

Heritage Resources Protection Plan (HRPP) Guidelines

Purpose of HRPP – Preventative Action:

To assist contractors on site with informing managers, employees, contractors on what to do and whom to call should heritage resources accidentally be encountered when testing and development is underway on site. The HRPP consists of operational procedures to limit damage or destruction of heritage resources accidentally found during site work.

Key Steps:

1. All workers on-site should be informed of the HRPP in advance of work proceeding and who to contact should there be a chance encounter during on-site activity.
2. If heritage objects or human remains are discovered on site, activities are to stop at that location immediately and the Historic Resources Branch be notified.
(HRB.archaeology@gov.mb.ca, (204) 945-2118)
3. In the case of human remains, the nearest law enforcement agency (i.e., RCMP or local police department) must be contacted to first rule out any forensic issues.
4. In the case of human remains, an Elder from Peguis First Nation should be contacted by calling Mark Paxton-McRae at (204) 509-4757 or Mike Sutherland at (204) 806-5712

Why Report?

Many people find heritage objects accidentally. If these items are reported to the Historic Resources Branch, their significance can be assessed and the resulting information can generally be shared with the public. Some heritage objects can be several thousand years old.

Legislation and Policy:

The Heritage Resources Act (The Act) and the Province of Manitoba Policy Concerning the Reporting, Exhumation and Reburial of Found Human Remains (Burials Policy) apply to protecting heritage resources.

Definitions

What are Heritage Resources?

Heritage resources and heritage objects are defined under the *Heritage Resources Act*:

"heritage resource" includes

- (a) a heritage site,
- (b) a heritage object, and
- (c) any work or assembly of works of nature or of human endeavour that is of value for its archaeological, palaeontological, pre-historic, historic, cultural, natural, scientific or aesthetic features, and may be in the form of sites or objects or a combination thereof

"heritage object" includes

- (a) an archaeological object,
- (b) a palaeontological object,
- (c) a natural heritage object, and
- (d) an object designated as a heritage object by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under subsection (2);

"archaeological object" means an object

- (a) that is the product of human art, workmanship or use, including plant and animal remains that have been modified by or deposited due to human activities,
- (b) that is of value for its historic or archaeological significance, and
- (c) that is or has been discovered on or beneath land in Manitoba, or submerged or partially submerged beneath the surface of any watercourse or permanent body of water in Manitoba;

"palaeontological object" means the remains or fossil or other object indicating the existence of extinct or prehistoric animals, but does not include human remains.

"natural heritage object" means a work of nature consisting of or containing evidence of flora or fauna or geological processes;

"human remains" means remains of human bodies that in the opinion of the minister have heritage significance and that are situated or discovered outside a recognized cemetery or burial ground in respect of which there is some manner of identifying the persons buried therein;

Examples of heritage
resource objects (below)



Examples of Archaeological
Objects (above)



Example of a Paleontological
Object

Discovery and notification structure:

*Better safe than sorry: do not hesitate to report potential or suspected finds. The Historic Resources Branch is here to provide advice and expertise **at no cost to the developer**.*

1. If heritage resources, including human remains are encountered, stop work immediately.
2. Notify the Project Manager about the discovery.

