

Memorandum of Understanding between the Province of Manitoba and
the Société historique de Saint-Boniface (SHSB)

Whereas:

- the Government of Manitoba encourages the promotion of Manitoba's heritage, the preservation of historical resources, and public access to these resources;
- the SHSB's mission is to acquire, preserve and promote the Francophone and Métis heritage of Western Canada and of Manitoba in particular;
- since its creation in 1902, the SHSB has undertaken archaeological and historical research, amassed a collection of museum artefacts, collected archival materials and assembled a library specialized in the history of Manitoba, all documenting the Francophone and Métis presence in the province;
- since its beginnings, the SHSB has offered conferences, exhibitions, training workshops and genealogical services, published historical works, and supported the designation of historical sites;
- since 1998, the SHSB has managed the Centre du patrimoine, a building designed to receive, process, and preserve primarily French-language archives, and has made these archives accessible to the public;
- the Centre du patrimoine offers services in both official languages;
- the SHSB's archives reveal an important part of the richness and depth of Manitoba's heritage;
- the SHSB has successfully completed the programme offered by Arts Stabilization Manitoba Inc. and has demonstrated its capacity to adopt best business practices in order to ensure its sustainable development;
- the Province of Manitoba has supported the provincial mandate of the SHSB by contributing financially to the construction and operation of the Centre du patrimoine;


the Government of Manitoba recognizes that:

- the role of the SHSB is to ensure the acquisition, the preservation and the promotion of the French-language archival heritage of Manitoba;
- the scope of the SHSB's archives is provincial and national;
- since 1902, the SHSB has acquired, preserved and promoted its archives and artefacts using the resources of the Francophone community of Manitoba;
- the SHSB acts as the French-language counterpart to the Archives of Manitoba.

The Government of Manitoba and the SHSB, through this agreement, undertake to work together to ensure the acquisition, the preservation and the promotion of archives related to the history of Manitoba. To implement the agreement, both parties agree to establish a joint advisory group, reporting to the Deputy Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage and Co-Chaired by the Executive Director of the SHSB and the Archivist of Manitoba, with the mandate to:

- identify requirements of ensuring the acquisition and preservation of materials related to the Francophone and Métis heritage of Manitoba;
- identify joint activities and projects that will showcase the Francophone and Métis heritage of Manitoba;
- jointly promote the provincial and national scope of the Centre du patrimoine archives and the Archives of Manitoba;
- provide timely advice on other related matters of joint interest and priority, or those matters which may be assigned to the advisory group by the Minister or Deputy Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, from time to time.

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:



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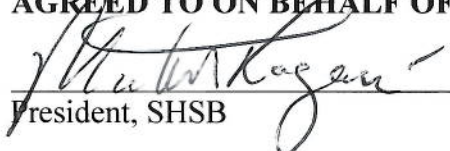
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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA:



Minister of Sport, Culture & Heritage

AGREED TO ON BEHALF OF SHSB:



President, SHSB