

Heritage in Richmond Hot Facts

What is Heritage?

A heritage resource can be an old barn or church, a tree or garden, railway tracks, a burial site, a slough or a festival. Essentially, a “heritage resource” is anything of a physical, cultural or social nature that is unique to and valued by a community, and that can be passed from generation to generation.

Richmond’s Heritage Conservation Program

The viability of Richmond’s heritage program is illustrated by the number of volunteers committed to conservation projects, the diversity of resources that have been conserved, and the range of programs and opportunities available to learn about Richmond’s past.

Richmond Heritage Commission

Members of the Richmond Heritage Commission are appointed by City Council (on a voluntary basis) to advise on heritage issues.

If interested, please call the Richmond Heritage Planner or Heritage Commission Chair at 604-276-4000.

OCP – Heritage Policies

To review existing *OCP-Heritage Policies*, please follow the link below.

http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/67_heritage513.pdf

For further information please contact the Heritage Planner at 604-276-4000.

Steveston Village Conservation Program

In 2009, the City approved an innovative conservation program in Steveston Village. To view the complete *Steveston Village Conservation Program*, please follow the link below.

http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2009/SVCP_CNCL_042709.htm

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Heritage Themes

Richmond’s unique history can be characterized by eight (8) main heritage themes:

- Aboriginal Use
- Agriculture
- Fishing
- Transportation
- Cultural Diversity
- Early Settlement Areas
- Steveston

For Privately-Owned Heritage Resources

The Policy Planning Department is responsible for working with the private sector to explore how the conservation of privately-owned resources can be achieved. For further information please contact the Heritage Planner at 604-276-4000.

For City-Owned Heritage Resources

The Cultural Services Division is responsible for managing city-owned assets. For further information please contact the Coordinator of Museums and Heritage sites at 604-276-4000.

Buildings

Buildings have been the most common focus of heritage conservation. In the City's Heritage Inventory, there are eighty-three (83) identified heritage buildings or sites in Richmond.

Federally Designated

Two (2) of the identified heritage buildings/sites have received Federal designation:

- Gulf of Georgia Cannery (Federally-owned)
- Britannia Heritage Shipyard (City-owned)

City Designated

There are fifteen (15) City designated heritage sites, eight (8) of which are owned by the City:

- Scotch Pond
- Britannia Shipyard
- Steveston Museum
- Minoru Chapel
- London Farm
- Pierrefonds Garden
- Brighthouse Trees
- Redwood Trees

Seven (7) City designated buildings are privately-owned. One of these buildings is owned by the Richmond Board of Education (General Currie School).

Trees, Gardens, Archaeology Sites and other Heritage Resources

Richmond's history is also represented by diverse other resources. Railway tracks, telephone poles, sloughs, festivals, archaeological sites and trees/landscapes may represent the past. Currently there are over 110 heritage trees (including groups of trees) and 73 archaeological sites (including sloughs).



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