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November 30, 2008

The Honourable Aileen Carroll
Minister of Culture
Mowat Block
5th Floor
900 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Minister:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and in accordance with Section 21(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, I am pleased to submit a report of the activities of the Ontario Heritage Trust for the year ending March 31, 2008.

It was an inspiring year for the Trust. We continue our important work with support from many groups and people, including: the Board of Directors; dedicated professional staff; hard-working communities; partners, volunteers, friends and donors. Together, we work tirelessly to preserve Ontario's unique and rich heritage.

Respectfully submitted,



The Honourable Lincoln M. Alexander
Chairman

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Stephen Lewis, humanitarian, was the keynote speaker at a fundraising event on January 21, 2008 at the Trust's Winter Garden Theatre, Toronto

Chairman and Executive Director's message

The Ontario Heritage Trust's 40th anniversary was celebrated through a variety of memorable events and activities. But heritage is not just about celebrating the past. It's also about making a difference for the future. Generations of Ontarians will look back with pride at their heritage through the work of those before them – from individuals and seasoned professionals to dedicated communities, land trusts and historical societies that work hard year-round to keep our shared heritage alive.

This past year saw many exciting heritage activities continue to expand and new programs initiated. With the growth of Doors Open Ontario, more people than ever are exploring their local heritage. In 2007, 44 Doors Open Ontario events held between April and October enjoyed site visits of over 435,000 people. The Trust also conducted a socio-economic impact study that decisively shows how vital Doors Open Ontario has become to the economies of our local communities. Significantly, too, nearly half of all visitors indicated that the program has inspired them to take more active roles in heritage conservation. Doors Open Ontario has become not only an economic stimulus, but has also inspired people to participate in the conservation of Ontario's heritage treasures.

As well, the Trust launched Trails Open Ontario on June 2, 2007 (International Trails Day) – in partnership with the government of Ontario and several trails organizations and land stewardship groups. Modeled after the successful Doors Open Ontario program, Trails Open Ontario supports natural heritage conservation and stewardship, and encourages physical activity and a healthy lifestyle. In its first year, Trails Open Ontario welcomed hundreds of visitors to trails and conservation areas across the province.

Funding for a significant new program was also announced this year. The Premiers' Gravesites Program commemorates the graves of Ontario's premiers and honours their years of dedicated service. The Trust will deliver the program over the next five years to mark and commemorate the gravesites of Ontario's premiers.

In March 2008, the Trust also acquired Toronto's Enoch Turner Schoolhouse. One of the oldest schools standing in Toronto today, the Enoch Turner Schoolhouse is a museum and a conference and special events venue. The Enoch Turner Schoolhouse Foundation continues as an independent charitable organization, working with the Trust to support the programming and operation of this site.

Through all the Trust's ongoing activities – from capital work and conservation easement achievements to protecting natural spaces and encouraging local stewardship to the commitment and support of donors and the important messages and stories found in our publications – we continue to be driven by one basic premise: Heritage remains a significant key to our future.

The Trust strives to position heritage at the centre of Ontario's economic, educational, social, environmental and cultural well-being.

The Honourable Lincoln M. Alexander, Chairman

Richard Moorhouse, Executive Director

INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES

The Ontario Heritage Trust contributes to economic prosperity and a higher quality of life in communities across Ontario. The Trust's capital investment in cultural heritage sites, protection of natural heritage resources and administration of programs that commemorate and promote heritage experiences all add value and meaning to local communities.

Heritage promotes a sense of belonging to a place, and a connection to community. The Trust, through its various initiatives and programs, highlights cultural diversity and ethno-cultural heritage subjects, offers insight into historically significant events, adds richness to communities, assists communities in developing their capacity for heritage conservation and promotes tourism across Ontario. The Trust also develops strong relationships with community partners, promotes volunteer opportunities and recognition programs.

In 2007-2008, the following achievements show how the Trust's investments in communities have encouraged a strong heritage ethic.

ACQUISITIONS

In March 2008, the Ontario Heritage Trust acquired the Enoch Turner Schoolhouse in Toronto. Built in 1848, this one-room schoolhouse remains one of the oldest schools in Toronto. Established by Enoch Turner – a wealthy local brewer – it was the city's first free school. Today, the site is owned and operated by the Trust as a provincially significant heritage site as well as a public museum and conference and special events venue. The Enoch Turner Schoolhouse Foundation continues to support the site.

Other acquisitions included two natural heritage sites – Pyke Sanctuary in the Township of Lake of Bays and the Settlement of St. Davids in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Through the generosity of donors such as William John Pyke, the Trust holds a large portfolio of natural heritage sites on behalf of the people of Ontario. The 100-acre (40-hectare) Pyke Sanctuary, which the Trust received in August 2007, is a biologically diverse wilderness property. The Settlement of St. Davids, donated in February 2008, is another property along the Bruce Trail stewarded on the Trust's behalf by the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC). The Trust owns over 100 properties along the Bruce Trail, with the BTC serving as property stewards.

NATURAL HERITAGE

Our natural heritage resources – wetlands, grasslands, forests and geological land formations – produce unique environments that nurture plant and animal ecosystems. These complex environments are natural treasures that enrich us all.

The Trust protects rare Carolinian forests, sensitive features of the Oak Ridges Moraine, nature reserves on the Canadian Shield and properties along the spectacular Niagara Escarpment. Working with partners – including the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Parks Canada, the Niagara Parks Commission, the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC), conservation authorities, trails organizations and local land trusts – the Trust preserves and protects these irreplaceable natural heritage sites.

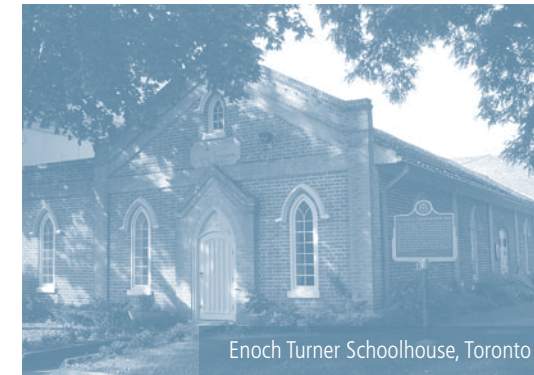
The Trust owns 155 natural heritage properties, totalling 4,125 hectares (10,193 acres).

Through activities such as the Natural Spaces Land Acquisition and Stewardship Program (NSLASP), custodian agreements, workshops and conferences, the Trust promotes innovative ways of protecting our natural heritage resources.

In 2007-2008, 48 NSLASP funding applications were approved by the Trust's Board of Directors – 29 were executed. Featured acquisitions included: Fawcett (Municipality of Grey Highlands), Lacey (Township of Brock), Norrie (Township of Brock), Bortolazzo Tract (Municipality of Clarington) and the Parish Tract, Stenger Tract and Storoshchuk Tract (all in the Municipality of Clarington).

