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As Executive Director of the National Trust for Canada, Natalie Bull leads a national charity that is part of a global network of organizations working to protect and celebrate places that matter. Natalie is committed to making the National Trust an essential source of proven tools and leadership for Canadians working to save and renew places that matter. The Trust's programs celebrate monuments and landmarks that tell our collective story, and also provide essential expertise for struggling downtowns, remote regions, and diverse communities.

Prior to joining the National Trust in 2006, Natalie was part of the City of Ottawa's heritage planning team, and later the federal government's Heritage Conservation Directorate within Public Works and Government Services Canada. A Fellow and former president of the

Association for Preservation Technology International, Natalie has worked with project teams at iconic places including the Bar U Ranch, Parliament Hill and the Vimy Monument in France, and led technical training courses on historic window conservation and building envelope issues in historic buildings.

Before leaving government Natalie had the privilege of working on assignment in Parks Canada as Manager of Project Certification for the Historic Places Initiative, where she coordinated and supported a national network of Certification Agents reviewing projects receiving funds from the Commercial Heritage Properties Incentive Fund, and gained hands-on experience with the Standards & Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.



## **Historic Neighbourhoods Are Complete Neighborhoods**

Inspired by movements like the New Urbanism, planners and placemakers since the 1980s have drawn on time-tested templates and traditions to create new built environments that learn from the past. But those older neighbourhoods are still an important part of the picture. They are surviving, evolving, facing new pressures, and telling new stories about their capacity for wellbeing, inclusion and regeneration. In Canada and elsewhere, historic districts are offering economic opportunities for start-ups and new beginnings for at-risk populations. Historic sites are capitalizing on the experiences they can offer to families of children with special needs, and heritage places are offering opportunities for inclusion and Reconciliation. This presentation will look at the relationship between people, historic places and quality of life, and a new movement of "reurbanism" that capitalizes on the value of older neighbourhoods and historic places as the building blocks for healthy, livable and sustainable communities.