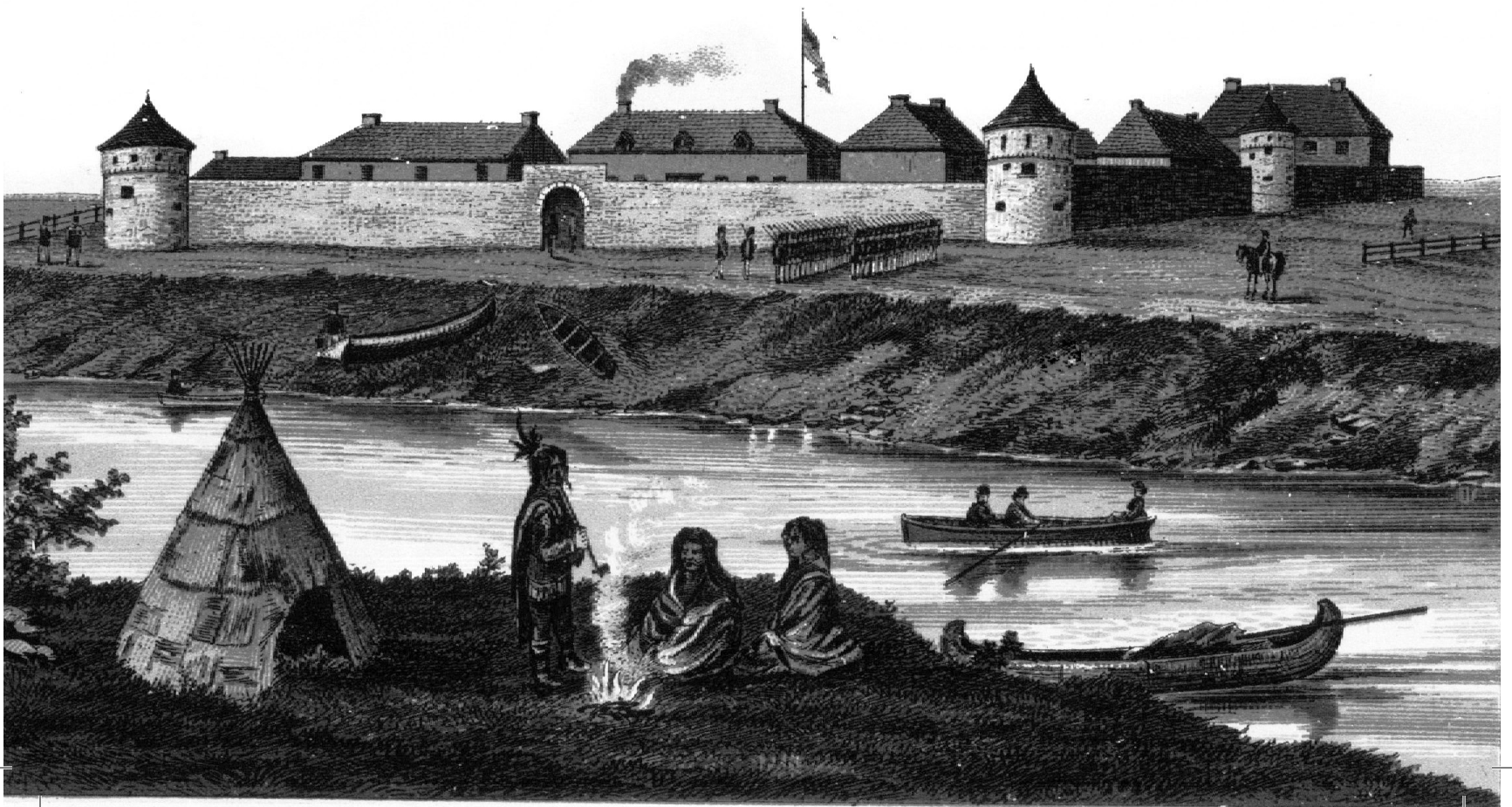




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## Thank You From the Campaign Chair

**Bob Cunningham**

Because of you, the dream of the Upper Fort Garry Heritage Provincial Park and Interpretive Centre is becoming a reality. It will be more than just a park, it will be a place where history will come to life.