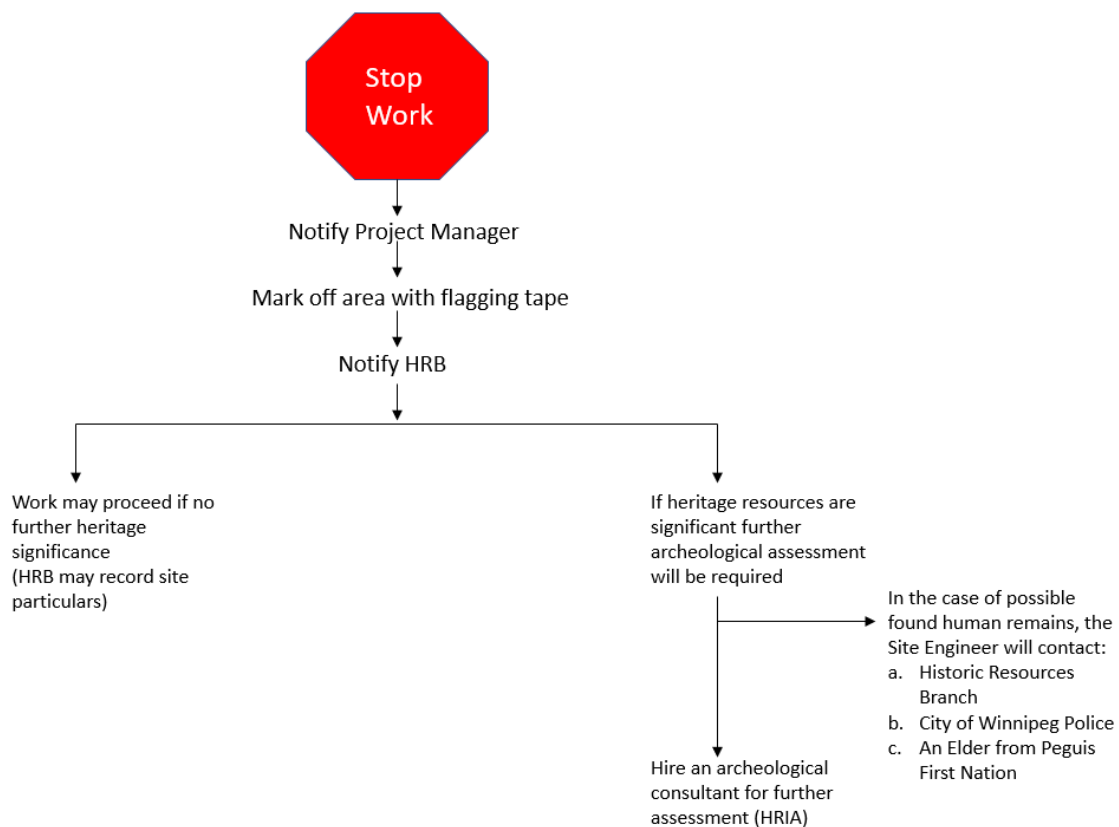
Lana Obach, Senior Project Engineer/NEWPCC Biosolids Project Manager

Phone Number: (204) 986-8335

Email: lobach@winnipeg.ca
3. Mark-off area with “flagging tape” to identify and restrict the area. Create a buffer area of 10 metres around the area. Work can continue outside the cordoned buffer area.
4. The Site Engineer will contact the Historic Resources Branch at (204) 945-2118
5. In the case of possible found human remains, the Site Engineer will contact:
 - a. Historic Resources Branch at (204) 945-2118
 - b. City of Winnipeg Police at (204) 986-6313
 - c. An Elder from Peguis First Nation by calling Mark Paxton-McRae at (204) 509-4757 or Mike Sutherland at (204) 806-5712

Under no circumstances should site information be shared with the media or the public. Site locations are protected by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

Communication should be limited to the contacts identified in Section 5, above.



What to expect after notification for heritage objects other than human remains:

1. The Historic Resources Branch (HRB) will visit the site
2. The HRB will determine if additional heritage mitigation work will be required.
3. If further mitigation work is required, the developer may need to contract a qualified archaeological consultant to conduct a Heritage Resources Impact assessment (HRIA) of the proposed development location, in order to identify and assess any heritage resources that may be negatively impacted by development. If desirable, the Branch will work with the City of Winnipeg and its consultant to draw up terms of reference for this project.

Potential penalties

Under the Manitoba Heritage Resources Act 69(1), any person who contravenes or fails to observe a provision of this Act or a regulation, order, by-law, direction or requirement made or imposed thereunder is guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, where the person is an individual, to a fine of not more than \$5,000 for each day that the offence continues and, where the person is a corporation, to a fine of not more than \$50,000 for each day that the offence continues.

Useful Resources:

Government of Manitoba

Heritage Objects: A Precious Resource for all Manitobans. Winnipeg, Manitoba: Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Citizenship, 1996. Accessible online at:
www.gov.mb.ca/chc/hrb/pdf/heritage_objects.pdf

Managing Our Heritage Resources: Impact Assessment. Winnipeg, Manitoba: Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Citizenship, 1993. Accessible online at:
www.gov.mb.ca/chc/hrb/pdf/impact_assessment_booklet.pdf