

WELCOME TO THE HERITAGE INVENTORY PROJECT OPEN HOUSE

This important heritage project involves the review and update of the Maple Ridge Heritage Inventory (*The Heritage Resources of Maple Ridge*), originally completed in 1998. This document provided the first consolidated inventory of the City's heritage resources.

The Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission (CHC) wants your input to help update the heritage sites listed on the Heritage Inventory. The Inventory contains a listing of 100 historic sites, which have been researched, photographed and described as special historic places within the community. It was completed after a public nomination process and an extensive historic survey, undertaken by Donald Luxton & Associates, and has served as an invaluable tool in the community's heritage management program.

This current review involves determining which sites should remain on the listing and what new sites should be added. The CHC would like input from the community on what sites to include in the update based on their cultural, social, scientific and spiritual heritage. Some examples are buildings, landscapes, vistas, monuments, artifacts, gathering spaces, etc.

The update of the Heritage Inventory is a timely initiative that will address current gaps in coverage and also recognize a broader view of heritage value.

District of Maple Ridge



The Heritage Resources of Maple Ridge

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BACKGROUND

The story of Maple Ridge includes a varied history of many cultures and activities, from its First Nations origins, through European settlement of the Fraser Valley, the arrival of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the intermingling of other cultures over time. This story has resulted in a rich legacy of heritage resources that are highly valued and supported by the community, and which serve as both a link to the past and a continued source of local pride.

The goals of the Maple Ridge Heritage Inventory Review & Update project include:

- Ensuring the Heritage Inventory provides a solid foundation for heritage management within the community;
- Creating a heritage resource inventory that incorporates a range of community heritage categories; and
- Expanding the community's understanding and appreciation of heritage resources.

The objectives of the Maple Ridge Heritage Inventory Review & Update project include:

- Considering a wider perspective of historical significance than in the past, such as cultural, social, scientific, and spiritual heritage;
- Encouraging public participation amongst individuals, other municipal committees/commissions, community groups, sports groups, the business community, etc.;
- Establishing a comprehensive list of sites for the Heritage Inventory from various sources including public input, existing listings, and other historical research and documents;
- Establishing the criteria and evaluation process for each potential removal and addition to the Heritage Inventory; and
- Incorporating a process for the Community Heritage Commission to consider periodic updates to the inventory list.



THE HERITAGE PROGRAM

Through a program of long-term stewardship, Maple Ridge has fostered and promoted the retention of a number of unique aspects of this local heritage character. The area's growth and development has included the preservation of many heritage resources, including historic buildings and structures, cultural landscapes, roads, parks and other sites.

Some previous municipal initiatives include:

- 1985 Historic Port Haney Inventory, Redevelopment Plan and Guidelines
- 1995 Maple Ridge Heritage Strategy
- 1998 Maple Ridge Heritage Management Plan
- 1998 *The Heritage Resources of Maple Ridge*
- 2004 Maple Ridge Heritage Discussion Paper
- 2006 Maple Ridge Official Community Plan
- 2008 Maple Ridge Heritage Register
- 2009 Maple Ridge Historical Neighbourhoods report
- 2013 Community Heritage Commission Heritage Plan
- 2014-2015 Hammond Historic Character Area; and
- Conservation Plans for Haney House, Maple Ridge Museum, Spencer Farm Milk House, and St. Andrew's Heritage Church Hall.

The Heritage Resources of Maple Ridge is a valuable planning tool, though listed sites are not legally protected. However, listed sites are community resources that may become candidates for more formal listings, protection, or recognition through:

- Additions to the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Register;
- A negotiated Heritage Revitalization Agreement;
- A Municipal Heritage Designation;
- Celebration of heritage resources through the Heritage Commission's annual heritage awards event, quarterly newsletter, or other celebratory opportunities as they arise.

Heritage initiatives to date have been successful at identifying, protecting and celebrating many of the significant heritage resources of Maple Ridge. Over time, local heritage resources have been affected by a number of external forces, such as ongoing development pressures, rising land and construction costs, and evolving neighbourhoods.

Since 1998, there have been dramatic changes in the context of heritage resource management. The City has continued to increase its commitment to heritage conservation, which has been established primarily through policies in the Official Community Plan.



METHODOLOGY

General heritage practice has evolved and broadened to include a more fulsome appreciation of community heritage values, the contributions of different communities, and the significance of a broad category of non-traditional historic resources. The City of Maple Ridge has stayed in the forefront of this evolving situation and is now poised to review and update its Heritage Inventory.

During the course of this project, the consultant will work closely with City staff, the Community Heritage Commission subcommittee, and the Maple Ridge Historical Society, as well as other identified key stakeholders. The following sequence is proposed for the work plan, which effectively addresses both the expected flow of information, and the scale and nature of the work involved:

PHASE 1: IDENTIFICATION

REVIEW OF INVENTORY SITES

The first phase of work will begin by identifying the status of all previously inventoried sites, through site surveys.

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

The 1998 evaluation framework will be revised with input from Staff and the CHC. Increasingly, heritage evaluations have moved away from additive criteria and towards a more explicitly values-based assessment.

IDENTIFY SITES FOR ADDITION AND REMOVAL

Following the review and update of the evaluation framework, resources will be identified that need to be removed from the Heritage Inventory due to demolition, significant alterations, or deterioration, etc.