Manitoba has been a meeting place for thousands of years. In that spirit, this park will be a place where the traditional and historic meets with bold artistic expression and technology. It will also be where the citizens of Manitoba and its visitors gather to learn the fantastic and enriching stories that make our city, province, and country what it is today.

Over the last few years, we have been grateful to our donors, stakeholders, and volunteers for their “Many Voices”, which have made the Park possible. In this report, we have ‘many voices’ saying thank you. I wish to add my voice to this multitude. On behalf of our campaign committee and the thousands of voices from the past which will now be heard, thank you for your support.



## Thank You From the Chair of the Board

**Jerry Gray**

First of all, thank you for being patient. We know many of you have been waiting to hear from us.

When you drive past the site of the Upper Fort Garry Heritage Provincial Park and Interpretive Centre you will see a construction fence around the perimeter. Thanks to your patronage, the groundwork has been laid, and the next phase of our incredible journey is about to begin. The time has come for the inspiring stories of our past to be shared with the future for generations to come.

None of this success and excitement could have been possible without you. Because of you, we were able to raise \$10 million in just 107 days. Because of you, we were able to secure the site of Upper Fort Garry to ensure that it is given the tribute it deserves. Because of you we have created a bold new future for this historic site. Our future is bright, because of you!

On behalf of our Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff, I thank you for your continued support.



## Introduction

Thank you for being one of the first supporters of the Upper Fort Garry Heritage Provincial Park and Interpretive Centre. Together, we are moving towards creating a tangible future for a site that will celebrate our past and inspire an exciting future.

It may look like a vacant lot right now, but your support made it possible for us to be very busy behind the scenes. In this report to donors, we want to highlight how your support have been crucial in making things happen at the site of Upper Fort Garry.

## More Than Just a Park

As you probably know, The Upper Fort Garry Heritage Provincial Park and Interpretive Centre will be more than just a park. Instead of recreating the Fort, the Park will be a place where history will come to life in new and modern ways. The work of artists, architects, historians, and modern technology will interpret the Fort and its significance to Manitoba and Canada's history.

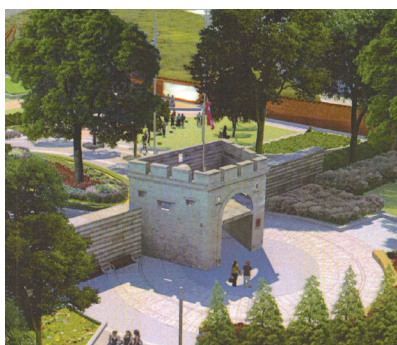


## This is the story of Manitoba.

For thousands of years, Manitoba has been a gathering place. A place of many voices. A place where people came together from all walks of life. A place to exchange ideas. A place where resistance and rebellion have changed our nation for the better. A place where extraordinary dance, song and storytelling is always centre stage. A place where things are grown, traded and transported around the world.

The Upper Fort Garry Heritage Provincial Park and Interpretive Centre will celebrate the story of Manitoba and its significance to the creation of Canada as a nation. It will present an evocative and attractive vision of our history by telling the story through artistic renderings, community-driven programming, gardens, and state-of-the-art technology – the majority of which is proudly created by innovative Manitobans!

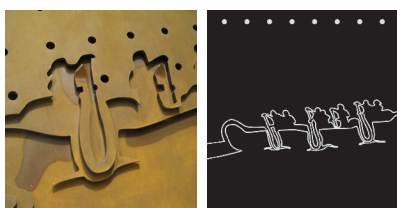
## The Park and Gate



Visitors will enter the Park through the original Upper Fort Garry gate - the same gate that was used by prominent traders, leaders, and residents of the Fort and surrounding Red River settlers. Once inside, visitors to the Park will be greeted with a combination of green space, artistic symbols of the Fort's original buildings, an outdoor stage where stories will come to life, and native prairie and heritage gardens.

The Park is designed to be a new experience with every visit in every season. Visitors may explore the Park and its history as a guided experience with a Park interpreter or by using their own mobile device through the use of 'smart' technology. Visitors can enjoy the Park with a book, a picnic with friends and as a place where they can immerse themselves with beauty and history.

