



INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

WHO CAN HELP ME WITH THIS OLD HOUSE?

SESSION 1: Understanding Your Older Home: Its history, local context and evolution

PRESENTER: Natalie Rathwell, PhD Candidate, York University

DESCRIPTION: You have an older home. What do you know about it? What's important about it? This session will provide participants with the steps and tools to research their older home (whether from the 1880s or 1970s) in order to understand its heritage character and how best to safeguard character-defining elements during renovation. Participants will come away with an understanding of the research process and the resources available to them.

SESSION 2: The Exterior Environment: Creating an appropriate setting for your home

PRESENTER: John Zvonar, Conservation Landscape Architect

DESCRIPTION: Learn how to understand, plan, and execute an appropriate response to complement the site/setting of your house no matter its era or style. Where does the value lie that needs to be accentuated? What moves should you avoid doing? As well, you will gain insight into how to maintain that landscape using tried and tested practices and employing prudent sustainable practices with the prospect of more frequent extreme weather events. And yes, the *Standards and Guidelines for Historic Places in Canada* will be evoked for your landscape whether it be for layout, circulation, vegetation, or built features.

SESSION 3: Heritage Properties and Maintenance — How the City of Ottawa can help!

PRESENTER: Anne Fitzpatrick, Heritage Planner, City of Ottawa & Taylor Quibell, Heritage Planner, City of Ottawa

DESCRIPTION: Do you own a historic building in Ottawa? Are you intending on restoring it? Then you don't want to miss this session! City of Ottawa heritage planners will go over what permissions must be sought prior to undertaking renovations to designated heritage homes, and specifically what having a designated heritage building means from a renovations/

maintenance perspective, as well as the guidance and financial incentives offered by the City to help with maintenance.

SESSION 4: Financing and Insuring an Older Home

PRESENTER: Robert Pajot, Heritage Ottawa Board Member & Cathie Orfali, President of Money Advisors

DESCRIPTION: Learn about the concerns insurance companies and financial institutions have when faced with older homes, and how to address them. This session will provide you with the information and tools you need to identify and minimize potential risks, and select the right insurance coverage in order to get the insurance and financial support you need for your older home.

SESSION 5: Best Sustainability Practices: Tackling conservation issues in your older home

PRESENTER: Stephen Magneron, Energy Advisor Homesol Building Solutions & James Maddigan, Conservation Specialist, Architecture49

DESCRIPTION: You now know what the significant parts of your older home are, but how can you best preserve them to make sure they perform to their full potential? In this session, experts in the field will guide you through the typical problems facing older homes, how they are best addressed, and what the best resources are available to help you make good decisions for the maintenance and repair of your home.

SESSION 6: A Guide to Seeking Professional Renovation Services

PRESENTER: Herb Lagois, Founder of Lagois Design Build Renovate

DESCRIPTION: Now that you're ready to take on a home renovation or adding an addition, you may want to start thinking about where to find professional services with heritage building experience. This session will review the different types of renovators and what makes a project successful. It will address common misconceptions homeowners have, what to watch out for, and the typical mistakes that buyers make. With this session, steps will be given to help you ensure a smooth, successful project for your older home.