



HERITAGE Legacy Fund

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

•
THE FIRST FIVE YEARS



The Heritage Legacy Fund is an initiative of Heritage BC and The Land Conservancy. Programs are administered by the Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia Society. The Fund was established in 2003 with an initial contribution of \$5 million from the Government of British Columbia. The Fund endowment is managed by the Vancouver Foundation.

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The Land Conservancy is a province-wide, non-profit land trust and conservation organization that works to protect and preserve historic landmarks and structures as well as areas of natural, recreational or scientific significance. It achieves these goals by direct acquisition, conservation covenants or other legal arrangements. TLC serves as British Columbia's "national trust" and is part of the international family of National Trusts.

Heritage BC is a non-profit, provincial umbrella organization representing over 160 community organizations throughout British Columbia. HBC serves the heritage community and the province through information, education, advocacy, advice, support and recognition of those who make a contribution to conserving our heritage.

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Church of the Holy Cross
Photo: Ama Liisaos Heritage Trust



Work crew at Fairbridge, Duncan
Photo: Fairbridge Chapel Heritage Society



Hat Creek Ranch
Photo: Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts



Locomotive #25 "Samson"
Photo: Forest Discovery Centre, Duncan

Left: Smith House (Music School), Vernon
Photo: Judy Mori

Cover: The Miyazaki House, Lillooet, received
the first Heritage Legacy Fund grant in June 2005

A PRICELESS LEGACY...

British Columbia is unique. Here, stunning natural beauty, limitless opportunities, cultural diversity and a remarkable history come together to make a place like no other. British Columbians have good reason to be proud.

Our story spans hundreds and thousands of years. The compelling legacy of First Nations' cultures, the colourful saga of the gold rush era, the coming together of many peoples to discover new hope and new opportunities — these are woven together into a rich and fascinating tapestry.

This heritage can be read upon the landscape. The sacred places of timeless traditions, the pathways of explorers, the mainstreets of villages and towns, the many built forms from the one-room school house to noble and imposing landmarks — they all tell our story. This is our heritage, our priceless legacy.

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our priceless legacy...*



THE GOALS OF THE HERITAGE LEGACY FUND

support.

Support the conservation of heritage resources in British Columbia

promote.

Promote and increase public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of British Columbia's heritage resources

encourage.

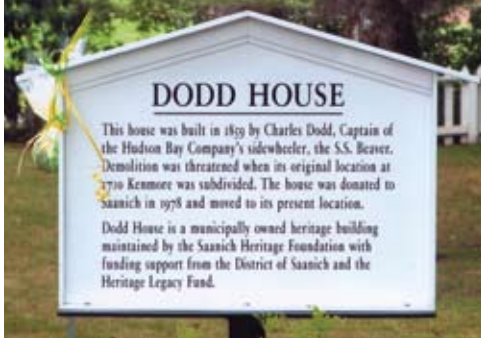
Encourage high standards of heritage conservation and the continuing maintenance and protection of heritage resources

fund.

Support community-based heritage projects

grow.

Increase the Heritage Legacy Fund



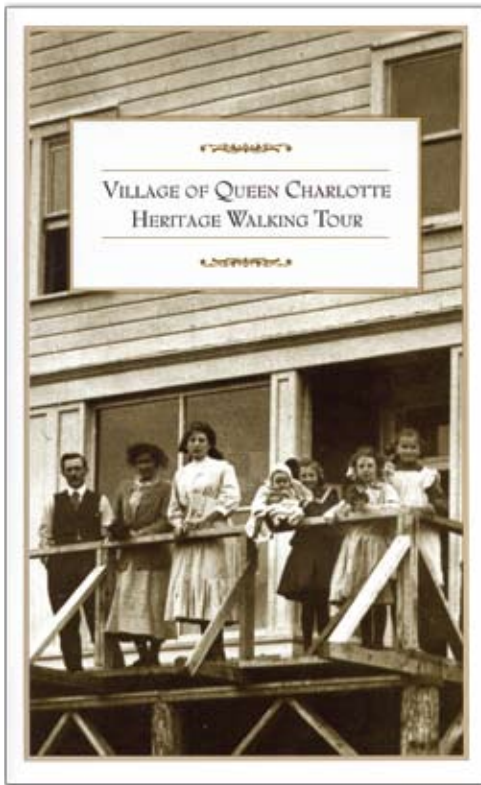
Dodd House, Saanich
Photo: Saanich Heritage Foundation



