



6.7 HERITAGE

As of 1997, there are three federally designated or recognized heritage sites:

*Gulf of Georgia Cannery
 Britannia Heritage Shipyard
 Ewen Cattle Barn*

There are seven heritage sites owned by the City:

*London Farm
 Minoru Chapel
 Branscombe House
 Britannia Heritage Shipyard
 Scotch Pond
 Rod & Gun Club
 Steveston Museum*



Minoru Chapel

ISSUE:

Heritage is anything of a physical, cultural, or social nature that is unique to and valued by a community, and can be passed from generation to generation. Richmond's unique heritage can be characterized by the following themes: agriculture, e.g. barns, farm fields; fishing, e.g. canneries, the Salmon festival; transportation, e.g. historic airport hangars, the Interurban; Steveston, e.g. Moncton Street, small lot residential; early settlement areas, eg. Native or Finnish settlements; and public life, e.g., Minoru Chapel, General Currie School.

The success of Richmond's heritage program is illustrated by the numerous volunteers committed to a variety of heritage projects, the diversity of resources that have been conserved, and the range of programs and opportunities available to learn about Richmond's past. However, as Richmond changes and grows, heritage resources are in danger of being lost. The Richmond heritage program is based on the following objectives.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Encourage the community to continue its vital contribution in keeping heritage alive and active in Richmond.

POLICIES:

- a) Utilize a Heritage Commission to provide advice to Council on heritage-related matters, undertake heritage activities, and liaise with the heritage community;
- b) Support the work of the many active heritage groups in Richmond through the issuing of community grants, advice and assistance from staff, and other means;
- c) Encourage members of the community to volunteer on the Heritage Commission or with one of the many non-profit community-based heritage groups.



OBJECTIVE 2:

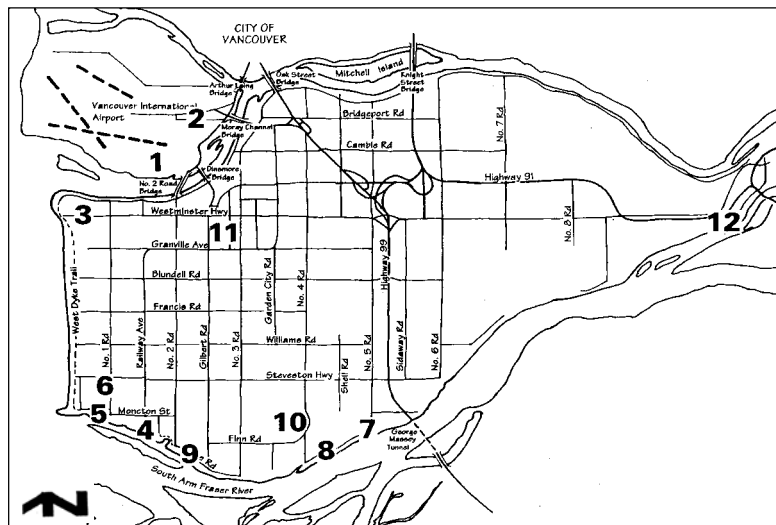
Promote the conservation of heritage resources.

POLICIES:

- a) Require the conservation of known archaeological sites in accordance with Provincial legislation, and require pre-development investigations or monitoring of sites identified as having known archaeological deposits;
- b) Continue the City’s commitment to City-owned heritage buildings and resources, and encourage them to be operated in an economically viable manner, using a variety of methods;
- c) Encourage the voluntary conservation of private heritage resources in their original context, including offering incentives where appropriate;
- d) Encourage the relocation of valued heritage structures to other sites where it is not feasible to retain the building, or encourage the preservation of historic elements where it is not feasible to conserve whole buildings;
- e) Utilize conservation tools available through the Municipal Act, where appropriate, including Heritage Revitalization Agreements, a Heritage Register, Conservation Areas, or Temporary Heritage Protection;
- f) Recognize the importance of heritage areas, e.g. Steveston, and incorporate special conservation policies for these heritage areas;

Heritage Areas

- 1 Vancouver International Airport, South Airport Area (S. Terminal)
- 2 Burkeville
- 3 Terra Nova
- 4 Steveston Cannery Channel
- 5 Steveston Business District
- 6 Steveston Townsite Residential
- 7 Woodward’s Landing
- 8 Finn Slough
- 9 London Farm, London’s Landing and London’s Wharf
- 10 South Arm Slough District
- 11 Minoru Park
- 12 South Dyke Fishing Village





- g) Adopt, wherever feasible, special zoning regulations and development guidelines for the preservation and enhancement of the character of heritage resources;
- h) Recognize the value of the heritage resources identified on the Heritage Inventory by working with property owners and the community to achieve mutually beneficial objectives.

OBJECTIVE 3:

Promote heritage and provide heritage programs in Richmond.

POLICIES:

- a) Support the awareness and recognition of heritage through special events, e.g. Heritage Week; signage, e.g. trails; tours, e.g. barn tour; programs, e.g. conservation techniques; or displays, e.g. museum; that permit the residents of Richmond to experience, and learn about, Richmond’s past;
- b) Recognize the role of the City of Richmond Archives as a source of information about Richmond’s past, and strive to ensure its accessibility to the public.

OBJECTIVE 4:

Encourage an entrepreneurial approach to the management of heritage.

POLICIES:

- a) Pursue partnerships with the private sector for the conservation and recognition of heritage;
- b) Pursue grants from other levels of government and granting institutions;
- c) In development situations, work with the owners of heritage resources to address the goals of the applicant and the City;
- d) Enhance the tourism and business potential of heritage sites and activities through joint promotion and marketing with tourism and business groups.



Ewen Barn is a national historic site

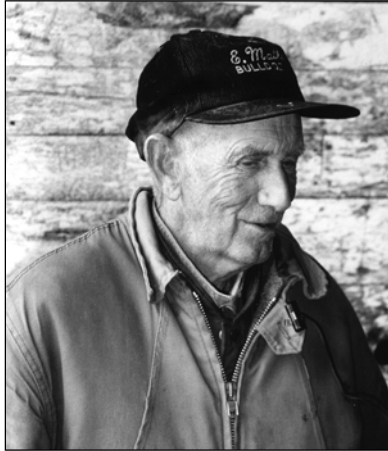


OBJECTIVE 5:

Continue to learn about the past and plan for the future of heritage in Richmond.

POLICIES:

- a) Continue to collect information on and interpret Richmond's past;
- b) Update the heritage inventory to ensure that the listed heritage resources represent the community's values and meet the established criteria;
- c) Encourage heritage conservation plans for important heritage resources;
- d) Encourage staff, the City Heritage Commission and other heritage groups to work together for an integrated and planned approach to the management of heritage resources.



Hugh McNair, member of one of Richmond's pioneer farming families, served on the City's Heritage Commission