



Winnipeg River Heritage opening

Museum (WRHM) Grand-

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St-Georges, Manitoba - The St. Georges Historical Society Inc. is pleased to announce the Grand opening of the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum. The original museum building was destroyed by fire in 2014 and a new building replaced it with a new name, the Winnipeg River Museum. The project includes interior construction of exhibit spaces and the development of indoor and exterior spaces for cultural, community, artistic and educational gatherings for intimate to large-scale groups.

Light-filled and open air areas will be accessible year round and feature great acoustics, modern architecture, up-to-date technology, environmental sustainability and a view of the Winnipeg River. The project also includes the production and installation of interpretive materials and equipment, an in-floor hot water heating system and air conditioning for the Ferry room, and exterior landscaping, including interpretive panels around the site. With a focus on highlighting our commitment to inclusivity, the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum aims to engage more families and children in the history of the region.

The Government of Canada invested \$286,340 in this project, and the Government of Manitoba provided \$377,418. The remaining funds have been coordinated by the St. Georges Historical Society through community fundraising, private donors and additional sources.

“Cultural spaces like the new Winnipeg River Heritage Museum are at the heart of communities where people want to live, work and raise their families. Our government is committed to continue working with partners like the St. Georges Historical Society Inc. to ensure that we leave a lasting legacy for our future generations and learn from our rich local history.”

The Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs and Minister responsible for PrairiesCan and CanNor and Member of Parliament for Saint Boniface—Saint Vital, on behalf of the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities

“The Winnipeg River Heritage Museum will serve as an important resource for the story of this region’s rich history, and for celebrations of nature’s treasures that surround the river as well as the people who have created this extraordinary community. The Manitoba

government is pleased to help deliver this important attraction that will create a destination for learning and discovery while ensuring that future generations connect with St-Georges for decades to come. This is another world-class venue in our province, and it will inspire and capture the imagination of those who visit it.”

Honourable James Teitsma, Minister of Consumer Protection and Government Services

“Situated in St-Georges, Manitoba, along the Winnipeg River Corridor, the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum highlights the diversity of the people of the region, their cultural heritage and the small towns they call home. The Winnipeg River, the first Trans-Canada Trail has given its people many gifts, one of them being the ability to transition in changing economic times which it has done throughout history. Engaging young people goes to the heart of our social purpose as a museum. We want all children across the region to be fascinated by the history and the heritage we share and take as much pride in their own community’s history as they will be inspired to take ownership of its future.”

Diane Dubé, Director and Curator, Winnipeg River Heritage Museum, St. Georges Historical Society

The team at the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum, along with its board and a dedicated team of volunteers, is excited to share this new chapter in the museum’s history with visitors. Join us for a weekend full of discovery with remarkable art around every corner in the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum’s beautiful new home!

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For more information about the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum in St-George, visit:

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