Five NSLASP-related acquisitions were made along the Bruce Trail, including: Roszell-MacKinnon (Municipality of Meaford), McKay (Municipality of Grey Highlands), Tulloch (Municipality of Grey Highlands), Collins (Town of South Bruce Peninsula) and Hughes (Euphrasia Township).

The Trust also continues to establish new stewardship agreements, as necessary, as well as renew existing agreements. These valuable partnerships ensure that these natural heritage treasures will be maintained.



Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, Toronto

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

In June 2005, the province of Ontario announced a \$10-million grant to support the revitalization of the Don Valley Brick Works in Toronto. The Trust administers this grant on behalf of the government to support the conservation and adaptive reuse of this important site. In 2007-2008, a conservation easement agreement was executed and registered with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority to ensure the long-term protection of this site.

In 2007-2008, conservation easement negotiations on nine cultural properties and one natural heritage property were in progress.

Partner projects were completed and final payments made to grant recipients of the Easement Conservation Fund – established in 2005-2006 as a matching grant program to address critical structural needs at Trust easement properties. Twenty-nine projects were supported by this fund.

Thirteen conservation easements on NSLASP sites are also in progress.

To date, the Trust holds 228 easement agreements on properties throughout Ontario. The Trust also holds 21 natural heritage conservation easements, six resulting from NSLASP.



Ontario Heritage Centre (Toronto), façade restoration

CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The Trust owns 25 cultural heritage sites, 11 of which are National Historic Sites, including: Toronto's Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre; Brockville's Fulford Place; and Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site in Dresden.

In 2007-2008, \$2.3 million was invested in several Trust-owned properties across Ontario, including: restoration and plasterwork at Barnum House in Grafton; masonry repairs and façade restoration to the Ontario Heritage Centre in Toronto (the Trust's headquarters); repairs to finishes and heritage features of the Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre in Toronto; and restoration work on the verandas and balustrades at Brockville's Fulford Place. Archaeological fieldwork was also completed at Macdonell-Williamson House in East Hawkesbury in preparation for capital work.

Condition assessments were also completed at six sites to inform future planning.

Heritage conservation creates 28 full-time jobs for every \$1 million spent on renovations and restorations.



Cloisonné enamel vases from the Fulford Place collection

COLLECTIONS

The Trust holds nearly 22,000 cultural artifacts in its collections – including furniture, porcelain, photographs and textiles. Ongoing monitoring of collections at Trust-owned properties continues year-round.

In 2007-2008, the collections and records at Toronto's Enoch Turner Schoolhouse were reviewed in preparation for the transfer of the property to the Trust. Formal transfer of ownership of new acquisitions at the Homewood Museum in Maitland is also in progress. The registration of the Wolford Chapel collection – the Trust's only internationally owned heritage property, in Devonshire, England – was also completed in 2007-2008. Twenty paintings at Brockville's Fulford Place also underwent conservation treatment in anticipation of a new exhibit being planned for summer 2008.

The Trust administers over 685,000 archaeological artifacts on behalf of the people of Ontario. Ongoing fieldwork at Trust-owned properties continued in 2007-2008 – particularly at Macdonell-Williamson House in East Hawkesbury. Management and cataloguing of archaeological artifacts continues year-round. In 2007-2008, the Trust's archaeology lab at the Trust's head office was completely renovated.

The Trust also runs an annual archaeology summer camp program for children in conjunction with Toronto's Spadina House Museum. In July 2007, 16 children enjoyed being young archaeologists for two weeks.



Murney Tower, Doors Open Kingston

DOORS OPEN ONTARIO

Launched by the Trust in 2002, Doors Open Ontario has grown to create access to, awareness of and excitement about the province's rich heritage treasures – from train stations and court houses to private homes and places of worship to factories and schoolhouses. Since it began, Doors Open Ontario has seen nearly 2.5 million visits to heritage properties across the province.

In 2007-2008, 44 successful events were held as part of Doors Open Ontario (representing 1,184 sites from 226 communities through 106 participating municipalities), attracting over 436,000 visits. The Trust participated by opening some of its own properties. Approximately 500,000 copies of the Doors Open Ontario Guide were distributed across the province and New York State, with nearly 200,000 copies inserted in *The Globe and Mail*.

A 2007-2008 socio-economic impact study shows that Doors Open Ontario visitors inject over \$2 million into local economies. Ninety per cent of visitors claimed that Doors Open Ontario events improved their knowledge and awareness of communities and their heritage. And nearly 50 per cent said that the program inspired them to take a more active role in heritage conservation in their communities.

Doors Open Ontario 2007 was made possible through the generous support of *The Globe and Mail*, CVRD Inco, the Ontario Ministry of Culture and the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation.



Trails Open Ontario was launched on June 2, 2007

TRAILS OPEN ONTARIO

Building on the success of Doors Open Ontario, the Trust launched a province-wide natural heritage tourism program in 2007-2008 – Trails Open Ontario. It was designed to raise awareness of our precious natural heritage landscapes, and assist Ontarians by promoting physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle.

In 2007-2008, the pilot program featured seven Trails Open Ontario events, in partnership with the following trails groups: Bruce Trail Conservancy, Elora Cataract Trailway Association, Oak Ridges Trail Association, Rideau Trail Association, Town of Petrolia and Voyageur Trail Association. The Trust also worked with the Ontario Trails Council, Hike Ontario and Trans Canada Trail Ontario to deliver this program. New partnerships are being developed for 2008-2009.

In the pilot year, a total of 1,829 km (1,136 miles) were hiked by event participants – a distance equivalent to hiking from Toronto to Kenora. While many participating trails groups experienced higher attendance levels than expected, several reported a noticeably high participation rate of first-time trail users.

The Trails Open Ontario 2007 program was supported by the Ontario government through the Ministry of Health Promotion.



Provincial plaque commemorating French presence in Lafontaine

COMMEMORATION

The Provincial Plaque Program is the Trust's oldest and best-known conservation activity. Since 1953, 1,210 provincial plaques have been unveiled to commemorate significant people, places and events in Ontario's history. In 2007-2008, nine new provincial plaques were unveiled (attendance at these events exceeded 1,200):

- The French Presence in Lafontaine
- Kapuskasing – Garden City and Model Town
- Puce River Black Community
- Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company
- Chloe Cooley and the 1793 Act to Limit Slavery
- William Perkins Bull
- The Aurora Armoury
- Bethune Thompson House
- The Early Black Community in Hamilton

Since 2005, the Trust has received special funding from the Ontario Office of Francophone Affairs (through the Canada-Ontario Agreement) to unveil a series of plaques commemorating Franco-Ontarian historical subjects.

Funding was also made available by the government of Ontario to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in Ontario. Through this funding, several black heritage provincial plaque subjects were identified; three were unveiled in 2007-2008.

The Trust also supports local markers. In 2007-2008, five local markers were financially supported through this program.

