



# Heritage News

**CENTRAL OKANAGAN HERITAGE SOCIETY  
SPRING 2018**

***BENVOULIN HERITAGE GARDEN TO GET A MAKEOVER***

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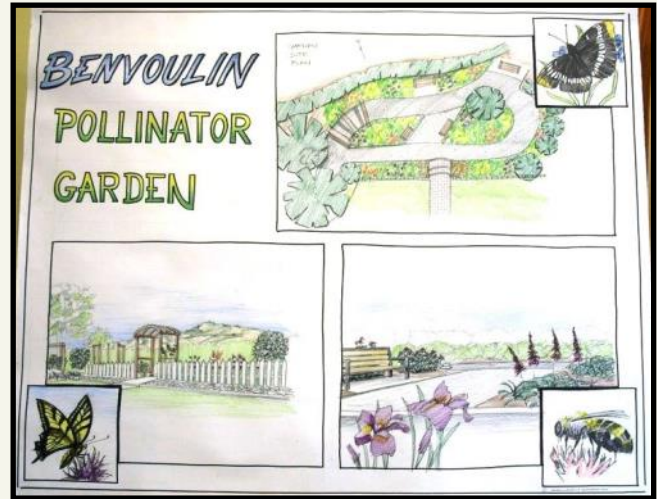
**COHS 2018 Heritage Awards Recipients featured on page 8**

# Benvoulin Garden Gala

The Central Okanagan Heritage Society's spring fundraising gala and silent auction took place Friday, June 22nd, in support of heritage conservation and the historic gardens at Benvoulin Heritage Church and Park.

There was a lot to enjoy during the evening: live music in the garden with high-energy husband/wife duo Riverteeth, a wine bar with a selection of wines and wine pairings by The View Winery, delicious hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and a dessert bar.

The Garden Gala recognized several local families for their ongoing support of heritage conservation - the Hobson family, the Ryder family and the Thomson family. The Gala also unveiled plans for the restoration of the large garden and pathways on the north side of the park. Many thanks to Don Burnett and Gwen Steele for providing their expertise in working with us to transform this garden into a traditional cottage garden, to open in the fall of 2018. The garden will also become a site to recognize individuals, families and businesses through donor bricks lining the paths.

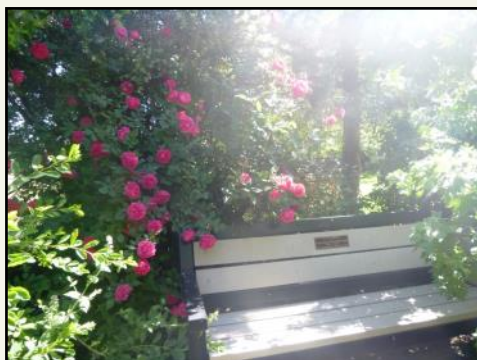


Design sketch by Jim Elwood

Thank you to our sponsors The View Winery and Soma Craft Cidery and to caterer Sharon Brooks/OK Patio Café.



Thank you to all who donated items for our silent auction: Kelowna Actors Studio, Shannon Lake Golf Club, The View Winery, The Kelowna Museums & Kelowna Public Archives, Okanagan Historical Society - Kelowna Branch, Oyama Soap Company, EuroPro Autohaus, Sharron Simpson, Selena Sced, Judy Funnell, Ruth Lamb, Jim Elwood, Caramoomel, Glenmore Pharmasave, Kelowna Springs Golf Club, Urban Fare, Okanagan Symphony Orchestra, Creekside Theatre, Kelowna Golf & Country Club, Tops Auto, Save-On Foods, Pushor Mitchell LLP, Lee Valley Tools.



## Be a part of Benvoulin Park history with a donor or memorial brick in the Benvoulin Heritage Garden

By donation (minimum donation \$1000)  
All donations include a charitable tax receipt for the full donation



For more information, phone COHS at 250-861-7188

## The Hobson Family

COHS thanks the Hobson family for their support and ongoing commitment to heritage conservation.