## The Heritage Wall



The Heritage Wall will take you on a journey. From the beginnings of riders on horseback, through the use of canoe, York boats, and steamboats on Manitoba's flowing waters, moving across the prairie in oxcarts, train, truck and rail. The Heritage Wall will tell the story of how Upper Fort Garry's location was vital in building a nation. We owe our future to this past.

The Heritage Wall, which symbolizes the original west wall of the Fort, has been described as "Four hundred feet of steel and

light." Standing 14 and 16 feet in height, the Wall serves as an educational and interpretive space for diverse media presentations. The back-lit wall and HD screen will provide opportunities to engage visitors from up close as well as at a distance. Bas-relief steel sculpture on the Wall will provoke questions of history and interpretation.

A fitting tribute to Manitoba as a centre of arts and culture, The Heritage Wall will arguably be the largest example of public art in Canada!

## The Interpretive Centre



The Interpretive Centre will serve as a site of learning and storytelling, relating to visitors why Upper Fort Garry is so important to the history of Manitoba and Canada. Carrying on the theme of 'many voices', visitors to the Interpretive Centre will have the unique opportunity to share stories and lend their own voice to Manitoba's history. The Interpretive Centre will be a meeting place of its own, weaving together stories from our past through modern-day technology.

The Interpretive Centre will provide indoor space for events and educational presentations. As an architectural icon that uniquely portrays the prairie landscape outside the original Fort, the building is currently being designed to house a period café and trading post, interpretive galleries with displays of artifacts found at the site and dynamic computer controlled maps for presentations by teachers and historians.

## How Is This Project Governed?

The Friends of Upper Fort Garry is a registered charity and non-profit organization established solely for the purpose of developing the Upper Fort Garry Heritage Provincial Park and Interpretive Centre. The Friends is governed by a Board of Directors and has no paid staff. The affairs of the Board are administered by the Forks North Portage Development Corporation as a gracious, in-kind contribution.

# IT HAS BEEN A MAGNIFICENT JOURNEY!

## Money Was Raised

In 2004 the City of Winnipeg declared the site where Upper Fort Garry once stood as surplus property and released an Expression of Interest (EOI) for potential uses of the site. The Friends of Upper Fort Garry was formed and submitted a proposal to develop the site as a historic park with an interpretive centre.

In December 2007, the Friends were given 107 days to raise \$10 million in capital funds in order to save the entire site. The Friends rose to the challenge and because of donors like you, met their goal! On June 1, 2009 the city transferred the title of the entire site to the Friends of Upper Fort Garry to develop an historic park and interpretive centre. We were on our way!



## Demolition & Preparation of Site

With your help, we have been able to conduct the demolition of three buildings, install underground services, carry out site grading, and install construction control fencing around the site. The Park has been tendered and construction will start in the Spring of 2013.

Almost every aspect of the Park from the blueprints to the bricks is a result of Manitoba-grown ingenuity. Having all of this hometown talent invested in this project gives Manitobans another reason to take pride in Upper Fort Garry Heritage Park!

Because of your support, the design and construction drawings for the Park and Heritage Wall have been completed and fabrication and installation is planned for 2014. The installation of the piles for the interpretive centre will take place with the erection of the building scheduled for completion in 2014/15. The design contract for the Interpretive Centre has been let and the initial design concept will be completed in 2013.

*Because of you, students will be reminded that history lives outside the lecture hall and understand its impact on us today. Thank you!*

**DR. GERALD FRIESEN,**

Emeritus Professor of Canadian History, University of Manitoba

## Archeology

Archeologists over the past few years have identified former building locations and the west wall and bastion of Upper Fort Garry. As a part of an archaeological field school opportunity, students from the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg were able to identify many of the former features of the Fort. One important finding by a field school student was identifying the site of the well that served the Fort. Excavating the well may be part of a public observation area where visitors can get up close and personal with a live archeological excavation once the Park is established.