Point Ellis House, Victoria
Photo: J. Weston, British Columbia
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Clayburn Village Schoolhouse,
Abbotsford



Friends of Queen Charlotte Visitor Centre

Left: Kettle River Museum, Midway
Photo: Kettle River Museum Society

TO CHERISH AND CONSERVE

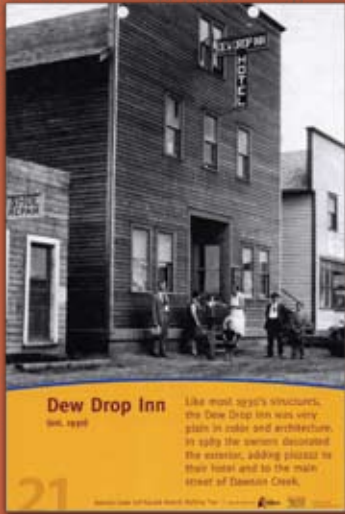
Our heritage is a shared responsibility. To ensure that it will remain for generations to come, we must plan and act today. Stewardship means sensitive and timely conservation based on understanding, appreciation, and commitment.

Heritage conservation is everyone's business. We must decide what matters most to us, and take the necessary steps to cherish and conserve what matters.

Working together, with a sense of dedication and purpose, we can ensure that our heritage is a legacy for the future as well as today.

“The building has been virtually transformed and is now beautifully preserved for future generations.”

—COUNCILLOR BRUCE DRAKE, VILLAGE OF BELCARRA



Dew Drop Inn
1861, 1899

Like most 19th-century structures, the Dew Drop Inn was very plain in color and architecture. In 1899 the owners decorated the exterior, adding plaster to their hotel and to the main street of Dawson Creek.

BC Stops of Interest

Share a story. Upload a photo. Post content items to add a bit of local history. Every time you add a story to the site, you can contribute.

See facts with interactive road maps and add the views. Use your help to propose the location of new stops!

Keep track of every stop you visit and each place you visit. Complete a full year to get a stamp from Heritage BC passport.

Consult the Resource Library for facts, photos and the Heritage BC passport.

Take a poll, answer a skill-testing question. Post photos. Give a star to your favorite stop when you play a game.