In August 2007, funding was announced by the government of Ontario for a new commemoration program to honour the gravesites of Ontario's premiers. The Premiers' Gravesites Program will honour former premiers with bronze markers and, where possible, provincial flags. The markers will be unveiled in order of the premiers' terms of service.



RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERS

Since 1996, the Trust has recognized groups and individuals across Ontario who have made significant contributions to local heritage conservation. Three such programs now operate annually: the Heritage Community Recognition Program, Young Heritage Leaders and the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards.

Since 1996, the Heritage Community Recognition Program has honoured more than 2,900 adults in communities across Ontario for their conservation achievements. In 2006, 293 people were recognized, while 2007 saw 159 recipients recognized. Pins and certificates are sent each year to the nominating municipalities to bestow this recognition on their citizens.

Since Young Heritage Leaders was launched in 2000, over 3,300 young people have been recognized for their contributions to heritage conservation and protection in their communities. Achievements have included designing heritage websites, protecting natural heritage landscapes, producing local history publications, developing walking tours, conducting costumed interpretation at historic sites and volunteering at local museums. In 2006, 238 young people were recognized; in 2007, 303 recipients were acknowledged. One young person is also selected each year to receive a \$2,000 Young Heritage Leaders scholarship for his/her outstanding contributions (see sidebar).

Great West Life, London Life and Canada Life are proud to sponsor Young Heritage Leaders, a program that fosters a sense of local pride, community involvement and volunteerism.

In 2006, a new nomination category for the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award was added to our recognition programs to recognize individuals for outstanding achievements in heritage conservation over a period of 25 years or more. In 2007, 18 Lifetime Achievement recipients, one Youth Achievement individual recipient and three Youth Achievement groups (representing 94 people) were recognized. Planning is underway to add a new category to these awards to recognize communities with a proven track record of exemplary leadership in heritage promotion and conservation.

The Board and staff of the Trust would also like to extend its gratitude and thanks to the dedicated volunteers whose important work supports the Trust. Hundreds of volunteers donate their time to staffing exhibits, helping with special events, conducting tours of properties, maintaining gardens, assisting with fundraising activities and a multitude of other important tasks. Groups that support Trust-owned sites include:

- Friends of Fulford Place Association (Brockville)
- Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre
- Volunteers (Toronto)
- Friends of Macdonell-Williamson House (East Hawkesbury)
- Uncle Tom's Cabin Advisory Committee (Dresden)
- Inge-Va Board of Management/Perth and District Horticultural Society (Perth)
- John Graves Simcoe/Wolford Chapel Committee (Devonshire, England)
- Lake of the Woods Historical Society Volunteers at Mather-Walls House (Keewatin)
- Les Amis Duff-Baby (Windsor)
- Ontario College of Pharmacists Volunteers at Niagara Apothecary (Niagara-on-the-Lake)

Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards – Lifetime Achievement recipients

Julia Beck, City of London
Robert Cardwell, City of Kingston
Charles Fairbank, Lambton County
Dr. Grant Head, City of Hamilton
Marion Holman, Regional Municipality of Niagara
James Holmes, City of Mississauga
Alice Hughes, Village of Merrickville-Wolford
J. Peter Hvidsten, Township of Scugog
Patricia Malicki, City of Windsor
Nena Marsden, Town of Georgina
Sally Martyn, Municipality of Central Elgin
Ms. Fay McClelland, Johnson Township
Dr. W. John McIntyre, Town of Aurora
Wilma Morrison, City of Niagara Falls
Helen Poulis, Township of King
Alex Raeburn, Town of Caledon
Audrey Scott, City of Brantford
Brian Winter, Town of Whitby

Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards – Youth Achievement recipients

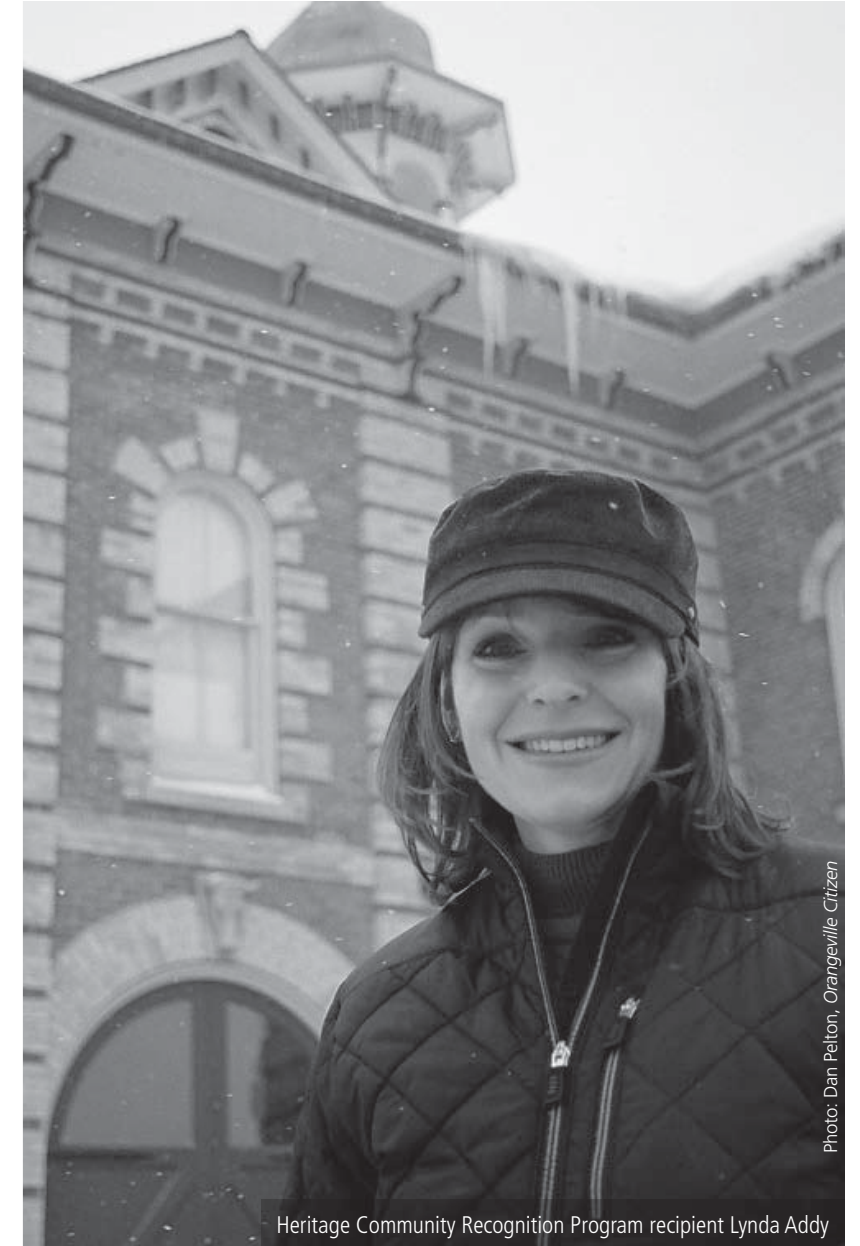
Individual award and scholarship recipient
Janine Fernandes, Town of Aurora

