



HeritageBC



Annual Report 2015



Message from the Chair

Looking back at 2015, Heritage BC has continued to grow in directions that raise awareness and build capacity for heritage conservation in communities across the Province of British Columbia.

Heritage BC delivered \$75,000 in grants from the Heritage Legacy Fund (HLF) through which we supported 12 capital projects to conserve historic places and other cultural heritage resources, and 5 heritage awareness projects. Eligibility for grants is open to not-for-profit and charitable organizations, First Nations and local governments. In 2015, HLF grant recipients were diverse in geographic reach and included not only buildings, but also Catalina Aircraft, Quesnel's water wheel and the industrial landscape of the Pacific Cannery National Historic Site in Port Edward.

This year we connected 87 participants in our successful educational webinars and expanded from our core offerings (e.g. Heritage Basics and Writing Statements of Significance), to new and emerging topics in B.C. (Heritage Conservation, Sustainability and Climate Change). Membership increased to 264 and members were engaged more through social media including our fresh new E-Update Bulletins in addition to the longstanding Heritage Quarterly Magazine. The "Main Thing" conference in Rossland was an ideal place to meet people in the West Kootenays and learn from the host city about success in historic downtown revitalization.

Leading and supporting a better understanding of heritage in geographic, social, cultural and ethnic communities is central to our increasing role as a service provider. Working with several Provincial ministries, we launched the "Get on the Map" series. Developed through public input, the first map is World Wars Monuments and Memorials in BC. Through the partnership with the Ministry of International Trade, and the Heritage Branch, Heritage BC managed a public process for the Chinese Historic Places Recognition Project, and created a map of the 77 nominated sites.

On behalf of Heritage BC, I am proud of these accomplishments in 2015, and the great efforts of Executive Director, Kathryn Molloy, and the staff team. I would like to thank each and every Board member for their dedication of time, knowledge and expertise to our committees and sharing with us the perspective of members and the broader community in their local regions.

In 2016, I will step aside as Chair and take on the role of Past Chair to fill the big shoes of Janice Henry, who is leaving the Board early to transition into her new life as a retiree in Palm Springs! I would like to thank Janice for her commitment to Heritage BC, and the wealth of experience that she brought to the Board as Executive Director of the Central Okanagan Heritage Society.



Helen Cain
Board Chair



Message from the Executive Director

2016 will mark Heritage BC's 35th anniversary. In reflecting back on our accomplishments in 2015, I am very proud of how far we've come in the past year, and indeed, in our 35 year history.

2015 was a very successful year for membership engagement, as our membership grew threefold, and members participated in many of our programs, including expanded webinar offerings and our conference held in the beautiful mountain town of Rossland.

We also were very proud to have worked with the Province of British Columbia and the Legacy Initiatives Advisory Council on a series of projects that grew out of the Historic Wrongs Consultation Report and the need to recognize Chinese Historic Places in B.C.

