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**Subject:** **[\*\*SPAM Warning\*\*]** Japanese Canadian Historic Places in British Columbia  
**Attachments:** Appendix A - List of nominated places.docx; Appendix B - Map of recognized places.pdf

**Importance:** Low

SECTION 2 COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE (2017.04.06)  
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Email sent on behalf of Richard Linzey, Director, Heritage Branch:

Good morning,

I am writing to inform you of the results of the Japanese Canadian Historic Places Project, a heritage awareness and recognition project that was undertaken by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations, and the Ministry of International Trade and Multiculturalism over the past year.

Public nominations were sought from July 7 to November 30, 2016, resulting in 264 nominations for 176 places to be considered for recognition under s. 18 of the *Heritage Conservation Act* (Appendix A). Following a thorough evaluation by sector and community experts, 56 historic places were chosen to receive formal provincial recognition for their significance to the Japanese Canadian community in British Columbia (Appendix B).

Acknowledgement of the heritage values associated with these places strengthens our understanding and appreciation of the diversity of cultures that are part of British Columbia's heritage. Heritage values articulated by the Japanese Canadian community relate to several themes including immigration, fighting for equality and justice, service to community, and celebrating cultural diversity. Of particular importance was the profound impact of internment during World War II, and its lasting effects in the years following, on over 22,000 Japanese Canadians and Canadians of Japanese ancestry.

While not all of the places identified by the public are *provincially* significant, this project brings to light the fact that these places are important at a regional or local level. I am therefore inviting your local government to consider using the heritage conservation tools found in Part 15 of the *Local Government Act* to formally recognize or protect these places at the local level. Recognition of these historic places by all levels of government strengthens our collective understanding and appreciation of the many layers of heritage values that make British Columbia the place it is today

If your local government does not already have a Community Heritage Register or other heritage conservation tools in place, may I suggest contacting Heritage BC at [www.heritagebc.ca](http://www.heritagebc.ca), or at 604.428.7243 or 1.855.349.7243, to learn more about their resources and services for developing community heritage planning programs. Heritage BC is also the fund administrator for the Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia, which provides opportunities to interpret or celebrate aspects of community heritage through their Heritage Awareness Program.

If you would like more information on this project, or any of the places that were nominated or formally recognized, please contact Judith Cook, Heritage Planner, at [judith.cook@gov.bc.ca](mailto:judith.cook@gov.bc.ca), or at 250-356-1038. Information about each place will also be available on an online interactive map, hosted by Heritage BC. A follow-up letter with more detail about which historic places are in your municipality will arrive to your offices shortly.

I hope that you will join the Province of British Columbia in honouring this important part of our provincial heritage.

Sincerely,

Berdine Jonker

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