

HCF National Awards Program

Cornerstone Awards for Building Heritage

Terms of Reference

Heritage Canada Foundation believes that historic places are cornerstones of community, identity and sense of place. The **Cornerstone Awards for Building Heritage** recognize excellence in the regeneration of heritage buildings and sites. The purpose is to bring national attention to exemplary commercial and institutional projects, and to recognize the people who have contributed to their success.

For this award, Heritage Canada Foundation is seeking completed projects that contribute to quality of life and sense of place, respect the environment, demonstrate excellence in conservation of heritage values, and illustrate the viability of heritage buildings and sites for commercial or institutional use.

The award will be presented annually in two categories, with the potential for multiple awards in each category:

- **Adaptive Use/Rehabilitation:** projects that demonstrate sensitivity and creativity in preserving the heritage values of a site while making possible a continuing or compatible contemporary use.
- **Infill:** projects that integrate new construction in a historic context in a way that reinforces the character of the streetscape, enhances heritage values and contributes to the revitalization of the complex or district.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Nominations may be submitted by individuals or organizations. Architects, developers, designers, builders and owners may self-nominate.
2. Projects must have been completed between 2000 and 2013.
3. It is preferable, but not essential, that projects have heritage status, e.g., registered, individually designated or part of a designated heritage district, and must have a commercial or institutional function.
4. Projects must comply with the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*.

About the Heritage Canada Foundation

The Heritage Canada Foundation (HCF) is the National Trust for Canada, a national membership-based non-profit organization and registered charity established in 1973.

HCF's mission is to enhance community and quality of life by inspiring Canadians to identify, conserve, use, celebrate and value their heritage buildings, landscapes, natural areas and communities, and protect them for present and future generations.

Nomination Procedures

Nominations must be received by July 5, 2013 and must include the following:

1. A CD ROM or USB device, clearly labeled with award category and project title, containing the Nomination Form [clickable pdf], written Project Description and supporting materials as described below. Provide one (1) additional printed copy of the submission.
- 2. Project Description**
 - a. Written Project Descriptions for all award categories should be between 700 and 1,000 words and include:
 - i. Project location, overview, context and historical background.
 - ii. Goals of the project and relevant information about scope of work, materials used, structural upgrades if applicable, how the project complies with the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*, and particular challenges.
 - b. Project Descriptions in the Adaptive Use/Rehabilitation category should include:
 - i. Explanation of significant interventions to the building in terms of the original design intent and heritage character-defining elements while making possible a continuing or compatible contemporary use, and how interventions successfully prolonged the building's physical and economic viability.
 - c. Project Descriptions in the Infill category should also include:
 - i. Explanation of how infill design is sympathetic to surrounding heritage properties in terms of land patterns, spatial organization, visual relationships and built features in developed areas or neighbourhoods, as per the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*. If part of a designated Heritage Conservation District, demonstrate how the project followed the HCD guidelines for new construction.
- 3. Photographs**
 - a. A minimum of ten (10) photographs of the project including two (2) or more 'before and after' photos. Photos should be key to the Project Description and be included separately as clearly labeled 300 dpi resolution jpgs.
- 4. Supporting material**
 - a. Relevant drawings or other visual material.
 - b. News articles and list of awards, if available.

General Regulations

1. No nomination may be made by a current member of the board or staff of the Heritage Canada Foundation or by a direct family member of a serving board or staff member.
2. The Heritage Canada Foundation reserves the right not to confer awards in a given year.

3. The Heritage Canada Foundation reserves the right to revoke an award or prize when such a measure is deemed warranted.
4. Entries that do not receive an award may be resubmitted in subsequent years by following the same nomination procedures as long as they meet the stated completion dates.

Award Jury

The Heritage Canada Foundation will appoint a jury of three (3) distinguished experts in heritage conservation, design and development. Each member of the jury will receive a copy of the Terms of Reference, copies of the original submissions and evaluation worksheets.

Award Presentation

The award will be presented at the annual National Heritage Awards Ceremony and Reception, which is part of HCF's National Conference.

The Award

Winning projects will be featured in *Hēritage* magazine and on HCF's website. Project proponents will receive a commemorative certificate.

Please send nominations to:

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For additional information email: heritagecanada@heritagecanada.org
or phone (613) 237-1066. Please do not email nominations.