



2010

Summer has breezed right by and now the winds of change are upon us. Leaves are changing colour and mother nature is threatening us with colder temperatures. We hope that you have enjoyed your summer; let's keep our fingers crossed for some extended sunshine!

Now is a great time to double check if your developments need *Historical Resources Act* clearance, a process which can take anywhere from 4 to 6 weeks if there are no issues. If issues arise, i.e., there are significant historic resources right smack in the middle of your development, your project can be delayed for quite a lengthy period of time. If you have any concerns, contact us, and we can clear it up for you.

### **Small Scale Oil & Gas Developments**

In Alberta, small scale oil and gas developments continue to be screened by the Listing of Historic Resources, which continues to be updated every March and September. If lands in your development get a hit on the Listing, you may need a Historic Resources Impact Assessment... and it's best to get this done sooner rather than later, as winter conditions can increase costs quite significantly. At minimum, you may need to submit a Statement of Justification for *Historical Resources Act* clearance.

If you have any questions or concerns, call us!

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See page 2 for a brief analysis on the September and March 2010 Listing of Historic Resources... 7,688 more sections now have hits!

### **Non-Energy Sector Developments**

If your development is not in the energy sector, you may still be subject to *Historical Resources Act* requirements. This was often done through the production of a Historic Resources Overview; this has now been replaced by the Statement of Justification (SoJ). The SoJ is still a desktop assessment of the potential of your development to contain historic resources. Review of the SoJ can take upwards of 4 to 6 weeks... let's not delay your development any further and get started on this right away!

If you have any concerns, contact us for a **free** valuation and estimate!

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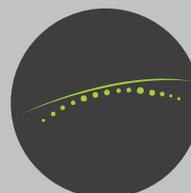
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### **Experience Archaeology in the Caribbean**

If you have always wanted to participate on an archaeology dig, and visit the Caribbean, you can now do both by joining the *St. Vincent and the Grenadines Public Archaeology Program*. This is a not-for-profit program designed to save and record a significant (i.e., cool) archaeology site while giving volunteers the experience of a lifetime. Don't delay! The program is scheduled to run from January 9 to February 5, 2011.



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## The Listing of Historic Resources... From March to September 2010

The Listing of Historic Resources is based on the potential for lands to contain intact historic resources, be it archaeological, palaeontological, traditional use or historic in nature. Lands are assigned Historic Resource Value (HRV) notations of 1 through 5, with 1 being reserved for Provincial Historic Resources and World Heritage Sites. As per Alberta Culture and Community Spirit (ACCS), other notations are defined as follows:

HRV 2: designated under the Act as a Municipal or Registered Historic Resource

HRV 3: contains a significant historic resource that will likely require avoidance

HRV 4: contains a historic resource that may require avoidance

HRV 5: believed to contain a historic resource

Further information, including instructions on how to use and interpret the Listing, can be found on: <http://culture.alberta.ca/heritage/resourcemanagement/landuseplanning/default.aspx>

Much of these notations are based on the presence of known historic resource sites. As such, sections with HRV notations continue to grow, with the identification of more sites during industry-sponsored HRIAs.

### March 2010 - Number of Sections with HRV notations

HRV	W4M	W5M	W6M	All
1	4928	1482	406	6816
2	2471	881	95	3447
3	11957	2218	149	14324
4	99402	44217	11649	155268
5	281935	98649	25644	406228
Total	400693	147447	37943	586083

### September 2010 - Number of Sections with HRV notations

HRV	W4M	W5M	W6M	All
1	4,905	1,508	406	6,819
2	2,467	876	95	3,438
3	12,169	2,273	149	14,591
4	102,397	46,043	13,363	161,803
5	282,699	98,793	25,628	407,120
Total	404,637	149,493	39,641	593,771

### March to September 2010 - Change

Qty Increase	3,944	2,046	1,698	7,688
% Increase	1.0%	1.4%	4.5%	1.3%

From March to September 2010, there has been an increase of 7,688 sections with HRV notations (1.3%). While a large number of these are west of the 4th Meridian, there has been a 4.5% increase of sections with HRV notations located west of the 6th Meridian. This speaks to both its relative size as well as some increased activity in this area.

These changes are reflected in an increased number of sections with HRV notations solely for archaeology (4,045), palaeontology (216) and the historic period (51), as well as those with a notation of 4c (3,376); this may indicate a requirement for Aboriginal consultation. Other categories (and combined categories) remain unchanged.

The Listing remains an invaluable tool in determining the potential of all sorts of developments to contain historic resources. When in doubt, rely on the services of a qualified and experienced historic resources consultant to solve any problems you might have.

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