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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

**DATE:** 2016 October 25

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

**FILE:** 1650 01  
*Reference: Heritage Interpretive Plaque*

**SUBJECT: FREDERICK & ALICE HART ESTATE "AVALON" –  
HERITAGE SITE INTERPRETIVE PLAQUE,  
6664 DEER LAKE AVENUE**

**PURPOSE:** To seek approval for the final design of the interpretive plaque for the Frederick and Alice Hart Estate "Avalon".

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** Council be requested to approve the design and installation of the interpretive plaque for the Frederick and Alice Hart Estate "Avalon," as outlined in this report.

**REPORT**

On 13 June 2016, Council approved the design and installation of an interpretive plaque for the Frederick and Alice Hart Estate "Avalon". The design for the interpretive plaque was subject to final review and approval by the Community Heritage Commission and Council.

A final design has been completed (see *Attachment #1*) and is now submitted for the consideration of the Community Heritage Commission.

*L. Hamett,*  
for: Lou Pelletier, Director  
PLANNING AND BUILDING

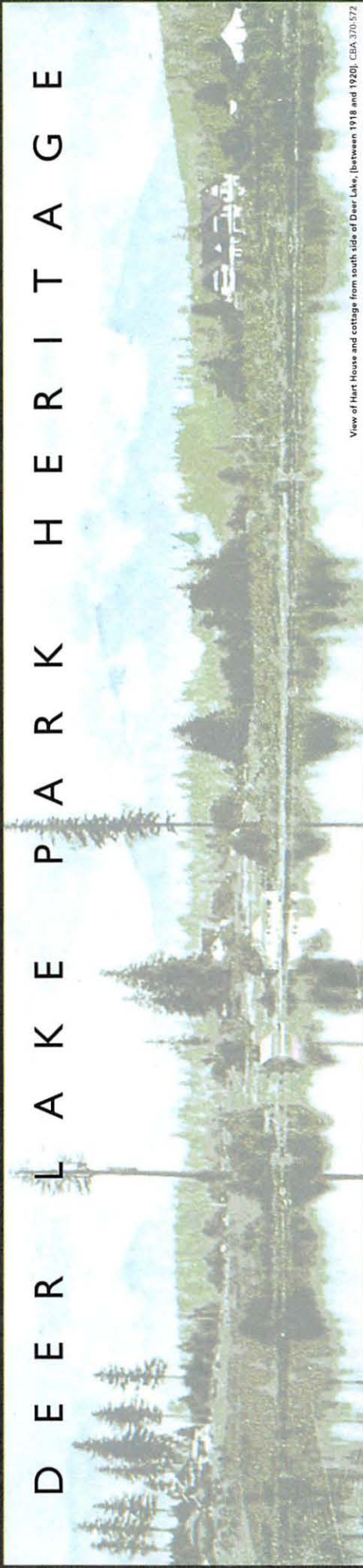
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Director Engineering  
Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services  
City Clerk

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# DEER LAKE PARK HERITAGE



View of Hart House and cottage from south side of Deer Lake, [between 1918 and 1920]. CBA 370-572

## "Avalon" Frederick & Alice Hart Estate, 1912

"Avalon" was built by local real estate agent, Frederick John Hart (1868-1945), and his wife Alice Chapman Hart (1867-1935). Born on the Avalon Peninsula in Newfoundland, Frederick Hart came to New Westminster in 1890. He purchased this site on the shore of Deer Lake in 1904 as a summer retreat for his wife and children, Kingsley and Florence. In 1912, the Harts decided to build an estate and they chose the talented Burnaby architect, Frank W. Macey to design this mansion.

The British Columbian newspaper noted that F.J. Hart's "beautiful home...will be one of the handsomest in Burnaby when completed, costing it is estimated, nearly \$50,000." The home is designed in the Tudor Revival style and features a massive tower with mock battlements, corbeled chimneys, cobblestone foundations and decorative half-timbering. In 1917, Montague and Ethel Moore moved into the home they named Rosedale Gardens and developed a beautiful farm, planting many of the specimen trees and shrubs visible today.

Purchased by the City of Burnaby in 1979, the building was designated as a heritage site in 1992. Since 1988, the Hart House has been used as a restaurant.



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