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**HERITAGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OPENS THE DOORS TO ALBERTA'S
ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE!!**

www.doorsopenalberta.com

EDMONTON—The Heritage Community Foundation is delighted to launch its 27th website—www.doorsopenalberta.com— that raises the profile of Alberta's architectural heritage. The site supports the launch of **Doors Open Alberta**, a program that encourages communities to create annual events to celebrate their built heritage. Doors Open Calgary, the inaugural event, takes place on July 26th and 27th and Doors Open Fort Macleod on September 20th and 21st.

The **Doors Open Alberta** website is part of a strategy that encourages urban and rural communities to “open the doors” to publicly and privately owned buildings that are domestic, commercial, industrial, religious, educational, cultural and institutional, so the members of the communities may see their very own built heritage. Through **Doors Open Alberta**, from April to October annually, visitors can enter doors of buildings that they might otherwise not have access to in participating communities.

Adriana A. Davies, PhD., Executive Director, Heritage Community Foundation stated: “Buildings and landscapes are what give our communities a sense of place. The popularity of Kensington in Calgary and Old Strathcona in Edmonton show that the public wants to spend leisure time where place is important. It gives us a sense of belonging that contributes to individual and community identity and pride.”

Morris Flewwelling, C.M., President and Chair of the Heritage Community Foundation remarked: “For the first time, Alberta has an event that showcases our architectural heritage in the summer time when people want to be visitors in their own communities as well as travel to other parts of Alberta. When the program is fully developed it will encourage cultural tourism and add to Alberta's significant summer festivals. In fact, we think that communities will likely want to combine this with existing programs.”

The Heritage Community Foundation is actively seeking provincial funders and sponsors who want to play a leadership role in this local, provincial, national and international program. Registration forms and guidelines are available on the website. This new information site—www.doorsopenalberta.com— will serve as a link between the general public and the agencies and organizations that support the preservation and interpretation of the architectural heritage.

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