



HISTORIC FORTS

Feasibility Studies, Research, Heritage Planning, Design & Interpretation

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Fort Charlotte Heritage Tourism Attraction – Bahamas

Commonwealth undertook a pre-feasibility and concept development for the restoration of Fort Charlotte and the introduction of interpretive experiences in associated facilities to establish Fort Charlotte as a major tourism attraction. Prepared for the Lady Darling Foundation, the concept is now under consideration by the government and IDB for feasibility financing.

Master Planning Study for the Fraser - Fort George Regional Museum

We prepared a comprehensive master plan for the Fraser - Fort George Regional Museum in Prince George, British Columbia. The objective is to enable this established community-based museum to expand its facilities and its markets, reaching a broader audience through the introduction of more accessible exhibits and a range of popular special attractions. The plan would see the Museum establish partnerships with other community organizations (including the local First Nation) and with a private developer, who would leverage private financing to build a part of the new facilities.

Fort St. James National Historic Site, Fort St. James

Commonwealth was recently retained by Parks Canada to develop a management plan for the Fort St. James National Historic Site, a major heritage tourism attraction in North-Central British Columbia. Located on the shore of Stuart Lake, Fort St. James was the centre of the Hudson's Bay Company fur trade in northern BC from 1806 until 1952.

Old Fort William Program Review for MEDTT

Commonwealth was retained as heritage consultant by KPMG to assist in a program review of Old Fort William, a fur trading post interpreted to the early 1800s. It is a well-established living history site with substantial heritage value in both its material settings and interpretive programs. We inventoried the heritage components and assessed heritage value. Commonwealth and KPMG also assessed the operational aspects of each attraction and made recommendations for internal efficiencies and for alternative service delivery.

Lower Fort Garry

We participated in an investigation of the feasibility of introducing the interpretation of agricultural activity, including the possible reconstruction of agricultural buildings, at Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site north of Winnipeg.

The Forks, Winnipeg

Commonwealth participated in the development of an interpretive plan for The Forks, the confluence of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The product included integrated guidelines for use areas, the design and siting of public monuments and interpretive programming. Hotson Bakker Architects were the urban designers for the project, a partnership of public and private interests.

Fort Calgary

We undertook a long-term master plan for Fort Calgary, the former NWMP post in the Alberta city. The plan included a consideration of needs for interpretation, programming, development, marketing, and management.

Master Plan for Fort Steele Historic Town

We prepared a management and development plan for Fort Steele, a provincially-owned historic site and tourism attraction in the Kootenay region of British Columbia, which contains more than forty historic and new buildings. Work was concerned with long-range planning, site development, interpretation, programming, management, marketing, and operations. The client was the government of British Columbia.

