Introduction
Heritage NL’s program, “People, Places & Culture,” is designed to assist communities to identify their cultural assets and to consider ways to protect and develop them. It is based on a recognition that heritage/cultural assets are some of the strongest elements that a community has to: define its unique character; create new economic opportunities; and enhance the quality of life for residents and instill local pride.

These notes represent the outcome of a “People, Places & Culture” Workshop facilitated by Heritage NL in Harbour Grace 10 November 2018. The workshop comprised two parts: I) a cultural mapping activity that considered the community’s tangible and intangible cultural assets; and II) a session to explore opportunities for protecting, safeguarding and developing these assets. The latter activity involved identifying themes and clusters of cultural assets that emerged from the mapping session.

What Participants Want from Workshop
Workshop participants expressed that they were attending the session because they wanted to help realize the potential of Harbour Grace’s heritage, much like other communities in the province have done. A discussion was held at the start of the session around what the heritage needs of the community might be, and three key areas were identified by the group: inventorying, planning, and promotion.

A. Inventorying our Heritage

The group identified a need to identify and catalogue what exists in the community, so there is a good record of assets. There is a sense that there is already great material out there, based on previous research, collections, and oral histories, both public and privately owned. How do we find this information and make it useful for our town? And then how do we identify themes or areas of focus (church, courthouse, family history, etc) and undertake new research such as oral histories to fill in the gaps?
B. Planning for the Future of our Heritage

The other need identified was to identify priorities and plan accordingly, and to develop a preservation strategy that will foster businesses and grow the economic value of the town. Local people need to know how to access funding and get information about funding agencies. It was also expressed that any heritage plan must have action strategies, so that the plan will move forward.

C. Promoting our Heritage

The third key area identified was a need to create greater awareness of history and heritage both inside and outside the community, and to use that heritage to better promote the town. This could be in the form of promotional material or maps, and there was a discussion that there are new ways to use technology to present heritage and history.

In the workshop evaluations, one participant made the point that towns need animators and facilitators to help get dedicated and passionate people to put wonderful ideas into action. The Town’s development office and the Heritage & Redevelopment Committee have a major role to play in this with support from Heritage NL.

Key Themes/Clusters

Following our discussion of needs, there followed a long conversation and mapping session designed to create an introduction to the various aspects of Harbour Grace’s heritage. A list of individuals was made who could possibly serve as good interview subjects for future research/oral histories (see linked spreadsheet).

The following 15 themes emerged from the discussion, written notes, and mapping exercise. The next step will be to prioritize these and set some actionable items with some recommendations from Heritage NL.

#1 Waterfront features/infrastructure
- Public wharf
- Fishermen's wharf
- Capt. James Cook’s map of Harbour Grace & Conception Bay
- Saltfish plant by the shoe factory
- Marina
- Wharf <- Stay off
- Jumping from boat to boat
- Ferry to Bell Island
- Dry dock - ship building
#2 The History of Fishing, Whaling, and Sealing
Whaling plant
Courage’s beach - whaling slipway
Norwegian whaling operation
Fish merchants
Cod liver oil production (W.A. Munn)
Sealer’s strike (1832) / Labour militancy

#3. Sports & Recreation
Tennis - Doris Murcell
Cricket - John (Jack) Shannon Munn
Ball hockey
Soccer
Curling - Jamie Korab
Horse racing - Harbour Grace Turf Club (Lady Lake Road)
Joe Martin - long distance running
Harbour Grace Swimming Pool
Billiard clubs
Lady Lake - regatta - swimming - picnics
S.W. Moores Memorial Stadium - hockey, skating
Speed skating champion
Figure skating
Ice racing on harbour
Hockey - George Faulkner & Danny Cleary

#4 Community Organizations (Buildings/History of)
Benevolent Irish Society (BIS)
Lions Club
Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 15
Masonic Lodge No. 476
Sons of England
British Society
Orange Lodge / Orangemen
Knights of Columbus / Daltonian Council
Church Lads Brigade (CLB)
Women’s Patriotic Society - Sophia Oke medal
Women’s Institute
RN Constabulary

#5 Cultural Spaces/Arts Groups/Cultural Events/Celebrations
Music Cafe - St. Paul’s Hall
Silver Bells - played at Pike’s
Folk of the sea
Ridley Hall
History of school & church plays
Church choirs (St. Paul’s, U.C., St. Joseph’s)
Library - First public library; Literary Society (old Post Office); War Memorial Public Library
Donnelly Hall - performing arts
Annual Fall Fair
Miss NL pageant
Pirates to Pilots Festival
Santa Claus parade
Pirate Day