Group awards

Cameron Street Public School Environment Club,
Town of Collingwood

"Wall of Valour" students from Perth and District
Collegiate Institute, Town of Perth

"We Remember Our Fallen World War II Soldiers",
Port Perry High School, Town of Port Perry



Heritage Community Recognition Program recipient Lynda Addy

Photo: Dan Pelton, Orangeville Citizen

EXPERIENCES, ATTRACTIONS AND SERVICES

The Trust promotes the conservation, sustainability and adaptive reuse of heritage sites. They add depth to our community streetscapes and landscapes, and a richness of experience to our daily lives. Heritage sites are meant to be visited, lived and worked in. They are meant to be experienced.

The Ontario Heritage Trust continues to provide superior and meaningful heritage experiences, attractions and services that interpret the past in fresh and relevant ways. By championing adaptive reuse principles, the Trust is able to provide exciting heritage experiences that resonate in Ontarians’ lives.

According to research, cultural and heritage tourism is growing significantly faster than travel in general. Spending patterns of those engaged in heritage tourism activities and experiences also show signs of growth. The Trust is dedicated to improving the visitor experiences at its sites and events by continuing to enhance interpretive programs, generating revenue through admissions and fundraising, exploring new community partnerships and marketing opportunities, and proceeding with capital improvement projects.

In 2007-2008, the Trust succeeded in developing or increasing the experiences and services enjoyed by thousands of visitors at heritage attractions and events. Here are some examples:



HERITAGE TOURISM DESTINATIONS

Uncle Tom’s Cabin Historic Site in Dresden celebrates the accomplishments of Reverend Josiah Henson and tells the story of Ontario’s Underground Railroad and the life and freedom experiences in Canada for African-Americans who escaped slavery. The Ontario Heritage Trust took ownership of this site in February 2005. Since then, new strategies have been implemented to restore the site and enhance the visitor experience. In 2007-2008, building on the new exhibit “I’ll Use my Freedom Well,” the Trust installed new interpretive signs around the property. As a result, attendance continues to grow and the site is seen as an important part of the black heritage experience in Ontario.

Special funding was provided by the Ontario government in 2007-2008 to develop and implement several activities to promote the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in Ontario. The Archives of Ontario and the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration launched an exhibit at Uncle Tom’s Cabin Historic Site, called “Enslaved Africans in Upper Canada.” As well, a special edition of the Trust’s signature magazine, Heritage Matters, was published in August 2007. “From slavery to freedom” told many stories of the history of Blacks in Ontario. It also promoted many of the Black heritage tourism sites throughout Ontario.

Fulford Place in Brockville is a 35-room Edwardian mansion along the St. Lawrence River where visitors can experience period settings in luxurious surroundings that made Fulford Place an ideal residence in which to entertain royalty and prime ministers.

Each year, public programs, fascinating guided tours, concerts, educational workshops and afternoon teas provide a rich visitor experience. In 2007-2008, Fulford Place held an antiques appraisal, a jazz festival, ghost walks, craft workshops, holiday meals and celebrations in the Tearoom. In addition, a special art exhibit, “Conservations with Time: Fulford Chairs,” was a collaborative partnership with a member of the Brockville art scene.

Homewood National Historic Site in Maitland (near Brockville) is one of the oldest houses in Ontario, built in 1784 by Dr. Solomon Jones for his young family. This large two-storey stone house remained in the family for seven generations. Thanks to the generosity of a local foundation, Homewood opened for the summer 2007 season. Over 600 visitors toured Homewood during this time, exploring period rooms and learning about the life and times of this Loyalist family.

Barnum House Museum in Grafton (near Cobourg) was built in 1819 by Eliakim Barnum. This stylish house represents one of Ontario’s finest examples of neoclassical architecture. Ownership of the house was passed to the Trust in 1982, after which the house was extensively restored and opened in 1991 as a museum. In 2007-2008, with funding support provided by donors, Barnum House Museum was opened for summer tours and welcomed over 600 visitors through its doors. A special Waddington’s auction and antique ID clinic were also held in June 2007, with proceeds going to support operating costs.



Photo: The Toronto Star (Carlos Osorio)

CONFERENCE AND RECEPTION CENTRES

The Ontario Heritage Trust operates three venues as special event, conference and reception facilities, all of which are National Historic Sites – George Brown House, the Ontario Heritage Centre and the Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre, all in downtown Toronto. All sites offer modern amenities within a spectacular heritage environment that allows for unique corporate or private functions. The facilities also generate revenue by renting space for film shoots and leasing heritage spaces through tenancy agreements. In 2007-2008, upgrades to the conference spaces were substantially completed and revenues surpassed budgeted targets. Over 12,000 people attended conference events at these three venues over the year.

In March 2008, Enoch Turner Schoolhouse was acquired by the Ontario Heritage Trust and will be a new downtown location for meetings, weddings and special events.

ELGIN AND WINTER GARDEN THEATRE CENTRE

This Toronto theatre centre is the last operating double-decker theatre in the world, and the only one ever built in Canada. The Elgin Theatre opened as Loew’s Theatre in December 1913, with the Winter Garden Theatre opening in February of the following year. The two theatres operated in tandem until the demise of vaudeville and silent pictures, in 1929, which eventually led to the site’s closure. The Ontario Heritage Trust purchased the theatres in 1981 to restore these magnificent spaces and adapt them for modern theatrical productions. A cache of over 100 vaudeville scenery flats was discovered backstage during the restoration. As funds become available, these cultural heritage assets are being restored and exhibited.



In 2007-2008, the Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre hosted 30 theatrical engagements, representing 120 performances with a total attendance of over 123,000. The Centre was also a marquee venue for 43 screenings of the 2007 Toronto International Film Festival, with attendance of nearly 37,000 people.

This year also saw seven film and photo shoots at the Centre, along with 40 conference and reception rentals for over 13,000 people.

HERITAGE WEEK 2008

On February 15, 2008, Heritage Week was launched in Hamilton at the Scottish Rite Club, with over 425 people in attendance. At this event, a provincial plaque was unveiled to commemorate The Early Black Community in Hamilton. In addition, 46 heritage organizations offered displays at the onsite Heritage Expo. Community-based Heritage Week events and activities were also promoted online at the Trust’s website – with 56 events from 34 communities listed. Trust-owned sites (such as Fulford Place, the Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre and Uncle Tom’s Cabin Historic Site) also offered special Heritage Week programming with special talks, tours and workshops.