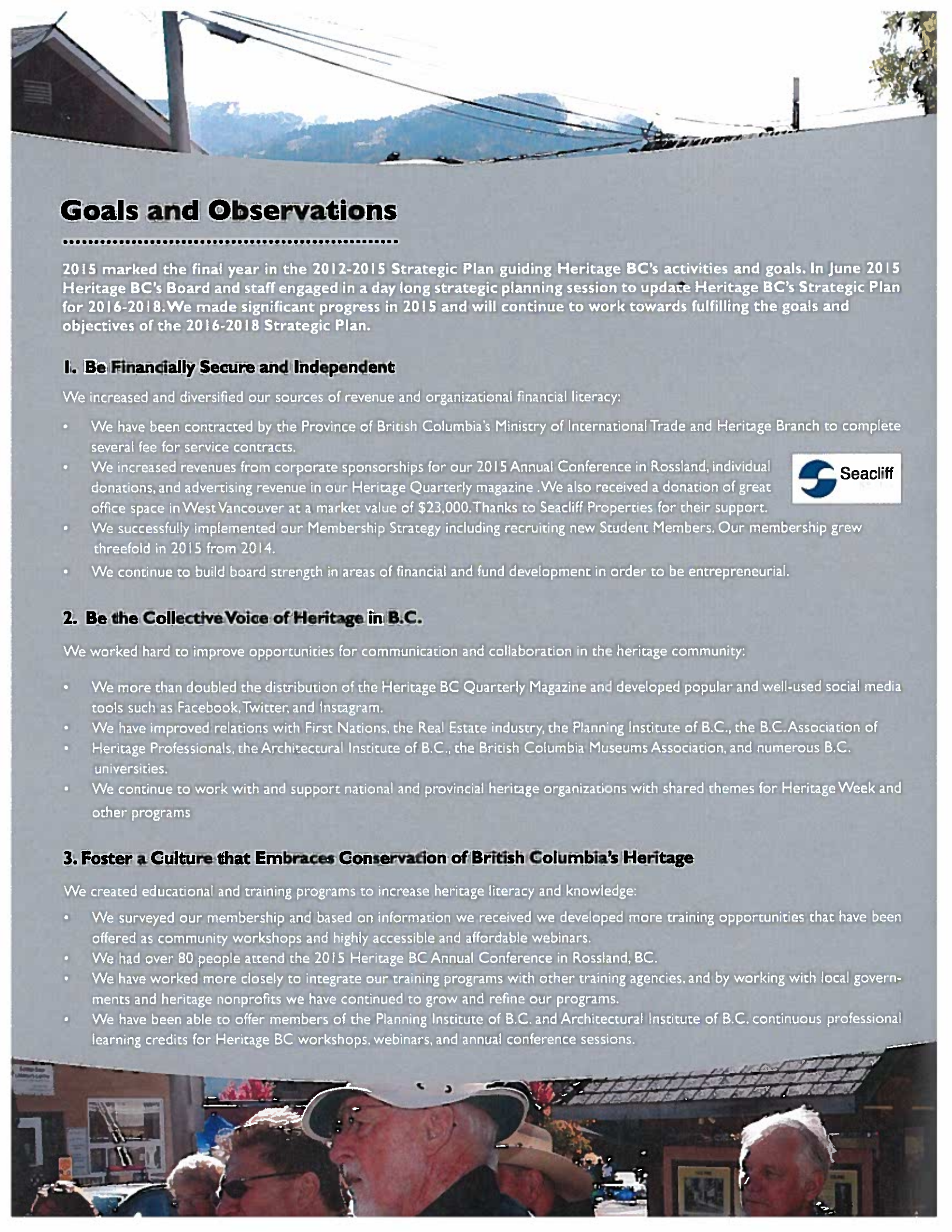
I am particularly proud of the work we've accomplished in bringing together heritage conservation, sustainability, and climate change, a topic close to my heart. Working on behalf of Heritage BC RDH has researched a potential program aimed at funding climate change mitigations in heritage buildings. Heritage BC presented on this topic at the National Trust annual conference in Calgary in October 2015, as well as explored this topic in a special issue of our Heritage Quarterly magazine and a webinar developed and delivered in November 2015.

In expanding the conversation around heritage to include discussions of culture, intangible heritage, connections to the arts, tourism, and climate change we are excited about the future of Heritage BC.



Kathryn Molloy
Executive Director





Goals and Observations

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2015 marked the final year in the 2012-2015 Strategic Plan guiding Heritage BC's activities and goals. In June 2015 Heritage BC's Board and staff engaged in a day long strategic planning session to update Heritage BC's Strategic Plan for 2016-2018. We made significant progress in 2015 and will continue to work towards fulfilling the goals and objectives of the 2016-2018 Strategic Plan.

I. Be Financially Secure and Independent

We increased and diversified our sources of revenue and organizational financial literacy:

- We have been contracted by the Province of British Columbia's Ministry of International Trade and Heritage Branch to complete several fee for service contracts.
- We increased revenues from corporate sponsorships for our 2015 Annual Conference in Rossland, individual donations, and advertising revenue in our Heritage Quarterly magazine. We also received a donation of great office space in West Vancouver at a market value of \$23,000. Thanks to Seaclyff Properties for their support.
- We successfully implemented our Membership Strategy including recruiting new Student Members. Our membership grew threefold in 2015 from 2014.
- We continue to build board strength in areas of financial and fund development in order to be entrepreneurial.