## Provincial Park Status

In 2012 The Manitoba Legislature passed the Upper Fort Garry Heritage Provincial Park Act which created a Provincial Park in the heart of the city! The design of the Upper Fort Garry Heritage Provincial Park will promote curiosity and Canada's history in an intriguing and architecturally fascinating way and will provide another green community-building space in Winnipeg's Downtown. All ages will be able to enjoy the year-round sounds, sights and community-driven artistic elements of the Park.

## Official Opening of Your Park

All of these activities are moving us toward the creation of the Upper Fort Garry Heritage Provincial Park. We hope to see you there!

*Because of you, the Forks and Upper Fort Garry's prestige as a meeting place and birthplace for Manitoba is stronger than ever. The Upper Fort Garry Heritage Park and Interpretive Centre will complement the Forks and tell our story in new and exciting ways.*

**JIM AUGUST,**

Chief Executive Officer, The Forks North Portage Partnership



*Because of you, our students will have an outdoor classroom where they can watch history come to life. Thank you!*

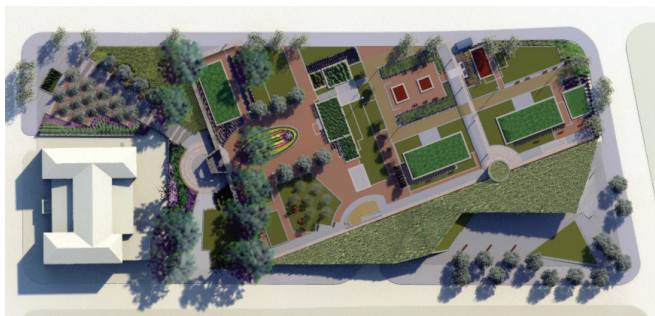
**MARY-JO HODGE,**  
Principal of Clifton School



## Your Park

When you arrive at the Park, a sense of history takes hold. Sculptural installations will guide your way to the Governor's Gate, helping to set the stage for the artistic interpretation of history that will greet you inside the Park. Soundscapes filter through a state-of-the-art all-season speaker system allowing you to immerse yourself in the experience of the Park.

Anticipated to be a popular destination for school groups and children, teachers will be able to create interactive lesson plans for their students drawing from a comprehensive array of themes and stories. The displays within the park will be designed to inspire not just a sense of history, but a curiosity and desire to learn more about this incredible site that galvanized a nation.

