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National Historic Designations



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The Minister of the Environment designates national historic sites, persons and events on the recommendation of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (HSMBC) in collaboration with Parks Canada. The HSMBC is a statutory advisory group on historical matters composed of members from each province and territory in Canada.

Once a site, person or event is designated, a commemorative bronze plaque is erected and usually unveiled in a public ceremony. Parks Canada is responsible for organizing the plaque unveiling ceremonies, installing and maintaining the plaques, in collaboration with local groups and stakeholders.

Parks Canada also provides professional and administrative services to support the HSMBC's work, including the conduct of historical and archaeological research needed for evaluating the applications.

What can be designated?

A place, a person or an event can be nominated for designation if it has had a nationally significant impact on Canadian history, or illustrates a nationally important aspect of Canadian human history. Other specific criteria apply; please contact the HSMBC Secretariat for more information.

Contact us today or visit our website

for more information or to make a nomination.

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