The 2nd annual Lieutenant Governor’s Ontario Heritage Awards were held at Queen’s Park in Toronto during Heritage Week 2008.

BUILDING CAPACITY

As the only legislated heritage organization responsible for the identification, protection, preservation and promotion of Ontario's built, natural and cultural heritage, the Ontario Heritage Trust strives to build the capacity for the growth and vitality of heritage throughout the province.

Preservation and protection of Ontario's heritage underlines the important interchange between our social and cultural values, developments in architecture, in town planning or in natural landscapes. Heritage is a testimony to cultural traditions and the progress of communities.

As the Trust builds its capacity through programs and activities, it also recognizes the importance of technology to reach the public through modern media and communications tools.

In 2007-2008, the Trust continued to explore and develop partnerships to strength its ability to protect and conserve Ontario's heritage. Conservation easements are powerful tools promoted by the Trust. The Ontario Heritage Trust provides leadership and advice through workshops for professionals, including best-practices models. The Trust advocates for conservation, provides technical support to municipalities and heritage organizations, and advises senior municipal staff and property owners.

Building capacity for heritage conservation empowers us all to preserve our heritage assets for future generations.

HISTORIC PLACES INITIATIVE

The Historic Places Initiative (HPI) is a federal initiative that involves all levels of government. The purpose of this initiative is to create an online, public resource to share information about the value and history of Canada's historic places. The goal is to build a culture of heritage conservation within Canada.

In 2007-2008, the Trust – working in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Culture – submitted 85 new HPI nominations (for easement and Trust-owned properties) to this inventory. To date, the Trust has submitted 168 HPI nominations.



PLACES OF WORSHIP INVENTORY

Places of worship have played a significant role in the settlement and growth of local communities throughout Ontario, leaving architectural landscapes in every part of the province. In February 2006, the Minister of Culture announced that the Trust would lead the compilation of a province-wide inventory and study of the province's religious heritage properties. This Places of Worship Inventory will provide critical information to facilitate capital planning, heritage evaluations, preservation strategies and adaptive reuse efforts. It will become a comprehensive reference tool for municipalities, researchers, community planners and the people of Ontario.

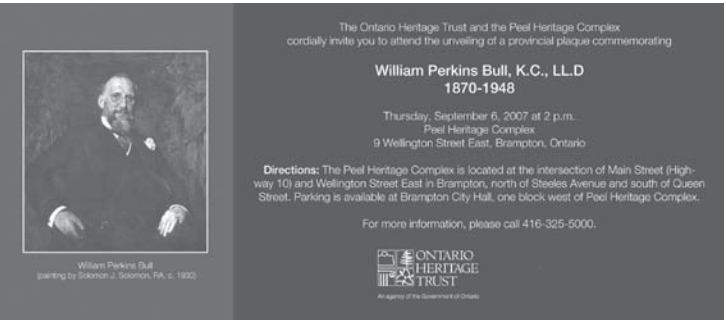
In 2007-2008, database development began, website planning commenced and data was collected on over 6,000 records of places of worship throughout Ontario.

WORKSHOPS/TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND ADVICE

Through workshops, conferences and seminars, the Trust provides support and advice to communities, heritage planners and conservation experts throughout the year. In 2007-2008, the Trust participated in the following:

- Ontario Association of Architects Conference – Conservation and Sustainability workshop
- A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium – participated in a joint presentation with Environment Canada
- Annual General Meetings for the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, Community Heritage Ontario and the Canadian Association of Professional Heritage Consultants
- Annual Heritage Canada Conference
- Ontario Land Trust Alliance and the Canadian Land Trust Alliance Conference
- Presentations, seminars and workshops with local land trusts, historical societies, municipal heritage committees and municipal staff
- Manuals completed for Trust staff and stewards on procedures for monitoring natural heritage conservation easements

The Trust, through its Board of Directors, also advises the Ontario Minister of Culture on heritage conservation issues throughout the year.



Plaque unveiling ceremony invitation

COMMUNICATIONS AND PROMOTIONS

Through its publications, tour cards, brochures, marketing products and websites, the Trust conveys information about programs and activities to a broad public audience.

In 2007-2008, the Trust's websites welcomed nearly 900,000 visitors – representing 21 million hits. These figures have increased significantly over the previous year, reflecting the exponential growth of digital media in distributing information.

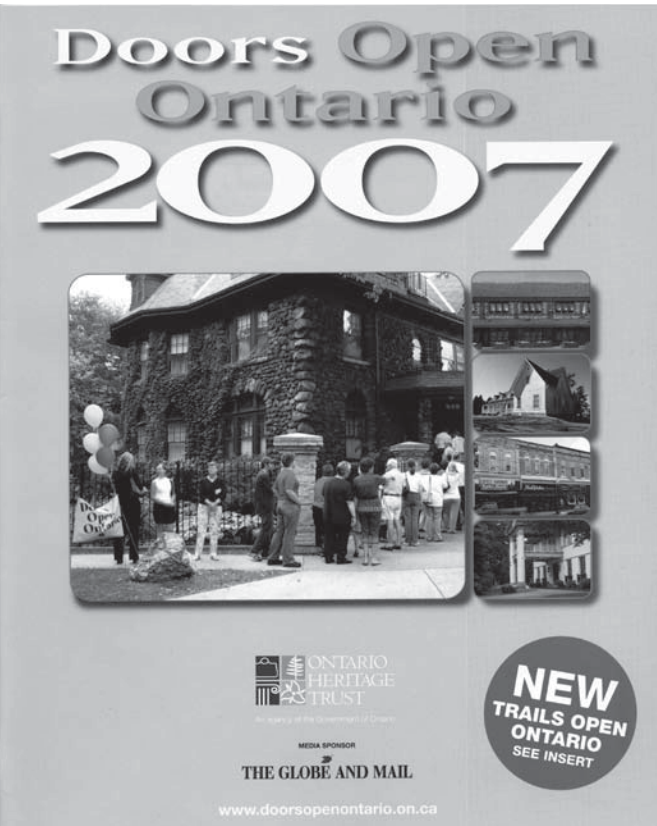
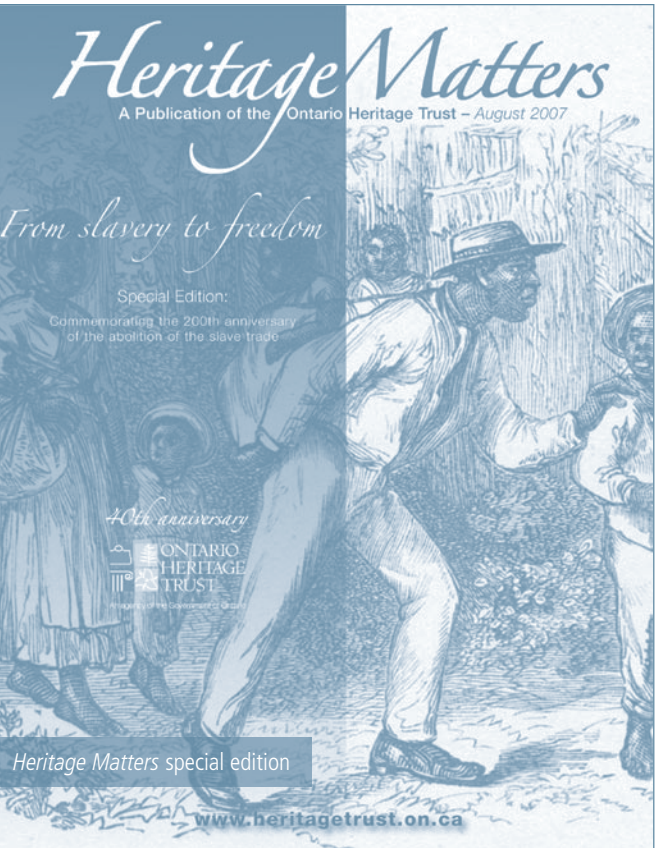
With special funding from the Ontario government in 2007-2008 to promote the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in Ontario, the Trust is also developing a new black heritage website in collaboration with its black heritage partners and contributors.

