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Agents of Discovery Wins Heritage BC Award with Trethewey House Heritage Site Prestigious Award Won in the Category of Heritage Education and Awareness

**Abbotsford, BC, March 20, 2018:** Agents of Discovery, in partnership with Heritage Abbotsford Society, has won a <u>Heritage BC Recognition Award</u> in the category of Heritage Education and Awareness. The Heritage BC Award recognizes and celebrates the outstanding, impressive, and significant achievements in heritage conservation among individuals, organizations, groups, businesses, and government in communities across B.C.

<u>Heritage Abbotsford Society</u> operates <u>Trethewey House Heritage Site</u> through a feefor-service with the City of Abbotsford. As part of its operations, the Society has implemented Agents of Discovery, a platform and mobile game that gets kids active and learning about the world around them.

"We are motivated by bringing innovative education to communities and we are thrilled to have won this year's Heritage BC Award with Trethewey House Heritage Site," said Mary Clark, CEO of Agents of Discovery. "Trethewey House has done an absolutely fantastic job at using our platform to create compelling and exciting games for their visitors."

Trethewey House Heritage Site uses Agents of Discovery as a fun and innovative way of engaging visitors with Abbotsford's rich history.

"We have seen a tremendous boost in engagement from our visitors after implementing Agents of Discovery," said Christina Reid, Executive Director of Trethewey House. "We were so thrilled to have received this award and be recognized for the effort and passion we put into educating our community with Abbotsford's history."

The presentation of awards will take place at the annual conference in New Westminster on May 11, 2018.

To play the Trethewey House Heritage Site's Mission, download the Agents of Discovery app on <u>Google Play</u> or the <u>App Store</u>, then download the Trethewey House Heritage Site Mission. No data or WiFi is required to play the Mission once it has been downloaded.

## **About Heritage Abbotsford Society**

Heritage Abbotsford Society is the registered charity which operates Trethewey House Heritage Site under a fee-for-service Agreement with the City of Abbotsford. The Mission of the Society is to be the memory of the community by preserving and interpreting its history. Functions of this mandate are to preserve, study and exhibit artifacts and archival material, and to educate and entertain the public. Operating from the Heritage Site, the Society provides heritage and youth educational programming and events to thousands of Abbotsford residents and visitors of all ages every year. Educational programs and activities include tours of Trethewey House, and the Upper Sumas BCER station, exhibits and displays, including the one-room schoolhouse experience and the Heritage Gallery exhibits, along with walking tours, heritage-themed events and workshops, interpretive educational and outreach programs, and summer camps for youth and children. For more information, please visit www.tretheweyhouse.ca/

## **About Agents of Discovery**

Agents of Discovery, winner of the 2016 Best App-Based Game at the European Conference on Game Based Learning, is an innovative educational tech platform that utilizes web, mobile and the latest in augmented reality technologies to get kids active and learning about the world around them. Agents of Discovery provides educators with a unique way to gamify information, incentivizing kids to be active while learning and exploring. The easy-to-use Mission Maker allows educators to pull challenges from their extensive Agency Library or to create customized content specific to their site. Educators can then easily publish Missions for kids to complete on tablets or their own smart devices. For more information, please visit www.agentsofdiscovery.com

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