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VICTORIA & SIDNEY RAILWAY

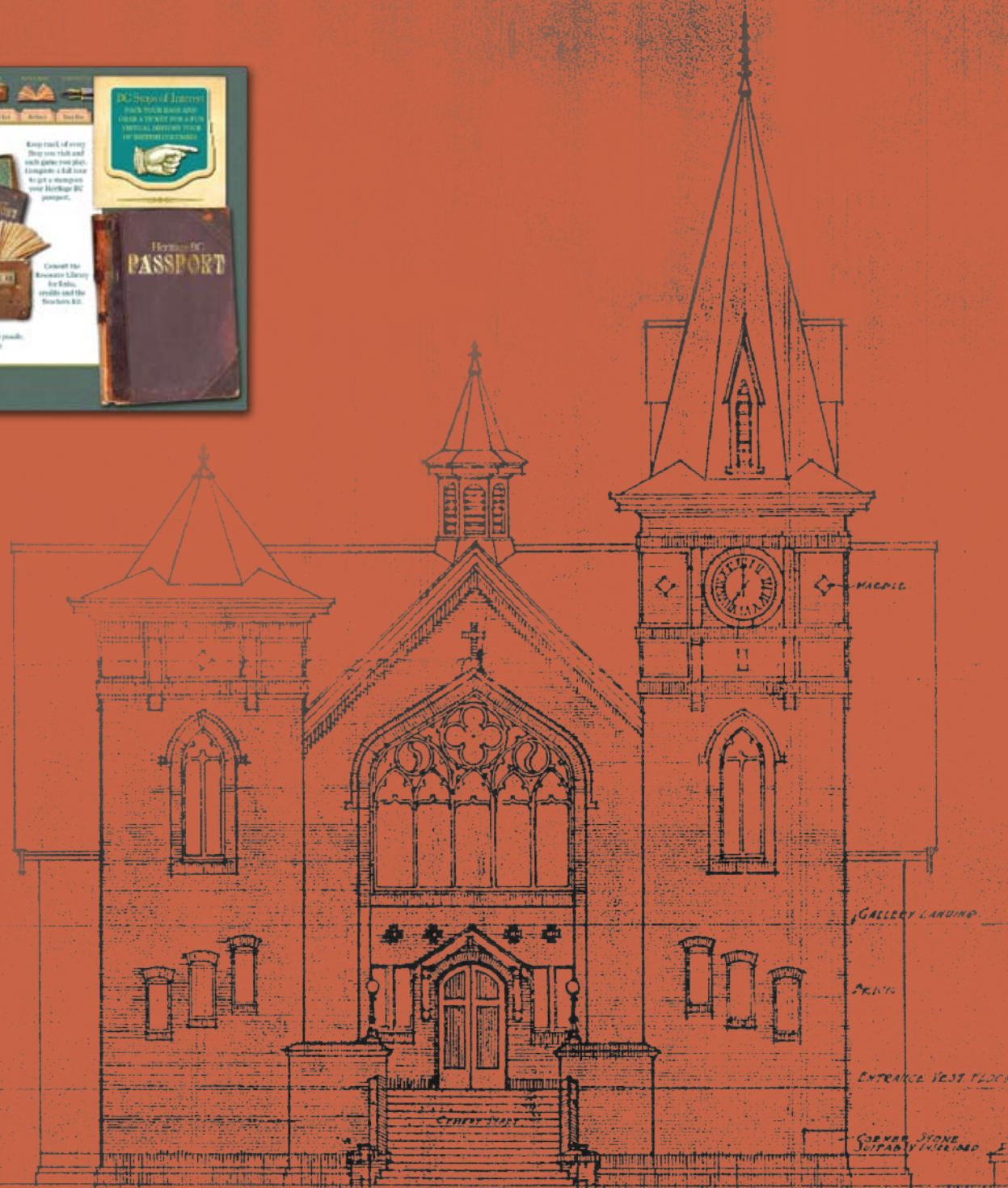
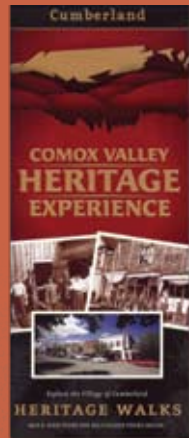
In the late nineteenth century large railway companies dominated transportation. In coastal areas rail lines and shipping routes were complementary when they met. Developed: Sidney owes its origin to the Victoria & Sidney Railway.

Sidney railway was completed in 1895. Local business interests, with public subsidies, planned a railway from Victoria to Sidney. Planned in 1894, within a few years it provided freight and passenger services, with passenger trains to Nanaimo, the Gulf Islands and the coastland. In 1900 it was purchased by \$1,000,000 of the Great Northern Railway, the principal non-coastal competitor to the Canadian Pacific Railway, the 1923 line to a critical link between Vancouver Island and the rest of the coastland.

Freight services flourished, particularly from agriculture and local industries, but there were frequent complaints about poor passenger service. In 1913 the significant services from the City of Victoria and the Province of British Columbia acquired the V&S line. It then operated a passenger service to Gray Cour and to 1917 the Northern Pacific had a line to Port Moody. In 1920 the V&S closed. Passengers now made for the Northern Pacific to operate to Sidney. However, in the 1920s improved roads led to more truck and bus services. In 1923 the BC Electric closed. Sidway by the Northern Pacific, 1928 to 1929.