In June/July 2007, a full-page colour display ad appeared in the Ontario Fun Pass to promote five Trust sites: Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site, Barnum House, Fulford Place, Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre and Homewood Museum. It also promoted Doors Open Ontario. The Fun Pass – distributed to over 1.4 million Ontario elementary school students – encourages travel during the summer and makes provincial attractions more affordable for families.

The Trust also distributed approximately 500,000 copies of its popular Doors Open Ontario Guide to support the 2007 season. The Guide was distributed throughout the province through *The Globe and Mail* (the program's media sponsor), Travel and Government Information Centres, 1-800-ONTARIO and through participating communities.

The Trust's magazine, *Heritage Matters*, continues to gather praise as a key tool for discussing conservation issues throughout Ontario. Of note in 2007-2008 was the special edition, published in August 2007, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in Ontario. In addition, the November 2007 issue promoted the inherent sustainability of heritage.

Media outreach in 2007-2008 also enjoyed a significant increase, with 176.8 million print media circulation, compared to 145 million for fiscal 2006-2007. These figures mark a 22 per cent increase in media outreach in 2007-2008.



Doors Open Ontario 2007 Guide

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The Trust is grateful to all who supported our work in 2007-2008. Highlights for the year included a grand celebration in May 2007 to celebrate the Chairman's 85th birthday and the Trust's 40th anniversary. Proceeds from the gala, held at Toronto's Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre, went to the Lincoln M. Alexander Legacy Fund to further the work of the Trust in heritage conservation across Ontario.

In January 2008, also at the Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre, Stephen Lewis delivered an engaging lecture entitled "Tomorrow's Past Matters: Investing in Heritage and Enriching Democracy." Mr. Lewis spoke passionately about the impact of an appreciation of heritage on society, both in Canada and around the world, and stressed that involvement in heritage conservation is a "moral imperative." Proceeds from this lecture also went to the Lincoln M. Alexander Legacy Fund.

The Ontario Heritage Trust sincerely thanks all those who generously donated to the Trust between April 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008. Our core programs would not exist without your generous support.

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The staff of the Ontario Heritage Trust, as of March 31, 2008,
included:

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Catherine Axford, Executive Coordinator
and Executive Assistant to the Chairman
Helena Gomes, (A) Executive Secretary
Isla Adelson, Manager, Fundraising
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In addition to the employees listed above, the Trust recognizes the
valuable expertise and dedicated efforts provided by others who
worked for the Trust in 2007-2008.

In the calendar year 2007, Richard Moorhouse, Beth Hanna and
Tony Buszynski were paid salaries of \$100,000 or more (information
provided under the *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996*.)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED MARCH 31, 2008



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Auditor's Report

To The Ontario Heritage Trust
and to the Minister of Culture

I have audited the statement of financial position of The Ontario Heritage Trust as at March 31, 2008 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

The Trust derives some revenue from fundraising and corporate sponsorship in the form of cash, properties and collections and other gifts in kind, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, my verification of this revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Trust and I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenue, excess of revenue over expenses (expenses over revenue), assets and net assets.

In my opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which I might have determined to be necessary had I been able to satisfy myself concerning the completeness of the revenue referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trust as at March 31, 2008 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

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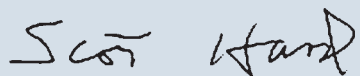
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Ontario Heritage Trust

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
(in thousands of dollars)

March 31	General	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2008	Total 2007
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,332	\$30,864	\$ -	\$33,196	\$36,819
Short term investments	-	465	-	465	1,277
Accounts receivable and accrued interest (Note 1)	1,398	707	-	2,105	1,474
Prepaid expenses	85	-	-	85	132
	3,815	32,036	-	35,851	39,702
Marketable securities (Note 1)	-	1,635	11,622	13,257	10,248
Capital assets (Note 2)	103	73	-	176	140
	\$3,918	\$33,744	\$11,622	\$49,284	\$50,090
Liabilities and Net Assets					
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$1,796	\$500	\$ -	\$2,296	\$1,985
Deposits and deferred revenue	144	-	-	144	381
Employee future benefits	696	-	-	696	718
	2,636	500	-	3,136	3,084
Net Assets					
Invested in capital assets (Note 2)	103	73	-	176	140
Externally restricted	-	21,226	9,913	31,139	31,560
Internally restricted	-	11,945	1,709	13,654	14,198
Unrestricted net assets	1,179	-	-	1,179	1,108
	1,282	33,244	11,622	46,148	47,006
	\$3,918	\$33,744	\$11,622	\$49,284	\$50,090

On behalf of the Board:

Director		Director	
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The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Ontario Heritage Trust

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(in thousands of dollars)

For the year ended March 31	General	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2008	Total 2007
Revenue					
Grants					
Ministry of Culture					
– operating	\$2,555	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,555	\$2,389
– capital	-	756	-	756	430
– special (Note 4)	772	50	-	822	179
Other	36	305	-	341	468
Rental and license fees	2,554	-	-	2,554	1,817
Investment income (Note 5)	716	1,492	56	2,264	2,241
Fundraising and corporate sponsorships					
Cash	183	228	-	411	579
Properties and collections	-	34	-	34	38
Other gifts in kind	40	195	-	235	45
Other income	163	651	-	814	883
	7,019	3,711	56	10,786	9,069
Expenses					
Trust properties and collections	1,897	3,061	-	4,958	5,284
Heritage programs, activities and special events	1,619	729	-	2,348	2,375
Business centres' operations	2,773	21	-	2,794	2,500
Administration	808	-	-	808	694
Grants	-	1,133	-	1,133	503
	7,097	4,944	-	12,041	11,356
Excess of revenue over expenses (expenses over revenue)	\$(78)	\$(1,233)	\$56	\$(1,255)	\$(2,287)