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EVALUATION STRATEGY

A list of potential sites proposed for addition to the HRMR will be created. An evaluation strategy will be prepared, which will detail the research and evaluation process that will be undertaken in Phase 2.

PHASE 2: RESEARCH

RESEARCH

Phase 2 will begin with a comprehensive research process. All sites identified for potential inclusion in the updated HRMR, including those from 1998, will be researched, photographed, and evaluated according to the evaluation framework created in Phase 1.

DRAFT HERITAGE INVENTORY

Following the research and evaluation of sites, a draft Heritage Inventory will be prepared for discussion and input. The draft will include a comprehensive, integrated, and functional set of recommendations forming a strategy for the City of Maple Ridge to routinely update the Heritage Inventory.

PHASE 3: FINAL DOCUMENTATION

During Phase 3 the updated *Heritage Resources of Maple Ridge* will be finalized, based on input from and discussion with City Staff and the CHC subcommittee, as well as the consensus reached through the work plan.

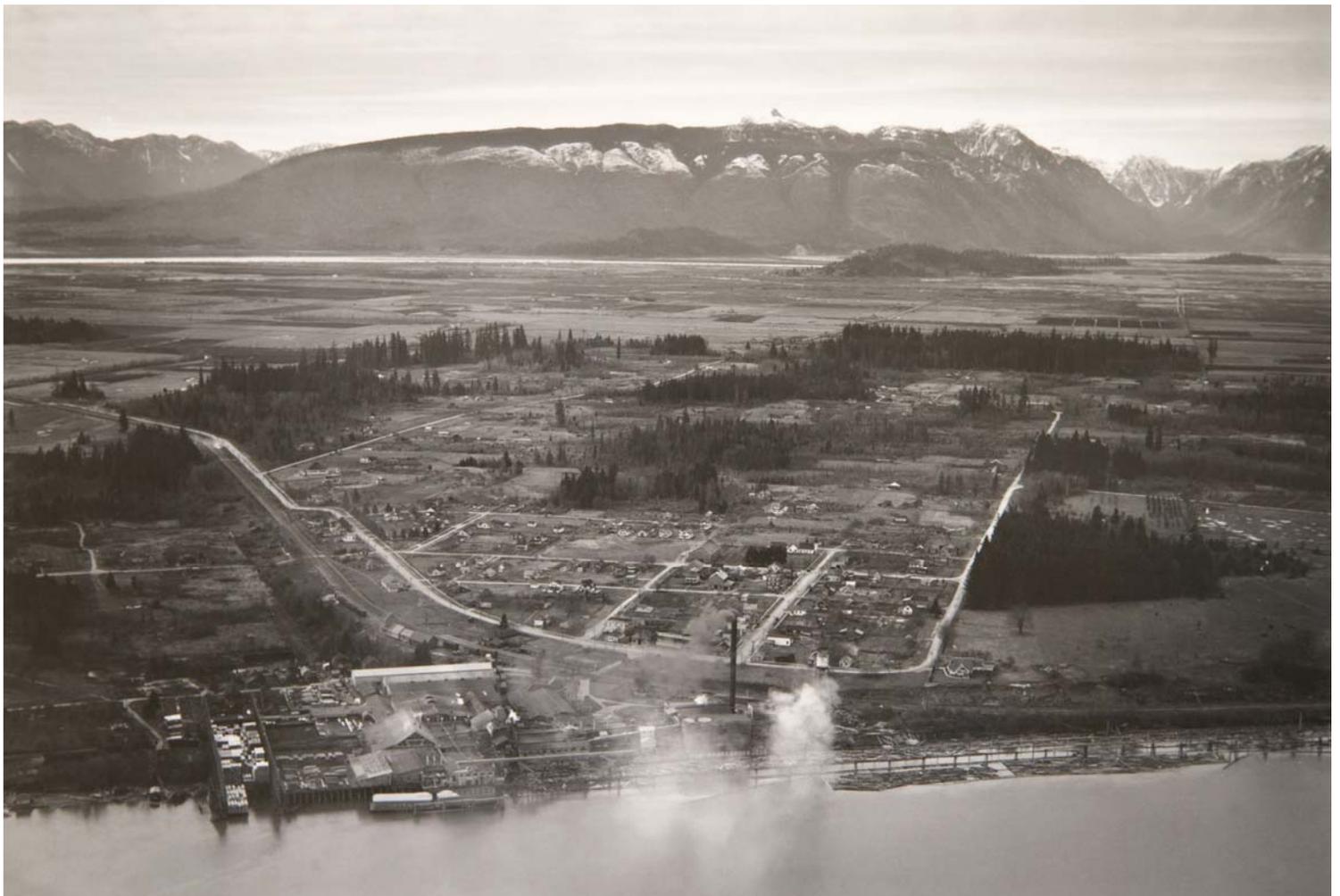


NOMINATE A SITE

Before you nominate a site for potential addition to the Heritage Inventory (using the maps provided):

- Ensure the site you would like to nominate is not already listed on *The Heritage Resources of Maple Ridge* (Heritage Inventory sites have been marked on the maps); and
- Consider specific sites that you feel are missing from the Heritage Inventory (example: local farms or equestrian sites). Also consider viewscapes, greenspaces, gardens, local ecology and culturally significant objects.

Visit the #MRHeritage - Inventory Project webpage for more information. You can also nominate a site online using the #MRHeritage Nomination Form, nominations will be accepted until Monday, October 31, 2016 at 4:00pm.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!