

THE PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY BUILT HERITAGE FUND

The demolition in August, 2010, of the 135 year old Methodist Episcopal Church, an iconic landmark on Main Street, Picton, brought a few concerned citizens together to discuss how important historic structures in the County could be saved. They realized that without intervention many of these buildings could be lost to us – and to future generations. Thus the first Christmas House Tour Committee was formed and the first Christmas House Tour was held in December 2010. The reputation of the annual tour grows every year, with proceeds mounting in a fund designated for the preservation and protection of built structures determined to be important to the community and the history of Prince Edward County.

In 2015 the Committee was very pleased to announce that the first applications and recipients were awarded. Past projects recognized include:

2015 Recipients included: White Chapel Roof; Tower restoration at St Mary Magdalene; and window maintenance at the Picton Branch of the PEC Public Library.

2016 Recipients included: The Falconer House - Kitchen Wing (1 Walton Street); Ameliasburg Museum and Archives - Roof; The Regent Theatre Foundation - East Wall Repairs.

Interested in participating? Going on the Tour or being on the Tour?

Plans are now underway for the 2017 Christmas House Tour. It will be held on Sunday, December 3rd from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Tickets for the self-guided tour will be available in early November. For more information please call 613-476-7310.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A “SAVE THE DAY” GRANT

Purpose of the Grant: to offer a specified amount of interim funding which will aid the preservation, protection, or restoration of a heritage* structure within the geographic area of Prince Edward County deemed historically or culturally significant to the community. The Grants Committee will also consider heritage murals or facades.

*“Heritage” does not necessarily imply official designation

Eligibility of Project: the project must be within the Municipality of Prince Edward County. The project must meet a “bricks and mortar” definition. Grants will not be awarded for regular maintenance, ongoing operating costs, administration fees, salaries, deficits, debt reduction, and the like. The project must have a well-defined purpose related to the preservation of the structure and it must take place within one year of receiving the grant.

Eligibility for Grant Recipients: the Applicant must be a Qualified Donee as defined by the Income Tax Act, or be working in collaboration with a Qualified Donee. Qualified Donees include registered charities, municipalities, schools, universities, Member of the Picton Business Improvement Association (BIA) and other categories. If you are uncertain about your charitable status, you can visit the Canada Revenue Agency at: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/lstngs/menu-eng.html

If you are not a Qualified Donee, but are working in partnership with a Qualified Donee, you must attach a letter to your application providing full details, ie your partner organization's name and charitable business number, contact information and principals involved, as well as their support of and reason for involvement in the project.

How to Apply:

Before applying, please contact the County Community Foundation well in advance of the submission deadline to discuss eligibility and the application process. Further details about the "Save the Day" Grant and an application package will be provided.

Further requirements:

1. Please provide a short paragraph demonstrating how your project will help fulfill the stated purpose of the PEC Built Heritage Fund to protect, preserve, or restore historically significant structures in Prince Edward County.
2. Please provide a detailed description of the project, including the type of structure involved, your relationship to it (ownership?), municipal address, how it will be executed, expected cost, and timeline.
3. Please provide details of any other source of funding for this project.
4. Please provide complete contact information for yourself and any partner organization, if applicable.

Evaluation:

1. It is understood and agreed that a site visit by the Grant Selection Team will be required as part of the evaluation process.
2. If your application is successful, you agree to hosting a sign on the project property for a limited time acknowledging the grant from the Fund. Upon completion of your project, you will be required to complete a Final Report to be submitted to The County Community Foundation. A follow-up visit by our Grant Selection Team may also be required. The Final Report is intended to help you evaluate the project and to help us evaluate the effectiveness of our grants on enhancing and strengthening the quality of life in our community.

Deadline: The 2017 application submission deadline for the "Save The Day" Grant is May 5, 2017 at 12:00 noon.

For further assistance, please contact info@countycommunityfoundation.ca.

An **Online Form** is available at www.countycommunityfoundation.ca, or at Suite 103, 280 Main Street, Picton, Ontario.