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Ontario Heritage Trust
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
(in thousands of dollars)

For the year ended March 31	Invested in Capital Assets	Externally Restricted for Endowment	Internally Restricted for Endowment	Externally Restricted	Internally Restricted	Unrestricted Net Assets	Total 2008	Total 2007
Balance, beginning of year	\$140	\$9,557	\$1,648	\$22,003	\$12,550	\$1,108	\$47,006	\$49,293
Effect of change in accounting policy (Note 1)	-	134	23	-	-	-	157	-
	140	9,691	1,671	22,003	12,550	1,108	47,163	49,293
Excess of revenue over expenses (expenses over revenue)	(61)	48	8	(1,226)	6	(30)	(1,255)	(2,287)
Investment in capital assets	97	-	-	-	(70)	(27)	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	426	(554)	128	-	-
Other comprehensive income								
Unrealized gain (Note 1)	-	174	30	23	13	-	240	-
Balance, end of year	\$176	\$9,913	\$1,709	\$21,226	\$11,945	\$1,179	\$46,148	\$47,006

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Ontario Heritage Trust
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands of dollars)

For the year ended March 31	2008	2007
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities		
Excess of expenses over revenue	\$(1,255)	\$(2,287)
Adjustments to reconcile expenses over revenue to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Amortization of capital assets	61	64
Amortization of discount on marketable securities	35	56
Proceeds on sale of land	-	(375)
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
Accounts receivable and accrued interest	(631)	9,449
Prepaid expenses	47	(16)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	311	(369)
Deposits and deferred revenue	(237)	(62)
Employee future benefits	(22)	125
	(1,691)	6,585
Investing activities		
Proceeds from matured investments	1,665	1,535
Purchase of investments	(3,500)	(750)
Purchase of capital assets	(97)	(98)
Proceeds on sale of land	-	375
	(1,932)	1,062
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(3,623)	7,647
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	36,819	29,172
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$33,196	\$36,819

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
March 31, 2008

Nature of activities

The Trust operates under the Ontario Heritage Act as an agent of the Ministry of Culture, committed to preserving, protecting and promoting Ontario's heritage by accepting, holding in trust and caring for gifts of provincially significant heritage properties and articles of a cultural nature. It provides technical expertise and financial support to individuals, organizations and public bodies involved in heritage preservation, and undertakes research, public education and other initiatives. The Trust is a not-for-profit crown corporation and as such, is exempt from income tax and can issue income tax receipts to donors.

Fund accounting

The Trust follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Resources are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds that are held in accordance with their specified purpose or in accordance with directives issued by the Board of Directors. Transfers between funds are made when approved by the Board except for the capital component of Externally Restricted Funds, which requires donor approval. For financial reporting purposes, there are three groups of funds.

General Fund

The General Fund includes all of the ordinary day-to-day transactions of the Trust. The Trust may disburse, expend or otherwise deal with any part of its General Fund for the purpose of any of the objects of the Trust, and to defray any expenses incurred in carrying out its objectives.

Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds consist of:

- a. Externally Restricted Funds
 - Amounts received from the Province of Ontario, the Federal Government and non-profit organizations to finance specific projects.
 - Gifts received whose use is restricted in accordance with the terms specified by the donors.
 - A reserve fund established under section 13 of the Ontario Heritage Act whose capital cannot be spent without the consent of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- b. Internally Restricted Funds
 - Amounts set aside by the Board to finance specific projects.

Endowment Funds

The Endowment Funds report non-expendable resources contributed for endowment. Investment income subject to restrictions stipulating that it be added to the principal amount of the endowment funds would be reported as revenue of the endowment funds. Other investment income earned on resources of the endowment funds is reported in the General or Restricted Funds depending on the nature of any restrictions imposed by contributors of funds for endowment.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, bank balances and deposit certificates maturing within 12 months.

Short-term investments and marketable securities

Short-term investments and marketable securities are reflected at fair value.

Capital assets

Purchased capital assets, comprising computer equipment, office equipment and furniture and fixtures, are stated at cost less accumulated amortization. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over the assets' estimated useful lives of three to five years.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
March 31, 2008

Employee future benefits

The Trust follows the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants' requirements for accounting for employee future benefits, which include post-employment benefits payable upon termination. Under these requirements, the cost of the post-employment benefits are charged to operations annually as earned.

The cost of post-retirement non pension employee benefits are paid by the Ministry of Government Services (MGS) and therefore are not included in the Trust's statement of operations, but in the Province's financial statements.

Revenue recognition

Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund.

Unrestricted investment income earned on restricted fund resources is recognized as revenue of the General Fund.

Properties and collections

Properties and collections that are donated are recorded as both revenue and expenses at their fair value, while those purchased are expensed at cost. Expenditures for restorations on properties are expensed as incurred.

Contributed gifts in kind

The work of the Trust is supported by donated gifts in kind. These amounts have been recorded as revenue and expenses in these financial statements at their fair value at the date of contribution if their fair value can be reasonably estimated.

Contributed services

Approximately 705 volunteers contributed approximately 10,370 hours to assist the Trust in carrying out its service delivery activities for the year. Because of the difficulty in determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

Financial instruments

The Trust utilizes various financial instruments. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Trust is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from its financial instruments and the carrying amounts approximate their fair values.

Deposit certificates included in cash and cash equivalents, of \$32,147,000 (2007 – \$35,899,000) are comprised of commercial papers from a chartered bank with effective rates averaging 4.5% (2007 – 4.3%) maturing on or before December 2, 2008.

Short term investments include a government bond with an effective yield rate of 4.12% maturing on December 1, 2008.

Marketable securities are comprised of government and corporate debt securities with effective yields of between 4% to 9% (2007 – 3% to 9%), maturing on or before August 18, 2022.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

March 31, 2008

New Accounting Pronouncement

Recent accounting pronouncements that have been issued but are not yet effective, and have a potential implication for the Trust, are as follows:

Capital disclosures

CICA Handbook Section 1535, Capital Disclosures, requires disclosure of an entity's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital, quantitative data about what the entity regards as capital and whether the entity has complied with any capital requirements and, if it has not complied, the consequences of such non-compliance. This standard is effective for interim and annual financial statements relating to fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 2007.

Financial instruments – disclosure and presentation

CICA Handbook Section 3862, Financial Instruments – Disclosure, increases the disclosures currently required to enable users to evaluate the significance of financial instruments for an entity's financial position and performance, including disclosures about fair value. CICA Handbook Section 3863, Financial Instruments – Presentation, replaces the existing requirements on the presentation of financial instruments, which have been carried forward unchanged. These standards are effective for interim and annual financial statements relating to fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 2007.

