

This Historic Home Bids You a Royal Welcome



THE ROLE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



*HER HONOUR  
THE HONOURABLE  
ANITA R. NEVILLE, P.C., O.M.*

Anita R. Neville was installed as Manitoba's 26th Lieutenant Governor on October 24, 2022.

The Lieutenant Governor is the representative of His Majesty,

The King of Canada in the Province of Manitoba, and as such, takes precedence over everyone in the province, except the Sovereign. The Lieutenant Governor is appointed by the Governor General, on the advice of the Prime Minister of Canada, for a period of not less than five years.

The most important duty of the vice-regal representative is to ensure that there is always a responsible government in power. All legislation must receive Royal Assent, via the signature of the Lieutenant Governor, before it becomes law. All Orders-In-Council and official proclamations are also signed by the Lieutenant Governor, in the name of The King. The Lieutenant Governor also delivers the Speech from the Throne at the beginning of each session of the Manitoba Legislature.

In addition to the Lieutenant Governor's constitutional role, Her Honour serves to celebrate, inspire and connect Manitobans, hosting and attending over 200 official, ceremonial, and community functions annually to fulfil her vice-regal responsibilities. This includes travel to every part of the province, meeting Manitobans where they live, work and play.

**THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALSO SERVES AS PATRON TO VARIOUS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT CHAMPION WORTHWHILE CAUSES AND ENRICH THE LIVES OF ALL MANITOBANS.**

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Welcome to  
**GOVERNMENT  
HOUSE**  
Manitoba's  
Ceremonial  
Home



Inside this magnificent home located at 10 Kennedy Street in Winnipeg, Manitoba, is an intriguing reflection of the past, a nod to the present where contemporary heroes are celebrated, and a glimpse of the future as Manitobans continue to come together and build community throughout our province and beyond.



**Built in 1883, this majestic, three-storey, Second Empire-style home is surrounded by beautifully maintained gardens that extend to the banks of the Assiniboine River.**

Situated on the southeast side of the Manitoba Legislative grounds, on Treaty One land, in the heart of the province's capital city, Government House is the official residence of Manitoba's Lieutenant Governor – the King's representative in our province – and belongs to all citizens.

Few buildings in Manitoba have achieved such remarkable longevity, while still serving their original purpose. Government House in Winnipeg is the fourth oldest Lieutenant Governor's residence and the fifth oldest Government House in Canada.

**IT CONTINUES TO BE AN IMPORTANT LANDMARK IN THE CITY AND AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE PROVINCE.**

### Designing a Unique Home with a Unique Purpose

A simplified version of Second Empire style was chosen for the home, to complement the second Manitoba Legislative Building which was also under construction at the time, but not completed until a year later, in 1884.

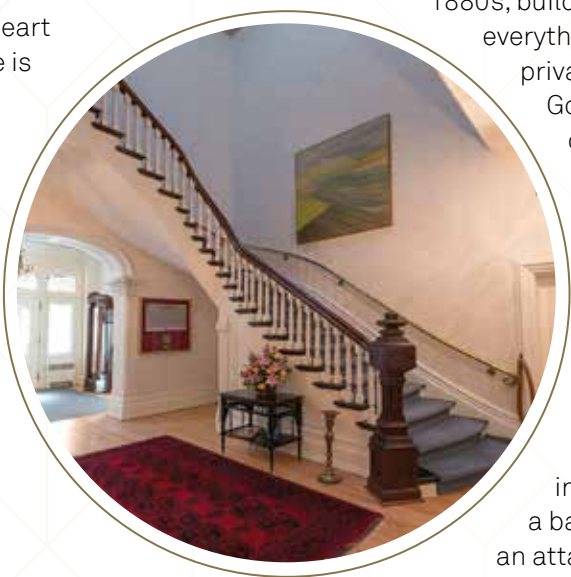
**KNOWN AS SECOND EMPIRE BECAUSE OF ITS POPULARITY IN FRANCE DURING THE SECOND NAPOLEONIC EMPIRE, THIS TYPE OF BUILDING WAS FIRST INTRODUCED TO CANADA IN THE 1860s.**

Its most prominent feature was a flat, steep-sided Mansard roof. During the early 1880s, builders in Winnipeg built everything from warehouses to private homes in this style. Government House is one of the few remaining examples of Second Empire architecture in Manitoba.

Naturally, Government House has undergone several renovations over the years. It now features more than 1850 sq. metres of living space, including 23 rooms, 11 bathrooms, a ballroom, flag tower, greenhouse and an attached garage.

### Welcoming Dignitaries

Many of the world's most famous and influential people have been guests at this stately home. The official guestbook includes the names of local heroes and international dignitaries, including Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Philip, former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Mother Teresa of Calcutta. In the summer months, events can be hosted on the home's spacious lawn.



On Empire Day, (now Victoria Day), May 24, 1939, during a cross-Canada tour with Queen Elizabeth, King George VI delivered a radio message to his entire empire, assuring his subjects of the strength and stability of the Crown. The desk at which the King sat to deliver his address remains in Government House to this day – an awe-inspiring piece of living history. Just four short months later he broadcast once again – this time from Buckingham Palace – that Britain was at war. This is the speech that was featured in the film *The King's Speech*.

### Celebrating Manitobans

The diversity of this great province provides opportunity for the Lieutenant Governor to officially recognize and honour Manitobans from all walks of life.

**THESE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH A VARIETY OF ENDEAVORS INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE, VOLUNTARISM, ELECTED OFFICE, YOUTH PROGRAMS, SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE.**

Throughout the years, Manitoba's Lieutenant Governors have established several award programs to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding achievements of Manitobans who have brought honour to the province and enriched local, national and international communities.

**THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IS ALSO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ORDER OF MANITOBA – THE PROVINCE'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONOUR – ESTABLISHED IN 1999 TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED EXCELLENCE IN THEIR FIELDS, BENEFITTING THE SOCIAL, CULTURAL OR ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF MANITOBA AND ITS RESIDENTS.**

### Artists Tell Our Story

Manitoba artists, past and present, are honoured at Government House through the display of selected works throughout the home. Canvases portray the richness of prairie lifestyle and landscape and remind visitors of the tremendous wealth of creative talent that thrives in our province. Alongside an impressive group of six large stone carvings by Inuit artists, the work of celebrated contemporary artists, such as Wanda Koop, are also proudly represented. "Emmett," a ceramic work by prairie artist Joe Fafard, and "Group of Buffalo on the Prairies," a painting by renowned Canadian artist, Frederick Arthur Verner, are also prominently displayed.