#6 Heritage Buildings/Sites
Old Riverhead School - Otterbury
Courthouse
Site of the old Salvation Army Church (next to the current fire hall)
Former Presbyterian Church (‘The Kirk’) - site of the present day library
Existing Churches - St. Paul’s, St. Peter’s, St. Joseph’s, Immaculate Conception Church, and Laurence Coughlan United Church
Schools - Harbour Grace Grammar School (headmaster John Roddick)
Airfield
Hotels - ie., Cochrane Hotel/Cochrane House, Archibald’s Hotel, Harbour Grace Hotel
Old houses/buildings throughout the town
Railway Station

#7 Traditional Holidays/Customs
Bonfire night
Orangemen’s parade - Boxing Day/St. Stephen’s Day and the Harbour Grace Affray
Aug 15 - Lady Day - donate fishing income to church
Jannying & the hobby horse
St. Patrick’s Day
Berry picking in Riverhead boundaries
Coady’s Brook - Bonfires & swimming
Feather Point Dancers

#8 Roads and Laneways
Laneways in town & old roadways going out of community connecting to other communities
Building of roads
Drunkard’s Road - Harbour Grace to Carbonear (1st road)
Town planning (e.g., Noad’s survey, 1841)
Military Roads, O’Keefe’s Grove
Fisherman’s Road, Riverhead
Public Lanes, Water Street to Harvey St and north
Lee’s Lane - site of Harbour Grace Affray
Jamie’s Way

#9 Famous & influential people in the community
Sir Richard Squires
Sir. Thomas Roddick
John Munn
Sir Henry Pynn
Rutherfords
Amelia Earhart
Rose Archibald
Mary Strutton
W.A. Munn
Doctors & dentists - ie., Goodwin
Megan Nutbeem - Newfoundland dog breeder

#10 Industry and Manufacturing
Pynn’s Mill - Bannerman river
wood mill
Also - flour grinding
Pine Grove Ice House - Ice from Tilton Pond brought & stored in ice house
Forge at Martin Brook (Murray’s Sq), used by Eugene Martin (possibly last one in Harbour Grace)
Industrial Guilds
Boot/shoe factories -several generations / Bill Luffman
Local business currency
Mercantile history
Gasoline storage facilities: Esso - Water St, Irving - Water St, Gulf - near railway station
Paper bag factory
1st beehive industry started in Hr Grace by a man “Davis”

#11 Military History
Fort Duckworth
Battery Road
Volunteer Artillery Company used for saluting, etc.
Spy Station
Antennae Base (WWII)
Radar Station
Military - battery 1812
HFDF station

#12 Cemeteries
Salvation Army Graveyard
Bennett’s Lane Graveyard  Thomas Ewer, Patrick Phelan
Unmarked smallpox cemetery
Family history documentation

#13 Stone Walls/Fences/Ruins
Stones Road Cairn (South Side)
Rocking Chair
Stone Walls - few good examples left of what were very common
Feather Point community pasture, with stone house foundations & stone walls -> great hike &
mushrooming area
Elfreda’s Rock
Wrought/Cast iron fencing/gates

#14 Favourite Hangouts/Local Stores and Shops
William Snack Bar - place to go as teenager “some of my fondest memories were made here.”
SW Moores Park
Grocery - Goddem, Quinn, Clarkes, George’s, Smith, Wm Smith, Parmiters
Pikes, dry goods, Handy Andy, Saunders & Howell, Directway, Stoney Pizza, Singards Health &
Beauty, Nat Parsons, Jeanette Cram
Restaurants: Tefords, Mercers
Tenant’s store (Water St, Courage’s beach area)
Movie theatre
Malcolm Butt’s Store
John Hearn’s Store

#15 Local Place Names
Examples:
Thomey’s Plain
Red bridge -> railroad
Fairy hill
The village - collection of houses on Glover Rd. just west of the new stadium
The river
Fairy path
Pipe track
Stapleton’s beach
Ships head
Courage’s beach
Stephenson’s village
Point of Beach
CLB campsite
Connors Valley
The Ridge
Stapletons Beach
Opportunities & Priorities Session

The ideas generated in the workshop don’t necessarily constitute a comprehensive listing of all of Harbour Grace’s heritage assets but they do provide a starting point for mapping them. A follow-up session will bring together interested workshop participants with partner groups (regional tourism, culture and business groups along with government agencies) to identify opportunities for the preservation, safeguarding and development of the town’s heritage assets and to identify some key initiatives.

This session is set for Wednesday, November 28, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the Firemen's Social Building, Bannerman Street, Harbour Grace, and is open to anyone interested.

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