



Adapting Canada's Built Legacy Webinar Series

Part 2 (2026): June 17, 2026

Historic Masonry Conservation from the Contractor's Lens

Speaker Biographies

Session 1: Restoring Remnants: The Wharf Street Retaining Wall Project

Gavin Chamberlain

Gavin Chamberlain

Founder of Heritage Masonry
Victoria, BC

Gavin is the founder and heart and soul of Heritage Masonry. Although a Canadian by birth, he was raised in the pastoral countryside of England's Lake District, the place where he fell in love with rebuilding traditional dry stone walls. With a passion for stonemasonry in the European tradition, he moved to Victoria, BC and started Heritage Masonry in 2011. Now over a decade later and with a Gold Seal Certification in Project Management, he continues to be the business developer and our man about town. Certificate in Cultural & Heritage Venue Protection (American University of Rome/Trident Manor); and training in Marine/Foreshore Archaeology. He has also completed ICCROM/WHITRAP training in China on impact assessments for heritage and ICCROM/Athabasca University training on communication and teaching skills for conservation. He is a registered professional planner (MCIP, RPP), Professional Member of the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals (CAHP) and holds a Certified Institutional Protection Manager Level II (CIPM II) certification from the International Foundation for Cultural Property Protection (IFCPP).



Session 2: Conservation of Historic Canadian Dry Stone Walls

John Scott

John Scott

President of Dry Stone Canada Co-operative
Brighton, ON

John Scott is a conservation stonemason with a lifelong passion for dry stone wall construction. Apprenticed on Ottawa's parliament buildings, John has worked with government and private restoration crews across Canada. Professionally, John redesigned and co-ordinated the Heritage Masonry program at Algonquin College in Perth, Ontario, teaching courses in architectural conservation and stonemasonry restoration. John has travelled extensively to better understand traditional stonemasonry around the world, and now leads Dry Stone Canada Co-operative, a professional team of certified dry stone wall craftspeople. John is a Level II Dry Stone Waller through the Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain and is a US-certified trainer with the Dry Stone Walling Association of Canada. John holds a Diploma in Heritage Masonry, an Applied Degree majoring in Conservation and Business Administration, and is a licensed Red Seal Stonemason with 30 years of experience at Canadian heritage sites.