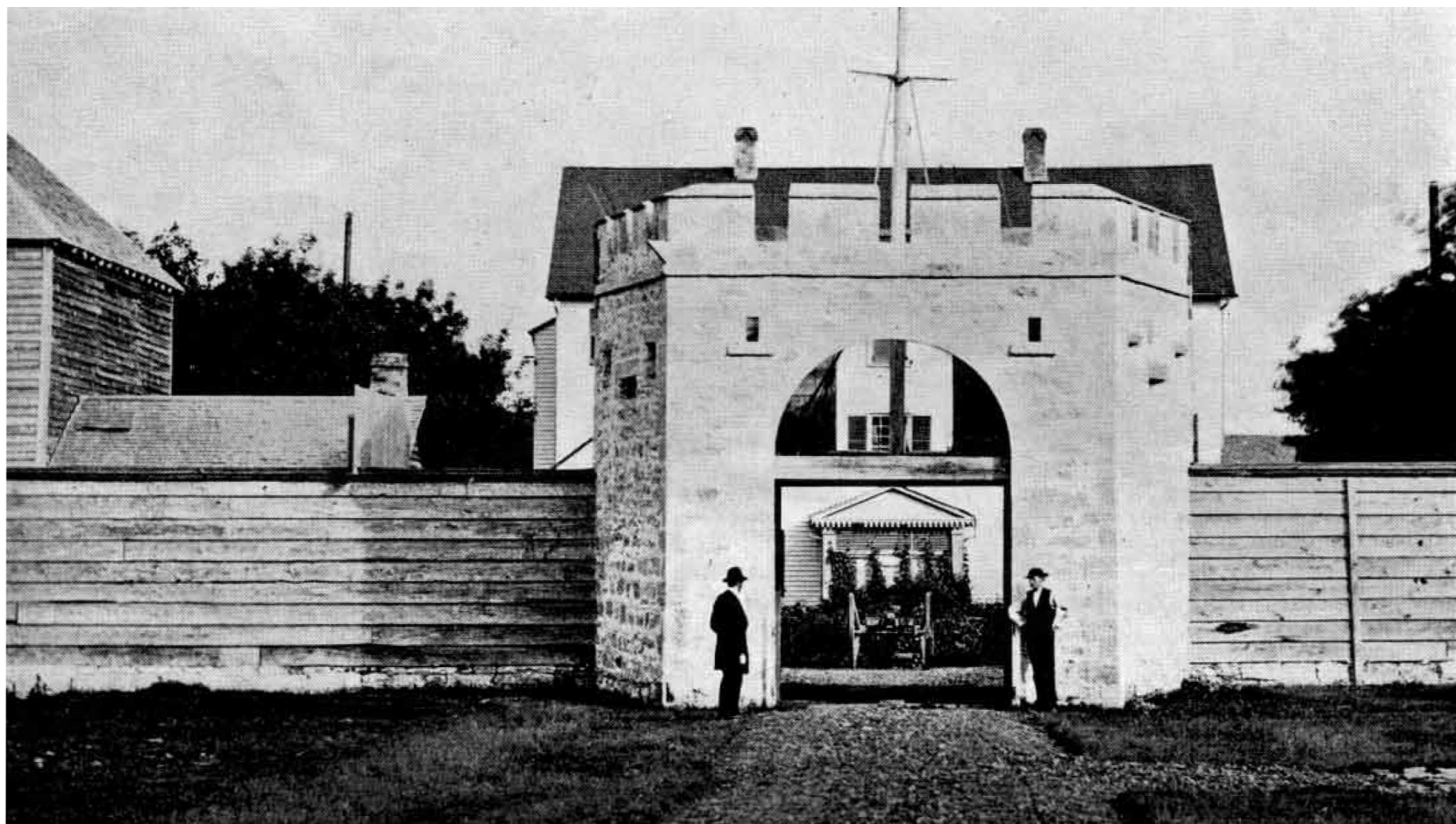


The Park will consistently draw on the talents of Manitoba artists, historians, teachers and students of history to create innovative displays that tell the story of our province in new and provocative ways. Visitors will be encouraged to come back again and again to take in the changing scenery. Every visit will expose them to a new and fascinating story, told through a combination of artistic installations, innovative technology and heritage gardens. Interpretive interaction within the park is offered in two ways; through knowledgeable and professional park staff, or through the use of smart-phone technology that allows visitors to pick and choose the elements of their experience and learn the site's history at their own pace. Every effort is being made to create a green space that Manitobans will be proud to call their own.

*Because of you, a part of our history will come alive again for all to share. Knowing and celebrating our ancestors and where we come from is vital to every community, sharing it is a privilege. Thank you!*

**GINETTE LAVACK WALTERS,**  
Executive Director, Festival du Voyageur

BECAUSE OF YOU, WE ARE CREATING A  
FUTURE FOR UPPER FORT GARRY.  
OUR STORY WILL CONTINUE.  
THERE IS STILL MUCH MORE TO DO -  
BUT WE CAN DO IT, BECAUSE OF YOU!



## TIMELINE OF EVENTS AT THE UFG SITE

### 1835 – 1882

Upper Fort Garry serves as the center for trade, the site of significant historic events and a true Gateway to the West.

### 1897 –

Governor's Gate is presented to the City of Winnipeg by The Hudson's Bay Company.

### 1948

Grain Exchange Curling Club is established.

### 2003

Heritage Winnipeg commissions Upper Fort Garry Feasibility Study to identify interpretive opportunities.

### 2006

Peter Liba creates Friends of Upper Fort Garry to acquire the site to preserve the birthplace of Manitoba and create a heritage park.

### MARCH 31, 2008

Friends of Upper Fort Garry raised \$10 Million in 107 days to secure and transform the site. City of Winnipeg agrees to turn over land to Friends of Upper Fort Garry.

### FALL, 2009

Friends of Upper Fort Garry demolish office building at 100 Main Street.

### SUMMER, 2010

Province of Manitoba purchases Petro Canada site. FUGG demolishes the site and undertakes soil remediation in preparation for Park construction.