The Hobsons have been involved with COHS since its inception and have a long history with Benvoulin. Pioneer William Dalgleish Hobson came to Vernon in 1891 from the Isle of Man. In the spring of 1892 he and George Rose bought a 10 acre fruit lot from G. G. McKay on Benvoulin Road, opposite where the church was later built. He described in his diary attending the meeting to discuss building a new church at Benvoulin and he later helped with construction. The Stiell and Metcalfe families arrived in the community from Glasgow and farmed across from the church. Gilmour and Margaret Stiell, maternal grandparents, were married in the church in 1907.

This history and support of heritage continues through generations – Robert became involved with COHS in the 1980s when we restored the Benvoulin Church and Guisachan and he continues to serve on the Advisory Board. His brother David chaired the Society and was active in the moving of the Brent's Mill buildings to City property. Margaret and David's daughter Heather was married in the church.

## The Trophy Den



Allan Lietz

The Central Okanagan Heritage Society thanks our long-time sponsor and supporter Allan Lietz, owner of The Trophy Den. Since 2012, The Trophy Den has designed and donated each of the award plaques for the COHS Annual Heritage Awards, presented each year during Heritage Week. This generosity has enabled us to thank each of our recipients with a beautiful and permanent recognition for their work in heritage and encourages heritage conservation throughout the Central Okanagan.

Allan has a strong interest in local history and heritage. Kelowna born, his family includes the Williams family of Rutland and the Clement family of Glenmore/Lake Country. He served the community as a volunteer firefighter and owns the oldest awards and promotional products shop in the Okanagan. In 2009, Allan's love of heritage led him to purchase a historic home – the Renwick House – and move the Trophy Den from Enterprise Ave to the large character home on Lawrence Ave, where the business also displays museum quality artifacts and history panels. Allan also owns a 1937 Studebaker fire truck, originally used by the Cedar Creek Fire Hall.

The Renwick House at 987 Lawrence Ave was constructed in 1912 by local builder Ernest Clement (Allan's great uncle) and bought by Thomas and Mary Renwick that same year. Thomas and Mary Renwick lived there for many years and their children succeeded them as occupants. Thomas Renwick was a fruit grower who had brought his family from Manitoba to Benvoulin in 1906 and moved into town in 1912. Renwick died in 1930, leaving Mary and their daughter Mildred, who continued to live in the house until 1982.

The original Renwick House is an example of the Queen Anne style. The construction is unusual in that the walls are built of a decorative concrete block, shaped to resemble more expensive cut sandstone. The concrete and custom moulds for the building came from Ernie Clement's brickyard on Clement Avenue. The design of the home exhibits the asymmetrical composition, vertical lines, polychromy (multiple colours), tower (believed to have been higher, but it was damaged by fire), and bay windows found in the Queen Anne style. The previous owner put two major additions on the house, on the east and west sides of the building, doubling the size. A new turret was built over the two-storey bay window section on the front facade. With the additions, the building was painted in a monochrome 'Craftsman Cream'. Allan is also assisting the Central Okanagan Heritage Society with our restored Benvoulin garden and will be designing and creating the donor/memorial bricks. COHS thanks Allan and The Trophy Den – very appreciated!

The Trophy Den is located at 987 Lawrence Ave, Kelowna, BC V1Y 6M3.  
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The Renwick House



## COHS Annual General Meeting

The 36<sup>th</sup> COHS Annual General Meeting took place March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at Benvoulin Church. Special guest Dr. Maury Williams presented on his new study, *'Franz Ferdinand and the Okanagan Connection: The man whose death ignited the first World War visits the valley'*.



*Dr. Maury Williams*

Dr. Williams is a Professor Emeritus, History with UBC-Okanagan, author of MYRA'S MEN and two other books on National Socialism. Maury taught courses on Franz Ferdinand and the Habsburgs and is the author of *'Myra's Men: Building the Kettle Valley Railway'*, which tells the stories of the men who built this historic rail line and the local trestles - their hardships, successes, and personal lives.

