

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

The Heritage Commission is a body of nine members of the public appointed by Council to advise them on heritage conservation and promotion matters and to undertake and provide support for activities that benefit heritage in the City of Richmond.

The members are appointed on the basis of their interest in local heritage conservation, architecture and planning, building construction, business or economic development, tourism and history. Liaisons from Council and City staff are appointed to work with the Commission.

For more information, please contact the staff liaison to the Heritage Commission at 604-247-4626.

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.

[Steveston Village Conservation Program](#)

Heritage Themes

Richmond’s unique history can be characterized by seven (7) 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 more information, please contact the Policy Planning Department at 604-276-4188.

For City-Owned Heritage Resources

The Community Services Department is responsible for managing City-owned assets. For more information, please contact Arts, Culture, and Heritage Services at 604-276-4000.



Buildings

Buildings have been the most common focus of heritage conservation. In Richmond's Heritage Inventory, there are eighty (80) identified heritage buildings or sites in Richmond. For more information on Richmond's Heritage Inventory, please follow the links below:

[Heritage Inventory Overview](#)

[Online Heritage Inventory](#)

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 107 heritage trees (including groups of trees) and 73 archaeological sites (including sloughs).



For Further Information:

Please contact the Policy Planning Department at 604-276-4188 or communityplanning@richmond.ca.

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