

Barn Restoration Project

In November 2015 an engineering assessment of the condition of the historic structures on Ministers Island revealed significant signs of decay and rot threatening the integrity of the iconic Van Horne barn. Water penetrating the building was identified as the cause of most of the deterioration. The extensive preservation work required will be conducted in three phases with the most critical elements being addressed first. The Phases 1 & 2 work are now completed and we are continuing with Phase 3. Once all phases are completed we will look to convert the interior of the building to a space for educational, cultural and community activities and festivals. Your support can help make it happen!

PHASE 1

SILO REPAIRS

Replace silo roofs and vents; tie silos to main barn roof; repair and reshingle walls of silos; repair wooden wall between silos; and repair supporting columns in the basement livestock area.



PHASE 2

FOUNDATION & WINDOW REPAIRS

Work entails repairs to: eave boards; ends of decaying joists; interior truss; wall repairs; windows; fracture foundation; repointing east wall; silo floor repairs; and barn foundation repair.



PHASE 3

SITE DRAINAGE, ROOF & SIDING REPLACEMENT

Replace metal roof and exterior panels with cedar shingles to restore the barn to its original design; fix floor slab to prevent frost action; & improve site drainage.