The rail line on the peninsula had ended.

- From top:
- Tourism Dawson Creek
- Historic Photo Project
- BC Stops of Interest Website
- Heritage BC
- Sidney Historic Panels
- Society of Saanich Peninsula Museums
- Comox Valley Heritage Experience
- Oak Bay United Church, Victoria





Mayne Island Museum
Photo: Mayne Island Agricultural Society



Valemount Museum
Photo: Mathew G. Wheeler



S.S. Master
Photo: S.S. Master Society



Victoria City Hall Clock Tower
Photo: City of Victoria

INVESTING IN THE LEGACY

Caring for our irreplaceable heritage is an investment — of time, effort, knowledge and funds. The Heritage Legacy Fund was established to encourage and share in this investment.

Buildings and other heritage resources need regular care and maintenance if they are to be conserved. They have to adapt to changing times and needs to be sure that they remain useful, and safe. Sometimes we also have to undo the damage of earlier neglect or poor choices.

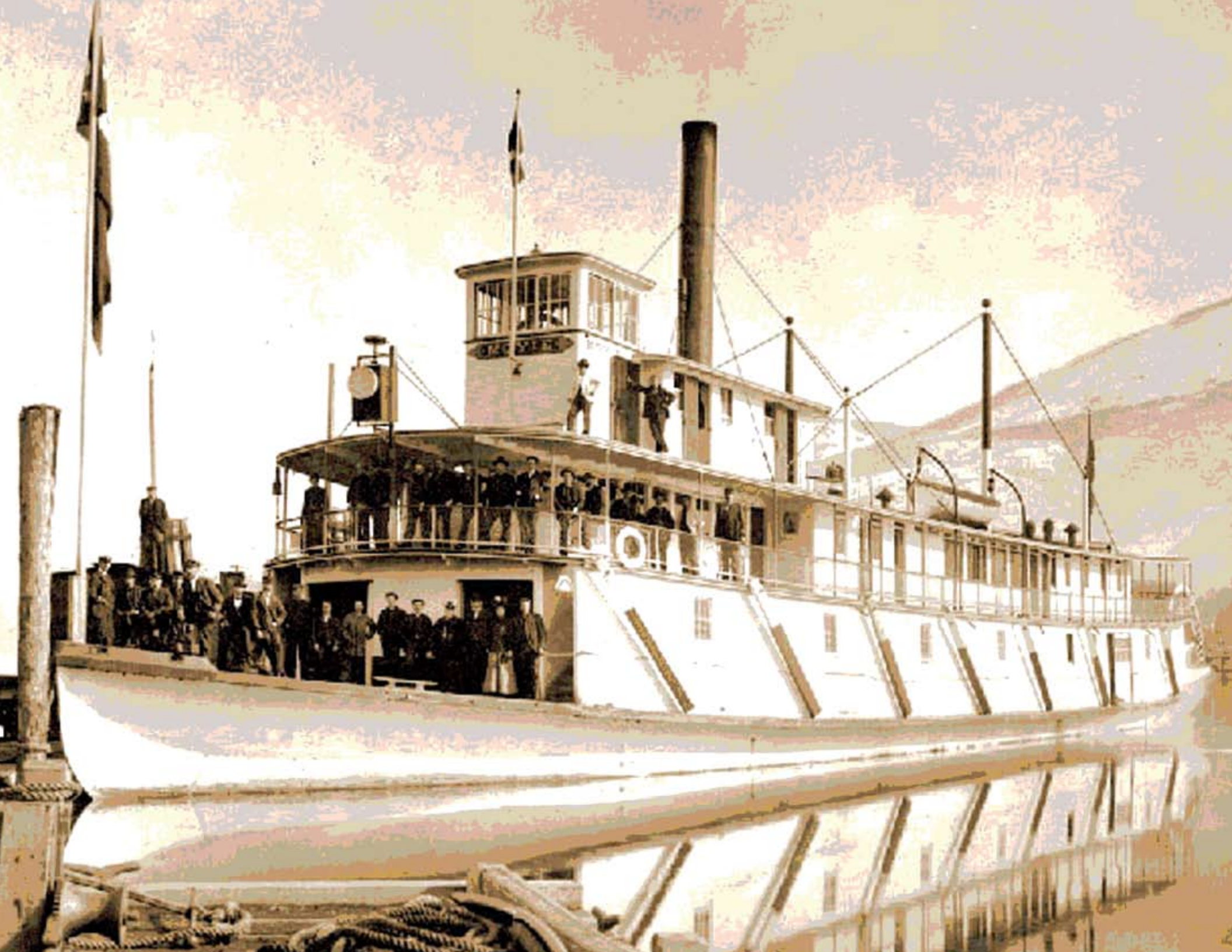
The Heritage Legacy Fund provides much-needed funds to assist with the costs of conservation. Grants can help to replace a worn roof that no longer keeps the weather out. They may provide essential investment to repair and retain building elements such as windows, doors and other features that are often so essential to the character of historic buildings. Or they may support upgrades or access to a treasured community resource.