COHS Directors elected for 2018 are President: Don Knox, Vice President: Cheryl Spelliscy, Treasurer: Judy Funnell, Secretary: Birté Decloux, Directors: Dave Elliot, Tara Hurley, Carol Millar, Ernie Park and Tracey Read.

**COHS receives cash donations, memorial contributions, discounted services and gifts-in-kind throughout the year - these are very appreciated, thank you!**

**Funding in 2017 was provided by**

*The Central Okanagan Foundation*

*City of Kelowna Heritage Grant Program*

*Province of British Columbia Gaming*

*The Canadian Museum of History - Community Stories*

*City of Kelowna - Operating, Project, and Organizational Development Funding*

*Canada 150 - Conserving Historic Places and Heritage Sites*

*The Hobson Family Foundation*

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*The Okanagan Historical Society - Kelowna Branch*

*CUPE Local 338*



## The State of the Sector

COHS was pleased to welcome *The State of the Sector*, a provincial community consultation and workshop at Reid Hall.

Heritage BC, in partnership with the Heritage Branch of the Government of British Columbia, launched the first of a series of roundtables at Reid Hall on June 7th. These community consultations will visit nearly 20 communities throughout BC to explore the role and influences of heritage throughout the province.

This kick-off roundtable brought over 30 people together to share ideas, situations, challenges, successes, relationships, and aspirations related to heritage and other disciplines such as museums, archives, archaeology, and arts and culture. The meeting included representatives from all four municipalities in the Central Okanagan, Westbank First Nation, the Okanagan Indian Band, city planners, museums, historical societies, the Centre culturel francophone de l'Okanagan and UBC-Okanagan.

Paul Gravett, Executive Director Heritage BC welcomed Steve Thomson, MLA Kelowna-Mission, Chief Roxanne Lindley, Westbank First Nation, Mayor James Baker, District of Lake Country and representatives from municipalities and organizations from Osoyoos to Vernon.

This series of consultations will explore heritage as it is understood and practiced in the broader context of community life and will ensure all sectoral and regional voices are heard and acknowledged, providing opportunities for community members to bring personal, local, and regional perspectives to this important provincial initiative. Bringing together personal, local, and regional perspectives, the collected information will inform province-wide strategic development and influence program development and delivery, as well as provide a model of community consultation and engagement and a catalyst for collaborations and communications.

The roundtable consultation covered topics ranging from the definition of heritage to its impact on economy and the environment. This first roundtable provides a template that can be fine-tuned for each workshop, so that each community can feel connected and respected to the process.

For those who missed the roundtable, Heritage BC has arranged an online survey to provide input::

Click here: [State of the Sector Survey](#)

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*“Every community has its own unique story that is told through its heritage and history. In both profound and subtle ways, heritage has shaped BC’s communities to what we see today. The provincial roundtables will help to shape strategic development and program delivery for years to come, ensuring heritage remains relevant, contributing to the future vitality of communities.”*

Paul Gravett, Executive Director,  
Heritage BC



## Benvoulin Church and Reid Hall Facilities Upgrade

### *Canada 150: Conserving Historic Places and Heritage Sites*

Benvoulin Heritage Church is a municipally designated heritage building, formally recognized in 1983 and listed on the Canadian Register of Historic Places July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Benvoulin Church was built in 1892 as a wood Gothic Revival church with a prominent bell tower, and is located at 2279 Benvoulin Road, in Kelowna's Benvoulin neighbourhood. Benvoulin Church has heritage value as the first Presbyterian church between Vernon and the U.S. border and the first Protestant church in the Central Okanagan; for the locally prominent people associated with its construction; for its distinctive architecture and landmark status; as the last significant vestige of the failed Benvoulin townsite; and for the value placed on it by Kelowna residents in restoring it as a gathering place for the community.

The renovation work upgraded part of the common areas attached to the church including the public washrooms, the kitchen in Reid Hall and a flooring upgrade throughout these areas and the main entrance.

