

Provincial Historic Commemorations Program

Newfoundland and Labrador

About the Program

The PHCP is a provincial government initiative designed to highlight distinctive aspects of the province's history, culture and heritage. Individuals and organizations can participate by submitting nominations for historic commemoration. Managed by Heritage NL, the program publicly recognizes:

- EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE FROM THE PAST
- OUTSTANDING HISTORIC EVENTS
- UNIQUE PLACES
- DISTINCTIVE CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND PRACTICES
- TRADITION BEARERS

How do I nominate something for commemoration?

1. Check program eligibility criteria below.
2. Complete a nomination form.
3. Email it to: andrea@heritagenl.ca

or

Mail it to: Provincial Historic Commemorations Program

Heritage NL

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Program Eligibility Criteria

Generally, a nominated subject is provincially significant if it can be shown to be:

- singularly outstanding and/or exceptional;
- of historic or cultural importance to the province as a whole;
- an outstanding example of an enduring theme, pattern or tradition in the province's history and heritage.

Nominators must demonstrate that the nominee meets the above criteria. Evidence of significance must be provided in the form of supporting documentation.

In addition, nominations to the program must meet the following criteria under **each category**:

Category A: Person

Nominated subjects in this category may include individuals or groups that:

- were active in the province or whose work had a significant impact on the province, our way of life or how we view ourselves;
- had an impact on the entire province rather than specific locales;
- had a direct link with events, ideas, traditions or beliefs of provincial significance.

Note: Designations will be considered only if the individual or group lived or worked in the province, and only if **10 or more years have passed** since their death (in the case of an individual) or the end of their period of activity (in the case of a group).

Category B: Place

Nominated subjects in this category may include places that:

- have an historic or indigenous connection to the province. These can include an archaeological site, a structure, a group of buildings, a district or a cultural landscape;
- are explicitly associated with the life or work of an individual or group of provincial significance;
- have a spiritual link to a specific group;
- symbolize a tradition, a way of life or ideas important to the development of the province as a whole;
- are explicitly associated with events of provincial historic significance.

Note: Historic structures and districts that would normally be considered for designation through programs of the **Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador** will not be considered under the Provincial Historic Commemorations Program.

Note: Places outside of the province will be considered for commemoration if they have a direct and unequivocal connection to the province, and can be considered an integral part of the province's history and/or culture.

Category C: Event

Nominated subjects in this category may include events that:

- occurred at a specific time and place (at least **40 years** before nomination) that influenced the history of the province;
- express the province's culture, tradition or heritage;
- are regional in nature but representative of a broader provincial theme.

Note: Natural disasters will be considered under this category, if a nomination demonstrates that the event had a long-term impact on the province's history and/or culture.

Category D: Distinctive Cultural Traditions and Practices

Nominated subjects in this category may include cultural traditions and practices that:

- broadly portray the unique identities of the peoples of the province, particularly those in danger of being lost;
- are elements of oral tradition;
- involve performing arts, such as traditional music, dance and theatre;
- are recognized social practices, rituals and festive events;
- consist of knowledge and practices that concern nature and the universe;
- embody skills involved in traditional craftsmanship.

Category E: Tradition Bearer

Nominated subjects in this category may include individuals or groups that:

- have a high degree of knowledge and skills required to perform or re-create specific elements of the province's intangible cultural heritage, especially aspects that may be rare or in danger of being lost;
- are experts in oral traditions and expressions;
- are experts in the performing arts, such as traditional music, dance, and theatre;
- are experts in social practices, rituals and festive events;
- are experts in knowledge and practices that or concern nature and the universe;
- are experts in traditional craftsmanship;
- are experts in the knowledge of traditional homesteading activities.

Note: Designations will be considered only if the individual or group lived or worked in the province. Nominees can be living or deceased.