2. Be the Collective Voice of Heritage in B.C.

We worked hard to improve opportunities for communication and collaboration in the heritage community:


- We more than doubled the distribution of the Heritage BC Quarterly Magazine and developed popular and well-used social media tools such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- We have improved relations with First Nations, the Real Estate industry, the Planning Institute of B.C., the B.C. Association of Heritage Professionals, the Architectural Institute of B.C., the British Columbia Museums Association, and numerous B.C. universities.
- We continue to work with and support national and provincial heritage organizations with shared themes for Heritage Week and other programs

3. Foster a Culture that Embraces Conservation of British Columbia's Heritage

We created educational and training programs to increase heritage literacy and knowledge:

- We surveyed our membership and based on information we received we developed more training opportunities that have been offered as community workshops and highly accessible and affordable webinars.
- We had over 80 people attend the 2015 Heritage BC Annual Conference in Rossland, BC.
- We have worked more closely to integrate our training programs with other training agencies, and by working with local governments and heritage nonprofits we have continued to grow and refine our programs.
- We have been able to offer members of the Planning Institute of B.C. and Architectural Institute of B.C. continuous professional learning credits for Heritage BC workshops, webinars, and annual conference sessions.





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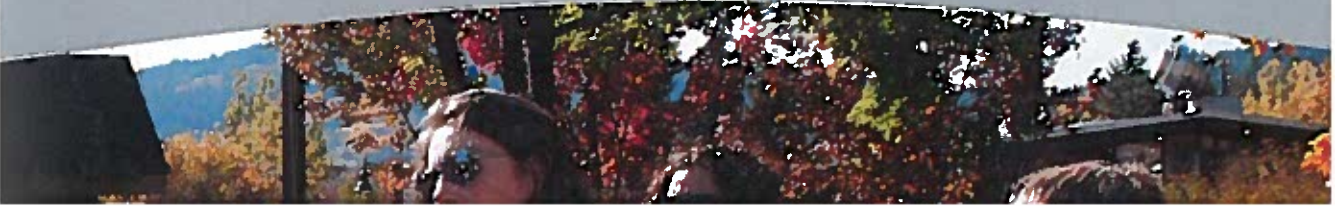
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The Heritage Legacy Fund



In 2004, the Province of B.C. established the Heritage Legacy Fund — a \$5 million provincial fund and appointed Heritage BC as the Fund Adviser. Using the endowment income, Heritage BC has awarded over one hundred grants since 2005, providing more than \$1.35 million to over 59 community initiatives.

In 2015 we awarded \$75,000 to the following communities spread across

District of Wells – Cariboo: \$2,250

District of Saanich – Vancouver Island/Coast: \$1,500

Heritage Vancouver Society – Mainland/Southwest: \$1,500

Village of Alert Bay – Vancouver Island/Coast: \$3,500

Advantage Hope – Mainland/Southwest: \$2,250

West Vancouver Historical Society – Mainland/Southwest: \$8,000

Unitarian Church of Vancouver – Mainland/Southwest: \$6,000

Lac La Hache Historical Society – Cariboo: \$3,000

Green Door Society – Vancouver Island/Coast: \$3,000

Gabriola Arts Council – Vancouver Island/Coast: \$4,500

City of Quesnel – Cariboo: \$6,000

Catalina Preservation Society – Vancouver Island/Coast: \$3,000

Potato House Sustainable Community Society – Cariboo: \$8,000

Central BC Railway & Forestry Museum – Cariboo: \$5,000

SS Sicamous Society – Thompson-Okanagan: \$1,600

Port Edward Historical Society – North Coast: \$5,900

Ktunaxa First Nation – Kootenay: \$10,000





Heritage BC Awards

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The Heritage BC Awards Program recognizes achievement by individuals, associations, businesses, and governments in the field of heritage conservation. We celebrate the stories and images of award-winning conservation projects, inspirational advocacy and planning initiatives, interesting and valuable books, and the dedicated people who bring heritage alive. The Awards program was re-evaluated in 2015, and addition to the Heritage Conservation and Ruby Nobbs Volunteer Award, two new separate categories were created: Heritage Education & Awareness; Heritage Planning & Management. The timing of the Awards program and Gala was also changed in 2015. Instead of coinciding with the Annual Conference, the Awards Gala was changed to Heritage Week in February to better honour and promote award winners.



