

November 2015

SECTION 2 COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

City Manager
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Community Heritage Commission

Friends:

**Re: Remembering Working People:
Plaques Around the Province Project**

The BC Labour Heritage Society was founded in 2005. We engage in partnerships and projects that help define and express the role that work and workers have played in the evolution of social policy and its impact on the present and future shaping of the province.

I am writing to invite your participation in the BC Labour Heritage Centre's new **Remembering Working People: Plaques Around the Province Project**. An information sheet and nomination forms are attached.

There are two important aspects to this project:

1. To identify and catalogue existing memorials that fit our criteria (detailed in the Project Description).
2. To install a new series of cast bronze plaques which will document events, actions, episodes, movements, experiences, groups, individuals or places that have not been recognized to date. In this phase of the project, our focus will be on locations outside of Metro Vancouver.

We are reaching out to as many labour and community groups as possible to fulfill our goals. Anyone can submit a nomination.

This is an exciting project that will increase public awareness of the history of working people in British Columbia in a permanent way.

Please contact our Project Manager, Donna Sacuta if you require further information.

Project website page: www.labourheritagecentre.ca/patp

Email: plaques@labourheritagecentre.ca

Sincerely,



Ken Novakowski, Chairperson

Encls.

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Remembering Working People: Plaques Around the Province Project

In 2010, the BC Labour Heritage Centre partnered with the Vancouver Convention Centre on the installation of a series of educational panels along the interior and exterior of the new Convention Centre. The Convention Centre covered the cost of producing the panels and we provided the research.



A series of plaques documenting events and people in British Columbia's labour history are on display at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

Building on this success, the Labour Heritage Centre has launched the “Remembering Working People: Plaques Around the Province Project”. Our aim is to extend the Convention Centre program to areas outside of Vancouver.

We are seeking nominations of events, groups, individuals and places throughout the province that demonstrate the contributions of working people to the history of British Columbia.

Our criteria includes, but is not strictly limited to:

- defining **events, actions, episodes, movements, or experiences** that played a significant role in the history of the labour movement and working people in British Columbia
- **groups and individuals** that made a lasting contribution to labour and working history
- **places** that hold a direct association with a significant aspect of BC or Canadian labour history

When proposing a suitable event and location for a plaque, nominators will be asked to consider locations where they will be accessible to the public and contribute to an understanding of the foundations laid by working people in the province's history.

The Labour Heritage Centre will cover the cost of research and promotion of each plaque, including links to background materials on our website.

Costs

We have chosen Ornamental Bronze, located in Richmond, to produce the plaques. Ornamental Bronze is a union shop and their product meets our primary requirement for longevity. They produced the 2010 plaque for the commemoration of the On to Ottawa Trek, shown at right. The size of this plaque is 18" x 29". Each cast bronze plaque is individually crafted and will cost \$3,000 - \$5,000; depending on its size and complexity. We are asking nominators to contribute at least one-third of the cost of each plaque.

Inventory Project

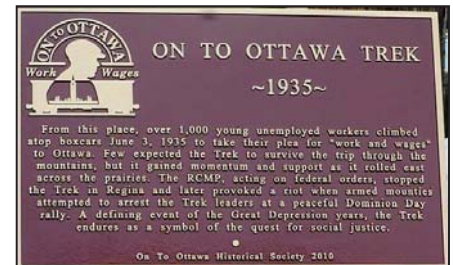
Part of the Plaques Around the Province Project is the creation of an inventory of existing memorials that meet the same criteria. We are asking groups and individuals to make us aware of these commemorative locations. Two examples are shown below:



**Plaque
commemorating
deaths of 26 miners
at Granduc Mine,
Stewart, BC.**



**Statue of social
worker and activist
Bridget Moran in
Prince George.**



**Our plaques will be modeled on
the 2010 On to Ottawa Historical
Society plaque in Vancouver, cast
in bronze for longevity.**

Inventory Submission

BC Labour Heritage Centre Plaques Around the Province Project

Please help us identify locations of existing memorials to working people in British Columbia. Our criteria includes, but is not strictly limited to:

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- **groups and individuals** that made a lasting contribution to labour and working history
- **places** that hold a direct association with a significant aspect of BC or Canadian labour history

Describe the existing memorial that you feel fits our criteria. Use additional pages if necessary. Include a location, photos, related information or website (URL) address to help identify the location:

Your contact information:

Name

Address

Email:

Phone:

Return to:

BC Labour Heritage Centre
Suite 301-8988 Fraserton Crt
Burnaby, BC V5J 5H8

Or email to: plaques@labourheritagecentre.ca

Plaques Around the Province Project Manager: Donna Sacuta Cell: 604-833-1193

Remembering Working People Nomination Form

BC Labour Heritage Centre Plaques Around the Province Project

Our criteria for recognition includes, but is not strictly limited to:

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1. Describe proposed event, etc. that you are nominating for recognition. Include as much information as you can about the nominated project; attach extra information and photos if necessary:

2. Can you suggest a location for a plaque:

3. Are you able to make a financial contribution to the plaque's construction, or assist with fund-raising?

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