Grants are also available to tell the story of our historic places. Interpretive signs, guides to historic sites, displays and walking or driving tours all help to increase understanding and appreciation of our heritage.

Projects that conserve historic places or increase our understanding about them can do wonders for community pride and spirit. That is what the Heritage Legacy Fund is all about.

“The funds from Heritage Legacy Fund enabled us to promote the rich history of Quesnel and will always be deeply appreciated by our community.”

—CITY OF QUESNEL





Dwight Hall, City of Powell River



Westbank First Nation
Rebecca, Roxanne, Gayle, Patti and Carol



Hardy Mountain Doukhobor Museum,
Grand Forks
Photo: The Land Conservancy of B.C.



Hollow Tree, Stanley Park, Vancouver

Left: S.S. Moyie National Historic Site, Kaslo

HELPING BRITISH COLUMBIANS CONSERVE THEIR HERITAGE

Heritage conservation is everyone’s business, but some individuals and organizations have a special role to play to ensure that our historic treasures are conserved and protected.

Community heritage organizations, historical societies and museums are dedicated to heritage conservation. Local governments also have special heritage responsibilities and powers, and own some of our most important heritage properties and sites.


Charitable organizations, non-profit societies, local governments and First Nations bands throughout British Columbia are eligible for financial assistance from the Heritage Legacy Fund. In our first five years, we have provided financial support for 86 projects in 55 communities.

Some heritage projects we assist are large undertakings with many partners and budgets in the millions of dollars. Others are smaller in scope but equally important and worthwhile. Many would not have been possible without help from the Heritage Legacy Fund.

While providing crucial financial support for community-based heritage conservation is a fundamental goal, the Heritage Legacy Fund also makes an essential contribution to building community capacity over the long term. Each project is a new learning experience, another demonstration of the value of our heritage, and a further opportunity to nurture awareness and public support.

“Without funding, projects of this nature would be financially out of reach for small communities such as Valemount.”

—VILLAGE OF VALEMOUNT



*We're making a difference...
You can help.*

Please join us in the effort to conserve British Columbia's priceless heritage. Your gift to the Heritage Legacy Fund can make a real difference – right now and looking ahead. There are several ways you can contribute.

BY CHEQUE

Please make your cheque payable to Vancouver Foundation and reference Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia on the memo line.

ONLINE

Donations can be made by clicking 'Give Now' at www.vancouverfoundation.ca

A PLANNED GIFT

There are many ways to leave a legacy gift; please contact us for a confidential discussion of your options.