Annual Conference

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For 2015 Heritage BC took the Annual Conference on the road to the beautiful alpine town of Revelstoke. More than 80 delegates attended the three-day conference that included two days of intensive workshops and speakers, walking and driving tours of the area, and a Prospector's Dinner at the historic Miners' Hall, complete with fiddle and can-can dancers.

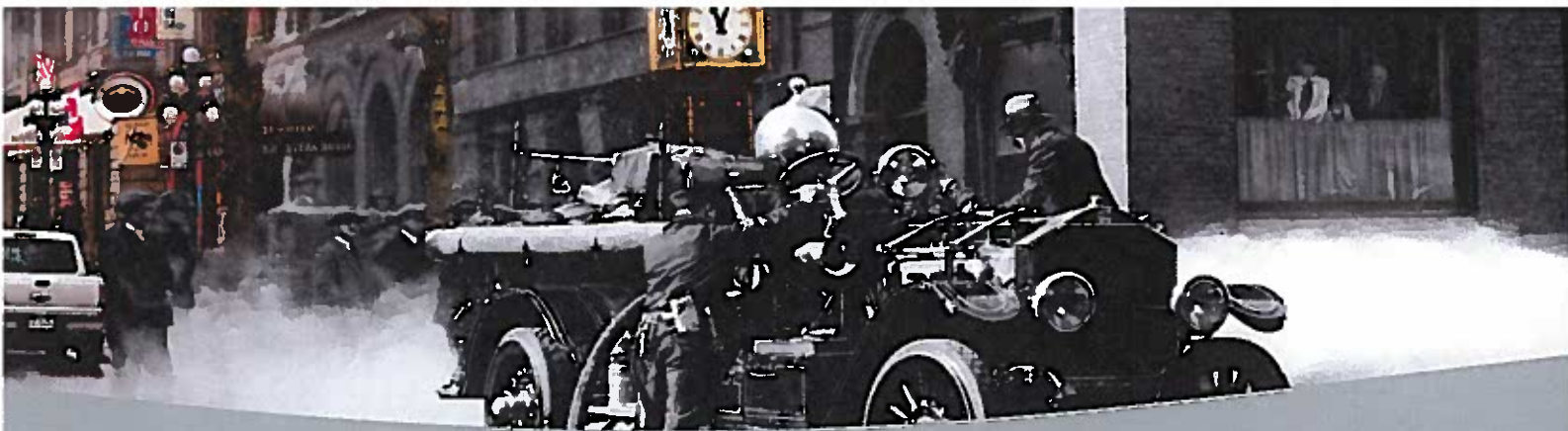
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Heritage Week 2015

The theme for Heritage Week 2015 was "Main Street: At the Heart of the Community," and Heritage BC helped to celebrate that theme through a special webinar on "Dynamic Downtowns" presented by Maria Stanborough, Heritage Week poster featuring Merging Time images created by Langara College photography students, and a Heritage Week contest for innovative Heritage Week events.

Training & Skills Development

Heritage BC delivers expertise and capacity building to communities and organizations through interactive hands-on workshops and webinars. In 2015 Heritage BC provided workshops and presentations for the City of Nanaimo, Bowen Heritage, and the City of Delta. Heritage BC also presented 26 webinar sessions, including new topics: Heritage Legislation in BC; Heritage Conservation Areas; Heritage, Sustainability, and Climate Change.

SALE & ADAPTIVE REUSE OF MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL

The objective of this RFP is to secure a new owner for the 1914 Mountain View School Building. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to acquire one of the most iconic buildings in the City of Revelstoke. The successful proponent will recognize the historical importance of the 1914 Mountain View School Building and must be prepared to commit the necessary resources for its adaptive reuse.

The Mountain View School site is centrally located in a prime urban residential setting overlooking the Columbia River.

Through this RFP, the School District is prepared to sell the Mountain View School Building and Lands. The RFP may be viewed on BC Bid (www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca). The RFP closes on June 14, 2016, 2:00 pm, local time.



The contact Person for the RFP is:

Ms. Anne Cooper, Superintendent (ret.)
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Board of Education of School District No. 19 (Revelstoke)

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Fee for Service Projects

Chinese Historic Places Recognition Project

Following the nomination process for the Chinese Historic Places Recognition Project, Heritage BC was contracted by the Ministry of International Trade and the Heritage Branch to create an interactive online map illustrating the locations of the historic places, along with brief descriptions, heritage values statements, and images, with links to further information. The Chinese Historic Places Interactive Map was launched on Heritage BC's website in May 2015, and serves as an educational tool to promote Chinese Canadian history in British Columbia.