### SUMMER – FALL, 2010

FUGG acquires and takes down Grain Exchange Curling Club.

### APRIL, 2010 – APRIL, 2011

The University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg conduct a Field School, unearthing artifacts from former residents of the Upper Fort Garry.

### SUMMER, 2011

Province of Manitoba passes Upper Fort Garry Heritage Provincial Parks Act, making Upper Fort Garry an urban Provincial Park and guaranteeing that the land will go into the public realm for future generations to enjoy.

### NOVEMBER, 2011

FUGG complete construction drawings for the Park and Heritage Wall.

### SUMMER, 2012

Installation of underground services in preparation and rough grading in preparation for construction of Park.

### SEPTEMBER, 2012

A Content Advisory Committee is formed and discussions begin regarding Interpretation and Implementation for the Park. Stories, content and media strategies for the Park's design are discussed.

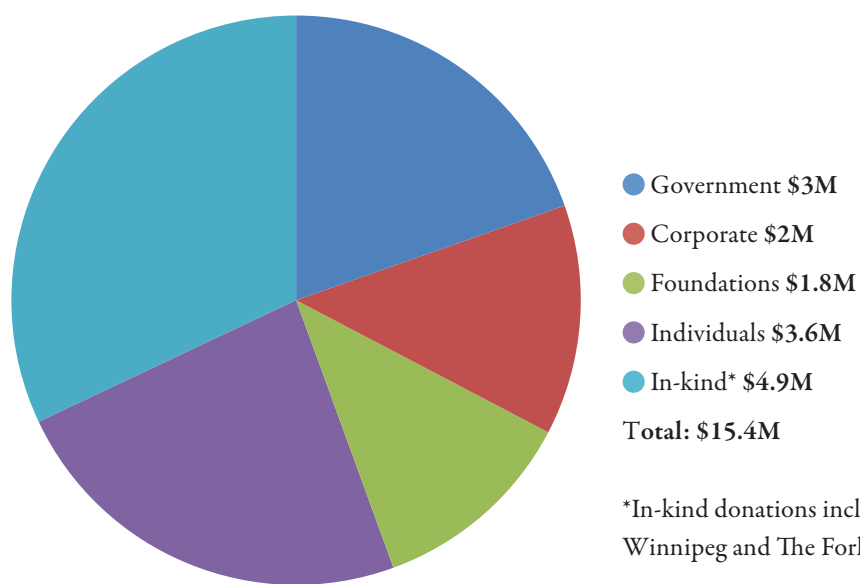
### APRIL, 2013

Upper Fort Garry Heritage Provincial Park and Interpretive Centre Event updates content advisory group of teachers, historians and interpreters on the Interpretation and Implementation Plan for the Park. The Heritage Wall design interpretation is revealed.

### SPRING, 2013

Construction of the Park begins. Design of Interpretive Centre is undertaken.

## FINANCIAL REPORT TO DONORS



\*In-kind donations include those from the City of Winnipeg and The Forks North Partnership.

“Upper Fort Garry is a key lynchpin of Canadian history.  
A meeting place of First Nations, Francophone Métis, Anglophone  
Métis, French, Scottish, everyone.

A place of trade, and of war. Perhaps above all, one of the birthplaces  
of modern Manitoba, with Riel’s provisional government. A place of  
both hope and tragedy. The reality of Upper Fort Garry needs to be  
reaffirmed for Winnipeggers, Manitobans, and all Canadians.”

– John Ralston Saul, Author

*Because of you...Your contribution has helped create a world-class destination for Winnipeg that will attract both visitors and locals. Upper Fort Garry is an asset to Winnipeg's tourism landscape and will enhance the visitor experience. Thanks for your donation and support.*

**CHANTAL STURK-NADEAU,**

Senior Vice-President, Tourism Winnipeg (Confirmed)



*Because of you, Winnipeggers will have another great place to play, shop, learn, and be seen. Your vision for a vibrant and bustling downtown is needed to drive other bold and significant developments forward. Let's keep this positive momentum going!*

**STEFANO GRANDE,**

Executive Director, Downtown Winnipeg BIZ

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