

## **Executive Director's Message**

In anticipation of the recent federal election, the Heritage Canada Foundation sought heritage policy statements from the leaders of the federal parties represented in the House of Commons, and also encouraged members of the Foundation to become actively involved in the electoral process by raising built heritage issues with candidates in their ridings during the campaign. Information related to this initiative can be found on the Heritage Canada Web site at [www.heritagecanada.org](http://www.heritagecanada.org) or obtained in paper copy by contacting our offices. I would like to thank HCF members and supporters for their efforts in trying to raise the political profile of heritage issues during a culturally meagre campaign, and participating parties, as well, for their policy responses.

The excellent article in this edition of Heritage on Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton, New Brunswick, gives me the opportunity to mention that our annual edukit will this year focus on the heritage of sacred structures and spiritual places. The kit, which comprises a poster and a guide for use by teachers and youth leaders, will go into distribution this autumn, is available at no cost and can be obtained by contacting our offices. Edukits from previous years—on such subjects as our transportation heritage, civic heritage, or industrial heritage, for example—are still available on request.

I also want to remind members and readers of our forthcoming annual

meeting and conference, to be held in Saint John, New Brunswick, from September 9 to 11 inclusive. Stewardship of Heritage Buildings: Are We Committed? will provide an ideal forum for the discussion of the many key issues associated with the preservation of Canada's built heritage, and I would encourage those who have not done so already to register for this important gathering and make plans to join us in Saint John, a Prince of Wales Prize-winning city.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Brian Anthony