Identifying Vancouver Chinatown Intangible Heritage Values

In August 2015 Heritage BC was contracted by the Ministry of International Trade to identify the intangible heritage values of Vancouver's Chinatown, another project that grew out of the Chinese Historic Wrongs Consultation Report. Although there has been previous recognition of Vancouver's Chinatown as a heritage site, there is fear that the intangible heritage and cultural values, those difficult to define in terms of architectural and physical features, have not been clearly captured. Heritage BC conducted two identifying heritage values workshops, and gathered further information through an online form on Heritage BC's website, in order for the public to identify the aspects of Vancouver's Chinatown that they value, including traditions, activities, sights, and sounds. This information was drafted into a report along with five key recommendations to help inform decision-making concerning all of those aspects of what makes Vancouver's Chinatown special, unique, and culturally significant to the City of Vancouver, the province of British Columbia, and Canada as a whole.

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Stop of Interest Signs Assessment

Working on behalf of the Province of B.C.'s Heritage Branch, Heritage BC launched a crowd sourced program to locate and visually assess the condition of the Stop of Interest signs found throughout British Columbia. Using an online form on Heritage BC's website and social media, Heritage BC sought public input to gauge the present location, condition and content of the Stop of Interest signs as a first step in creating a contemporary inventory to start planning for the future of the Stop of Interest signs program in British Columbia.

Heritage Capacity and Economic Impact Surveys

Heritage BC has been working with the Province of B.C.'s Heritage Branch to distribute the annual Heritage Capacity Survey and Economic Impact Survey to municipalities, regional districts, and organizations throughout British Columbia. The information gathered through these surveys helps to assess heritage conservation capacity across the province and the impact that heritage conservation activities have on the overall economy of British Columbia. Heritage BC will be distributing the surveys in the spring of 2016.

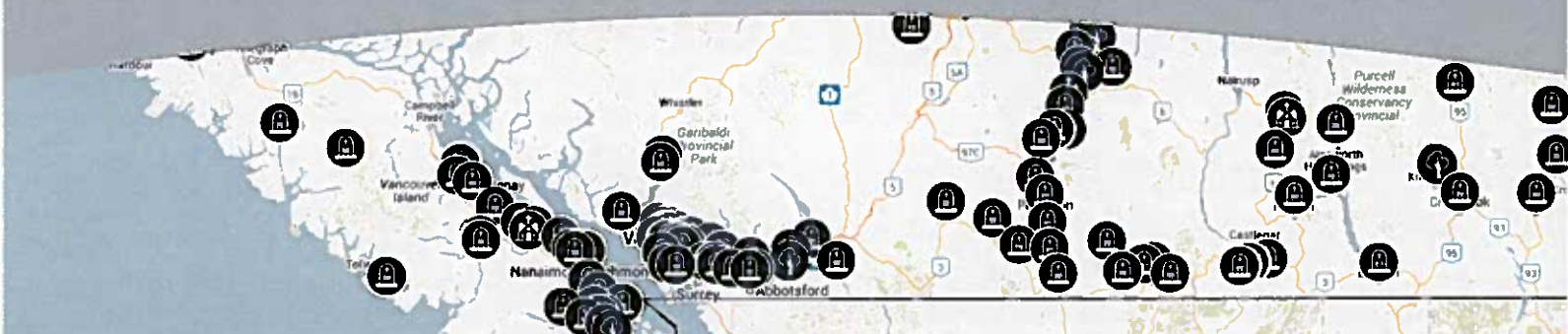
Other Projects

War Memorials Interactive Map

In November 2015 Heritage BC launched a crowd sourcing campaign seeking public input for a war memorials and monuments project commemorating Canada's contribution in the two World Wars from a B.C. perspective. With funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage's World War Commemorations Community Fund, Young Canada Works, the Heritage Legacy Fund, and generous in-kind support from Split Mango Web Designs, Heritage BC created an interactive map of B.C.'s war monuments and memorials to serve as a valuable educational resource about Canada's war effort and the effects on local communities.

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