The Trust is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of these changes on the disclosure and presentation within its financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2008

1. Change in Accounting Policy

On April 1, 2007, the Trust retrospectively adopted, without restatement of prior periods, the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") Handbook Section 3855, Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement and Section 3861, Financial Instruments – Disclosure and Presentation. These sections apply to fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 2006 and provide standards for recognition, measurement, disclosure and presentation of financial assets, financial liabilities and non-financial derivatives.

Under these new standards, all financial instruments are classified into one of the following five categories: held-for-trading, held-to-maturity investments, loans and receivables, available-for-sale assets or other financial liabilities. All financial instruments, including derivatives, are included on the balance sheet and are measured at fair value upon inception. Subsequent measurement and recognition of changes in the fair value of financial instruments depends on their initial classification. Held-for-trading financial instruments are measured at fair value and all gains and losses are included in operations in the period in which they arise. Available-for-sale financial instruments are measured at fair value with revaluation gains and losses included directly in net assets until the asset is derecognized. Financial instruments classified as loans and receivables, held to maturity and other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method with impairment write downs and foreign exchange translation adjustments recognized immediately in operations in the periods in which they arise.

The Trust has classified its financial instruments as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	– Held-for-trading
Short term investments	– Available-for-sale
Accounts receivable and accrued interest	– Loans and receivables
Marketable securities	– Available-for-sale
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	– Other financial liabilities

Upon adoption, the transitional adjustment resulted in an increase to net assets of \$157,000 with a corresponding increase to marketable securities resulting from the difference between the carrying value of the investments and their fair value at April 1, 2007.

The transitional adjustment was calculated as follows:

Fair value		\$10,922
Book value	\$10,248	
Accrued interest	<u>517</u>	
		<u>10,765</u>
Transitional adjustment		<u>\$157</u>

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1. Change in Accounting Policy (continued)

The other comprehensive income for fiscal 2008 was calculated as follows:

Marketable securities	\$13,257	
Accrued interest	<u>667</u>	
		\$13,924
Book value	12,860	
Accrued interest	<u>667</u>	
		<u>13,527</u>
Fair value adjustment		397
Transitional adjustment		<u>157</u>
Other comprehensive income		<u>\$240</u>

2. Capital Assets

	<u>2008</u>		2007
	Cost (000's)	Accumulated Amortization (000's)	Net Book Value (000's)
Capital assets - general	\$293	\$190	\$103
Capital assets - restricted	211	138	73
Total	<u>\$504</u>	<u>\$328</u>	<u>\$176</u>
			\$123
			17
			\$140

In the current year, included in General and Restricted Funds' expenses is amortization expense of approximately \$48,000 and \$13,000 respectively (2007 – \$46,000 and \$18,000).

3. Properties and Articles of a Cultural Nature

At the year end, the Trust's collection of properties and articles held in trust across Ontario included 25 built heritage sites comprising 60 buildings and 155 natural heritage properties. The Trust has recorded title to approximately 21,700 cultural and approximately 685,500 archaeological artifacts related to these properties and also registered 213 heritage conservation easement agreements on properties owned by others and erected 1,210 historical plaques.

4. Ministry of Culture – General and Restricted Special Grants

The Trust from time to time receives special grants to assist it in meeting its mandate.

5. Investment Income

Investment income includes income earned on resources held for endowment, which is reported in the following funds:

	<u>General Fund</u>		<u>Restricted Fund</u>		<u>Endowment Fund</u>	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)
Investment income earned on:						
Endowment Fund resources	\$273	\$248	\$228	\$234	\$56	\$54
Other investments	443	1,229	1,264	476	-	-
	<u>\$716</u>	<u>\$1,477</u>	<u>\$1,492</u>	<u>\$710</u>	<u>\$56</u>	<u>\$54</u>

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6. Commitments

At March 31, 2008, the Trust had commitments for grant expenditures as detailed below:

	<u>2008</u>	2007
	(000's)	(000's)
Restricted Funds	<u>\$3,179</u>	<u>\$1,283</u>

The 2008 Restricted Funds commitments include \$3,171,000 (2007 – \$1,276,000) matching grants directed to communities including eligible non-profit organizations and municipalities, to preserve, restore and maintain their heritage properties.

7. Charitable Remainder Trust

The Trust was made the beneficiary of a \$500,000 irrevocable charitable remainder trust donation in the 1999 fiscal year. The Trust will receive the \$500,000 at the termination of the trust. No amounts have been recorded in the accounts for this donation.

8. Pension Costs

Pension benefits are provided to employees of the Ontario Public Service working for the Trust through participation in the Public Service Pension Plan and the OPSEU Pension Plan, which are multi-employer defined benefit pension plans, established by the Province of Ontario. These plans are accounted for as defined contribution plans.

Pension plan costs of \$229,000 (2007 – \$195,000) are included in the expenses of the general and restricted funds in the Statement of Operations.

9. Insurance

The Trust self insures for property and collections and is covered by the Ontario government's insurance policy for general liability. Should there be any property or collection losses, replacement if deemed necessary would require Board of Directors approval.

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- 12,474** Visitors to Fulford Place and Homewood Museum – a 50 per cent increase over 2006-2007
- 8** New plaques unveiled – including a plaque to commemorate the early Black community in Hamilton, unveiled during the Heritage Week launch celebrations in February 2008 – total attendance at all plaque unveilings in 2007-2008 exceeded 1,200
- 10,193 (4,125)** Total acres (hectares) of natural heritage properties protected by the Trust
- 398** The total number of landscapes, archaeological features, structures and buildings protected by Trust heritage conservation easements
- 21 million** Hits to the Trust's websites – 31 per cent increase from 2006-2007
- 303** Young people recognized by the Trust's annual Young Heritage Leaders program in 2007 – including three Youth Achievement groups representing 94 recipients
- 436,302** Site visits to 44 Doors Open Ontario events across the province during 2007 – five per cent increase from 2006
- 180** Total natural and built sites owned by the Trust on behalf of the Crown
- 85** New Historic Places Initiatives nominations submitted, bringing the Trust's total submissions of Trust-owned, easement and acquisition properties to 168
- 600** People in attendance at the Waddington's Brighton antique ID clinic and auction at Trust-owned Barnum House in Grafton
- 897,831** Visits to the Trust's websites – 39 per cent increase from 2006-2007
- 159** People recognized throughout Ontario by the Heritage Community Recognition Program in 2007 – including 18 Lifetime Achievement recipients
- 48** Applications approved by the Board of Directors for the Natural Spaces Land Acquisition and Stewardship Program
- 1,210** Provincial plaques unveiled by the Trust since 1953
- 113** People honoured through the 2007 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards program
- 425** People who attended the Heritage Week launch in Hamilton on February 15, 2008 – including 46 community displays in the Heritage Expo
- 44** Doors Open Ontario events throughout the province, between April and October 2007 – including seven new community events
- 120** Performances at the Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre for 30 featured theatrical engagements – with an overall attendance of 123,300 – 17 per cent increase from 2006-2007