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*"We hope that Heritage Legacy Fund
will continue to assist groups like ours who
manage and maintain heritage resources."*

—FORT STEELE CEMETERY SOCIETY

St. Andrew's United Church, Kaslo
Photo: Trustees of St. Andrews

Projects 2005-2010

Abbotsford	Clayburn Schoolhouse upgrades and repair	New Denver	Re-roof museum (former Bank of Montreal)
Ainsworth:	Historic wharf restoration	North Cowichan	Westholme school building restoration
Bella Coola	Historic walking tour	North Saanich	Paint & restore Holy Trinity Anglican Church
Burns Lake	Repair & restore St. John's Church	North Vancouver	Lynn Valley Elementary building rehabilitation
Central Saanich	Re-roof, paint & repairs to West Saanich School Building	Oak Bay	United Church exterior masonry repairs
Chilliwack:	Repair & paint Butterfield Park residence and garage	Okanagan Falls	Bassett House repairs, signage & brochures
Cobble Hill	Yale Road Heritage Corridor Project	Oliver	Museum (old police station) repairs
Comox Valley	Evergreen Independent School restoration	Port Alberni	Heritage walking tour
Courtenay	Heritage walking tours	Port Edward	McLean Mill National Historic Site building conservation
Cowichan	Museum (Old Post Office Building) restoration	Port Moody	North Pacific Historic Fishing Village restoration & signage
Creston	Re-roof Fairbridge Chapel and School House	Powell River	re-roof and repair windows of loco United Church
Cumberland	Museum south wing repair & conservation	Queen Charlotte City	Dwight Hall window restoration
Dawson Creek	United Church roof repairs, exterior paint	Quesnel	Heritage walking tour
Delta	Historic photo & sign project	Richmond	Heritage signage
Duncan	Heritage Passport Volume II	Saanich	Conservation of Steveston Telephone Exchange Building
Fernie	Paint & repair train station (museum)	Salt Spring Island	Maintenance & conservation of St Luke's Anglican Church
Fort Steele	Locomotive #25 wheel replacement (B.C. Forest Discovery Centre)	Silverton	Dodd House restoration and signage
Grand Forks	Holy Family Catholic Church restoration	Skatin	Paint St. Michael's & All Angels Anglican Church
Greenwood	Repairs to cemetery monuments	Spallumcheen	Land Bank Society building rehabilitation
Hat Creek	Hardy Mountain Doukhobor Museum repair & restoration	Stewart	Restore & paint Fulford Community Hall
Hudson's Hope	Paint & repair City Hall	Terrace	Fire suppression system & paint for Memorial Hall
Kamloops	Hat Creek Ranch signage & guide	Vancouver	Church of the Holy Cross tower stabilization
Kaslo	Museum signage	Victoria	O'Keefe Ranch building restoration
Kelowna	Signposts to History	Wells	Paint & repair municipal hall (former courthouse)
Langley	Re-roof Langham Cultural Association (Langham Hotel)	Winlaw	Kwintsa R.R. Foreman's Residence rehabilitation
Lillooet	Re-roof & paint St. Andrew's United Church, Kaslo		SS Master restoration
Maple Ridge	Re-roof City Hall		Stanley Park Hollow Tree conservation
Mayne Island	Fleming House conservation		"City Reflections: Vancouver 1907-2007" (Vancouver Historical Society)
Nanaimo	Guisachan House sprinkler system		City Hall clock tower restoration
Nelson	Heritage driving tour		Downtown heritage walking tours
	Matheson House sprinkler system		"This Old House" Vols. 3&4 (Victoria Heritage Foundation)
	Miyazaki House Upgrades		Re-roof Pemberton Memorial Operating Room
	Re-roof CEED Centre (former Japanese School)		Historic street lights
	Museum building (former gaol) restoration		Fire Hall floor, exterior siding and window repair
	St. Andrew's United Church exterior conservation		Threads Guild Building conservation
	Museum and Archives window conservation		
	Re-roof United Church		
	Architectural heritage walking tour		



It is a delight and a privilege to work with so many communities throughout our wonderful province. The passion of British Columbians to conserve and celebrate their heritage is truly inspiring.

As long as this passion endures, the potential of the Heritage Legacy Fund is limitless.

IAN FAWCETT, PRESIDENT
HERITAGE LEGACY FUND OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY

*What thou lovest well
is thy true heritage...*

—EZRA POUND, CANTOS

