

RE-USING OLD BUILDINGS

TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES FOR THEIR ADAPTIVE RE-USE

MARCH 19 & 20, 2008 • YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA



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Holy Trinity Anglican Parish Hall
61 William Street, Yarmouth, NS

To start things off, please come with an idea or example of an adaptive re-use project in your community.

We hope that you will leave with more information on the work involved in an adaptive re-use project and some ideas on presenting a project to councillors and community leaders. This conference is also a chance to find out what projects are happening and make contacts from around Nova Scotia.

DAY 1

9:00 - 9:15 opening comments

9:15 - 9:45

Introduction to sustainable development and adaptive re-use

Jeffrey Reed, Standards and Guidelines Officer, Nova Scotia Historic Places Initiative (NSHPI)

Introduction to the basics of sustainable development and adaptive re-use. What is adaptive re-use? Why is it an advantageous approach?

9:45-10:00 break

10:00-11:30

Municipal planning and adaptive re-use

Jane Sodero (planner) and Cathy Cox (developer), Nova Scotia Textiles Mill, Windsor

The Nova Scotia Textiles Mill project in Windsor is an innovative example of adaptive re-use. Jane Sodero and Cathy Cox will introduce the project, the Town of Windsor's planning tools and what this project involved for the Town staff. They will share the developer's perspective on working with the Town and share experiences for those interested in launching similar projects.

11:30-12:00

Tools of the trade

Philip Hartling, Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management

The Nova Scotia Archives has launched a new web site product to showcase Nova Scotia's built heritage. This resource guide contains land records, maps, fire insurance plans and much more. Philip will walk us through the tool and then help us understand how this can help our work or personal interests.

12:00 - 1:00

Lunch provided along with a with slideshow leading into to the next session

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1:00 - 2:30 **Redundant churches in Nova Scotia - panel discussion**

Meghan Hallett, Nova Scotia Historic Places Initiative (NSHPI); Maggie Holm, HRM
Panelists: Dan Goodspeed, Kassner Goodspeed Architects Ltd.; Peter Crowell, Tusket; Tania Rolland, Lequille

A showcase of rural, urban and residential examples of adaptive re-use of churches around the province. The panelists will discuss how these projects took shape, what they entailed, how they funded their projects and provide suggestions for others.

2:30 - 2:45 break

2:45- 3:30 **Tools of the trade**

Jeffrey Reed, Standards and Guidelines Officer, Nova Scotia Historic Places Initiative (NSHPI)

How do the *Standards & Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* help when carrying out adaptive re-use projects? Jeffrey will draw from examples in Nova Scotia and also show the use of this tool in case studies. Learn how to apply the Standards and Guidelines to your own work.

3:30- 4:30 Walking tour of Yarmouth's historic centre with Wilford Allan ending at reception location

4:30-6:00 Reception at Rudder's Pub, 96 Water Street. Dinner is on your own.



DAY 2

9:00 - 9:15 re-opening comments

9:15 - 10:30 **Economics and adaptive re-use - panel**

Kevin Barrett, Coordinator, Nova Scotia Heritage Property Program
Panelists: Michael Tavares, MacKinnon-Cann Inn; Stephan Hoddinott, Colliers International Realty Ltd.

Kevin Barrett will introduce the regulatory aspects, grants and funding as it relates to the Heritage Property Act. Panelists will discuss their perspective on the bottom line when dealing with an adaptive re-use project. What funding should be lined up before even conceptualizing the project?

10:30- 10:45 break

10:45-12:00 **Community collaboration of adaptive re-use**

Gerry Rolfsen (Lunenburg Waterfront Association Inc.), Lunenburg; Floyd Tucker (Creamery Square Association President) and Colin Fowlie (Creamery Square Association Project Manager), Tatamagouche.

Innovative things are happening in Nova Scotian communities! Gerry Rolfsen shares Lunenburg's experience with fishing industry closures and the impact on building inventory on the waterfront and community action. In Tatamagouche, six community groups worked together towards one goal: the re-use of the Creamery Building as a museum and archives facility. Floyd Tucker and Colin Fowlie give us the story on how this came about.

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch, provided

1:00 - 2:30 **Taking adaptive re-use home! - What have we learned?**

Facilitated by Bill Plaskett, heritage planner, HRM
Full Audience Participation

A full audience discussion of all of the points raised and concepts learned over the past few days that can be taken home to make a sound, informed argument, or the basis of an argument, for adaptive re-use in your community. We will also discuss the questions that have been brought up and posted for the group.

2:30 - 3:00 Wrap-up and goodbyes ...until next year