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## INCENTIVES FOR HERITAGE RESTORATION

*Leslie Gilbert address-  
ing the audience on  
September 23.*



Leslie Gilbert, Manager of Community Planning in Port Moody and Vice President of the Heritage Society of BC, gave a very informative talk on "The Benefits of Conserving the Heritage Home" at St. Andrew's Church on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008.

Subjects discussed included how to research your heritage home, financial incentives for restoring and protecting a heritage home, the implications and advantages of heritage "designation," and the positive impact that heritage preservation has on property values. Ms. Gilbert also informed the audience of the heritage revitalization agreements and density bonusing available as well as the plaque program, through which plaques can be applied to the outside of selected heritage homes.

Plenty of time was available for discussion following the talk. Refreshments were served.

—Lynne Probyn



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## A LONG-TERM PLAN FOR MAINTAINING ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

St. Andrew's Church needs a new roof. However, the church site is protected from alteration of heritage character and demolition by a Local Government Heritage Designation bylaw. The roofing maintenance issue for St. Andrew's has become a catalyst for the preparation of a Conservation & Feasibility Plan for the site that will outline the heritage significance, recommend conservation policies, and suggest a long-term maintenance plan for the church.

Maintenance works that are necessary for a protected heritage building require a review of the designation bylaw to determine whether any upkeep exemptions are listed that would permit making alterations to the site. In the case of St. Andrew's Church, no maintenance exemptions are written into the bylaw, and therefore work is not to be undertaken without Council approval. The need for a new roof is fairly imminent, but first some research is needed on how to replace the materials in a sensitive manner before roofing specifications may be prepared. Fortunately, this site is listed on the Maple Ridge Heritage Inventory and the Maple Ridge Heritage Register, meaning that some research has already been undertaken and documented on the site. The St. Andrew's Statement of Significance clearly identifies the character-defining elements, which include: 1) form, scale, and massing; 2) steep front gable roof; and 3) steeple at front. The information on the Statement of Significance provides a good starting point for the research that will be required for the plan.

Funding for preparation of the plan was largely provided by the BC Heritage Branch, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Arts, and approximately 20% of the cost will be covered by the municipality. Donald Luxton & Associates was awarded the contract for preparation of the Conservation & Feasibility Plan. To date, Mr. Luxton has met with BC Heritage Branch staff, municipal staff, Maple Ridge Historical Society staff, and also spoke at a Spirit of BC event held at St. Andrew's Church on September 25<sup>th</sup> (and hosted by the Historical Society) about preparation of the plan and the long-term maintenance of the site. At this event, the public was invited to provide their comments and input into the draft plan. The Conservation & Feasibility Plan is expected to be completed by the end of 2008 and will be brought to Council for final approval.

The story of St. Andrew's Church begins in 1888, when the church was constructed using bricks donated by the local small kiln operators in the area and built with volunteer labour. The land was donated to the Presbyterian community by Thomas Haney, after whom Port Haney was named, who was a devout Catholic and a generous man. The locally made





*St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in 1906. Photo taken just as the manse (right) was being completed.  
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brick cladding is another character-defining element in the Statement of Significance, which was an unusual material to use in the construction of a church at this early time in BC. The use of the brick in St. Andrew's Church continues to serve as a reminder of Maple Ridge's early industrial roots and charitable community spirit.

The District of Maple Ridge acquired St. Andrew's Church in 1963, after many years of neglect and disrepair. The municipality designated the site in 1981, and significant work was undertaken to restore the church in 1982–83 to utilize it as a community facility. Although the District of Maple Ridge owns the site, it is operated by the Maple Ridge Historical

Society, who is responsible for community rental of the facility for after-school programs, community events, weddings, and church services.

—Lisa Zosiak

#### References:

St. Andrew's Church Statement of Significance, in Maple Ridge Heritage Register.

"St. Andrew's Heritage Hall, Conservation & Feasibility Plan 2008" (draft), Donald Luxton & Associates Inc., November 2008.



*Inside St. Andrew's in 1956 when the congregation was fundraising for a new building. It may have been taken to show how crowded the building had become.  
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## MEET THE COMMISSIONERS



### JOHN MCCORMICK

John has lived in Maple Ridge for 12 years with his wife and three children. For the last ten years, John has worked with many heritage organizations across Canada in his capacity of a historic sites resource planner with Parks Canada.

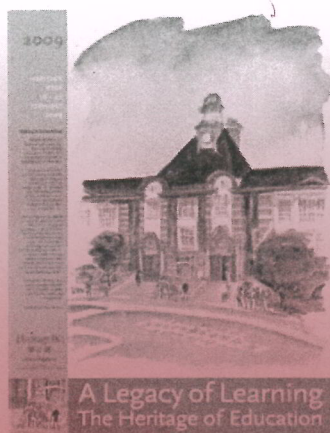
John completed his Bachelor of Architecture at the University of British Columbia in the 1990s. Prior to that, John started out apprenticing and working in the restoration field as a carpenter in the historic districts of Ottawa.

John is currently a certification service provider with the Historic Places Initiative as well as BC's and Northern Canada's coordinator for the Federal Heritage Building Review Office.

*Other Commissioners' bios appeared in previous issues of "Heritage Here"*



## Events + Projects



### A LEGACY OF LEARNING: THE HERITAGE OF EDUCATION

¶ "A Legacy of Learning: The Heritage of Education" is the theme of Heritage Week 2009, which will be from February 16 to 22.

¶ During Heritage Week the Maple Ridge Heritage Awards will be presented at St. Andrew's Church.

¶ Stay tuned for more details on Heritage Week and for the awards date.