Young Canada Works

For over ten years, the Heritage Canada Foundation, in partnership with the Department of Canadian Heritage and other delivery organizations, has administered financial contributions under the Young Canada Works (YCW) program. This year HCF funded 4 internships and assisted 58 employers in providing employment to students in the field of heritage conservation.

The YCW coordinator monitored several participating employers, including two internships in Quebec and Alberta and one summer student in Ontario. Here is a snapshot of their activities:

### Société de développement de la seigneurie Mauvide-Genest (Saint-Jean-d'Orléans, Quebec)

The Société de développement de la seigneurie Mauvide-Genest is located on l'Île d'Orléans at 1451 Royal Street in the Village of Saint-Jean, located about 40 km east of Quebec City. Built in 1734, the impressive manor house was designated a culturally classified property by the Quebec government in 1971 and in 1993 the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada recognized its high historical and architectural value with a National Historic Site designation. The société uses the site to interpret manor life under the French Seigneurial regime. In 2012, a year-long YCW internship was awarded to Marie-Ève Lajoie to work as a site coordinator and historic guide while also providing valuable support to the director of the organization. An enthusiastic intern, Marie-Ève combined her academic experience and interest in Quebec heritage in her work researching and cataloguing the architectural and social history of the site which enriched the interpretive guided tours she gave to interested visitors. The YCW program allowed Marie-Ève to gain important work experience in the heritage field while providing valuable assistance to the Société de développement de la seigneurie Mauvide-Genest. For more information about the seigneurie Mauvide-Genest, visit [www.manoirmauvidegenest.com](http://www.manoirmauvidegenest.com).



### Corporation of the Town of Grimsby – Planning Department (Grimsby, Ontario)

The town of Grimsby is a municipality of roughly 23,000 people located in the Niagara region southwest of Toronto. It remains one of the most historic communities in the area with many tangible reminders of the War 1812



throughout the township. Through the YCW program, student Alicia Thompson was employed as a Heritage Planning Assistant in the Town's Planning Department throughout the summer, where she assisted with managing Grimsby's popular Doors Open program. She was tasked with creating promotional material, travelling throughout the town to record its historic buildings and sites and coordinating the volunteers, who are critical to the success of the event. Through the YCW program, Alicia has gained important first-hand experience in the many aspects of working for a municipal planning department and developed new skills in the heritage field. See <http://doorsopen-grimsby.com/> for more information about the program.

## City of Edmonton – Sustainable Development Department (Edmonton, Alberta)

The City of Edmonton is a vibrant provincial capital that includes over 700 listings on its Register and Inventory of Historic Resources. The City's Sustainable Development Department helps to identify, facilitate, protect, manage and promote the protection and reuse of historic resources throughout Edmonton. YCW intern Jennifer LaForest worked as a graduate Heritage Planner who helped the principal heritage planners in the department classify 96 Street as a heritage area. Commonly known as Church Street, due to the significant collection of religious buildings within a five block strip, the heritage classification would be used to revitalize and promote the area. Jennifer was able to use her academic experience and interest in built heritage to help catalogue research of the area, facilitate community/stakeholder consultations, including an extensive online survey, determine financial implications, and contribute to a revitalization plan to enhance and protect the street's unique characteristics into the future. The YCW program allowed Jennifer to gain important work in a municipal planning department and invaluable hands-on experience working with community representatives, while providing assistance to the City of Edmonton's [Sustainable Development Department](#).



HCF accepts applications for both the YCW in Heritage Organizations program and the YCW in Building Careers in Heritage. Applications are completed online and are due by **February 1, 2013**. To find out more about YCW and the application process, please visit [www.youngcanadaworks.gc.ca](http://www.youngcanadaworks.gc.ca).