



LONDON
Heritage
COUNCIL

The London Heritage Council (LHC) works to support London's heritage sector through advocating for the critical role that cultural and heritage institutions play in our cities, provinces, and country. As an agency of the City of London, LHC is uniquely positioned within the community to facilitate communication between the municipality and the broader public.

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Established in 2007, the **London Heritage Council** is dedicated to engaging the public and heritage sector through inclusive consultation on community programming, sustainability, networking opportunities, collaborative partnerships, diversity, and innovation. LHC collaborates with a membership of over 500 organizations and cultural heritage collectives within the City of London and region.

Mission

The London Heritage Council is a not-for-profit cultural heritage umbrella organization. Our mission is to inspire, nurture and manage initiatives through collaboration and coordination in the region.

Vision

To act as the catalyst for a strong, vibrant cultural heritage community.

Values

Demonstrate Leadership in Cultural Heritage | Embrace Inclusivity
Engage Diversity | Expand Knowledge | Encourage Innovation | Act as
a Catalyst

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WHAT WE DO



Museum School London offers students and teachers the opportunity to spend a full-week of hands-on learning in a museum or heritage site. Through this award-winning program students are able to observe, reflect, and make connections to the world of learning beyond the classroom.



Doors Open London is the city's largest collective interactive celebration of history, heritage, and culture. Doors Open London explores sites of architectural, historic, social, and cultural significance in our community, including private sites not usually open to the public.



Heritage Fair celebrates London's rich and diverse history. Each year heritage organizations, local historians, community groups, and members of the public come together to explore different themes from London's past. This program is in partnership with the London Public Library.



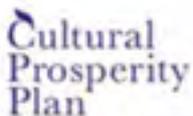
Trails Open London invites the community to explore, discuss, and enjoy the trails and Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) of the Forest City. Through education, events, and public resources, Trails Open London helps to promote our shared natural heritage.



Citizen Culture encourages new citizens and newcomers to engage with London's arts, heritage, and cultural organizations. Pass holders experience Canadian culture first hand, receiving free access to cultural organizations in our community. This program is in partnership with the London Arts Council.



The **Community Heritage Investment Program (CHIP)** is an annual municipal investment in London's heritage organizations, individual interpreters, and cultural collectives. This program supports operating funds for museums, heritage organizations, and festivals, as well as project funds.



The **Cultural Prosperity Plan** identifies priorities for strengthening the cultural sector and, in turn, provides opportunity for an increased quality of life and experience for residents and visitors.



The **London Museums Network** provides support and facilitates community within our local museums and heritage sites. Through this network London-area museums and heritage sites collaborate and stay informed about heritage matters in the community.



Every building tells a story. **Building Stories** is an interactive online inventory of Canada's heritage assets. The London Heritage Council promotes the use of this amazing resource in our region.

JOIN US

Call for London Heritage Council Board of Director & Committee Nominations

The London Heritage Council needs committed, innovative thinkers!

The London Heritage Council is recruiting new members for its Board of Directors and Committees. Our recruitment embraces diversity and inclusivity in ethnicity, race, culture, gender and age as well as expertise.

LHC is searching for people interested in the non-profit sector and the development and support of cultural heritage in London. The board meets monthly or bi-monthly; committees meet as needed. Terms are two years, with the possibility of renewal.

To apply, please send a current résumé and a short statement of interest explaining why you would like to volunteer for London Heritage Council to [**info@londonheritage.ca**](mailto:info@londonheritage.ca).

Please read the additional information below or consult our website for further information about the organization. All applications will be acknowledged.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Main responsibilities of the LHC Board:

- Stewardship: active oversight of governance
- Develop operational policies which are implemented by staff
- Hire and oversee the Executive Director
- Fiduciary responsibility

General responsibilities of Board members to ensure a well-functioning organization:

- A willingness and commitment to get to know the organization and the environment in which it operates
- Promote the organization and what its mission
- Regular attendance at meetings
- Adequate preparation for meetings
- Full participation in the governance process: participation in full discussion and in decision making. This includes respect for confidentiality and recognition of any potential conflict of interest
- A commitment to teamwork
- A commitment to speak with one voice once consensus is reached.
- A collective commitment to Board self-evaluation
- Support for the Executive Director



Standing Committees: The London Heritage Council’s Board has four standing committees: Executive, Finance, Governance & Nominating, and CHIP Review Panel.

The **Executive Committee** consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair(s), Past-Chair, Secretary, Executive Director and Treasurer of the Corporation, together with any other Officers or Directors as the Board may appoint. The Executive Committee shall:

- Carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Board in emergency situations;
- Support the Executive Director on an on-going basis; and
- Evaluate the performance of the Executive Director and carry out contractual negotiations with the Executive Director.

With the Treasurer, the **Finance Committee** ensures the care and custody of all of the funds and securities of the LHC. It meets quarterly, or as needed, with the Executive Director to review reports and plan budgets. This committee also reports quarterly to the LHC Board.

The **Governance & Nominating Committee** periodically measures and reviews the Board’s performance and progress. It strives to improve governance policies and practices, and conduct formal assessments and self-evaluations from time to time, including that of the Board itself and of the Executive Director.

LHC Board members are often asked to sit on the **Community Heritage Investment Program (CHIP) Review Panel**. As stated in the City of London’s “Appendix to Capital Grants and Capital Grants Policy”; Applications will be reviewed and administered, in a City-wide context, by a peer assessment group. This group, the London Heritage Council, will form a “Heritage Granting Jury” whose members will be representative of heritage, cultural, business and general community.