The total cost of the renovations was \$27,125 with \$22,000 generously funded through the BC Museums Association as a Canada 150 grant. Staff and volunteer hours towards the renovation project were valued at an additional \$3966. Special thanks to COHS President Don Knox for countless hours overseeing the renovation project.

Benvoulin Church and Reid Hall are used extensively throughout the year for public events, community and civic gatherings, church services, and weddings. The Church exterior and much of the interior has been restored according to the Standards and Guidelines for Historic Places in Canada. The common areas and the community hall attached to the church had not had any significant upgrades since the initial community conservation in 2000.

*"Benvoulin Heritage Church and Reid Hall continue to be gathering places for the community."*



*Benvoulin Church common area renovations*



## Mclver House

Conservation work is in progress on Mclver House by Alasdair Smith, with structural and preservation repairs to the veranda, fixing and repainting the unique wood details, corner boards and fascia and installation of a new storm window.

Mclver house was built in the early 1900s on KLO Road on a site just south of its new home at Benvoulin Heritage Park. Original homesteaders, the Scotts, sold the property in the 1920's to Bernard Mclver. It became the farmhouse for the Mclver's 17 acre mixed- farming operations. Mrs. Mclver continued to live in the house until 1980, and when she left, it was boarded up.



Mclver House

Two of the Mclver children, Pat, and her brother, Barry, wanted to see their childhood home preserved, and returned to a useful life. In 1994 the farmhouse was donated to the Central Okanagan Heritage Society. The Society moved the house to the Benvoulin Heritage Park site, and restoration continued through 1994/95. Today, Mclver house serves as the residence for the site manager of the Benvoulin Heritage Park.

## Kelowna Heritage Grants Program



COHS is well into its eleventh year of managing the City of Kelowna Heritage Grants Program (CoKHGP). The program was created to recognize the value of heritage in the community by providing financial support to owners of heritage properties on the City of Kelowna Heritage Register. Grants assist with a portion of the costs in maintaining the buildings' exteriors including their foundations.

The 2018 CoKHGP Information Session was held on March 13th at the Reid Hall. Melanie Steppuhn, City of Kelowna planner and Lorri Dauncey, CoKHGP manager, were on hand to answer questions about heritage in Kelowna and specifically about how to apply for grants.

All granting decisions are made by a committee of community volunteers with heritage expertise. The Kelowna Heritage Register can be accessed at: [www.kelowna.ca/our-community/arts-culture-heritage/heritage/heritage-register](http://www.kelowna.ca/our-community/arts-culture-heritage/heritage/heritage-register)  
For more information on the program contact ~ Lorri Dauncey at [l\\_dauncey.cohs@telus.net](mailto:l_dauncey.cohs@telus.net)



Whitehead House

**Whitehead House, 545 Burne Avenue:** The J.B. Whitehead House, built in 1911, is a good example of the Foursquare style. The house was built for J.B. Whitehead, who owned the house at least until 1940. Whitehead operated the Kelowna Billiard and Poolroom, a bastion of masculine culture, during the 1920s. In the late 1940s, the house was bought by Rae and Ruby Ritchie. Rae Ritchie had an interestingly varied career in a number of local endeavours, including practicing law in Kelowna from 1921 to 1931 after serving in WW1. He then left the legal profession and worked as a fruit inspector. In 1940, Rae again enlisted, serving as a recruiting officer. After WWII he opened a second-hand store, OK Used Furniture. This was the forerunner of Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers, which eventually grew to conduct business around the world.

The Whitehead House, a good example of a Foursquare house, is nearly square in plan and two storeys high, with a hipped roof. A pediment-like central dormer adds to its dignified appearance. Other features, such as the large porch, the canted corners of the facade, and the bay windows complement its appeal. In 2017, the house received a City of Kelowna heritage grant for prep and paint of the exterior using the Benjamin Moore True colour palette. COHS awarded the house a heritage award for Continued Conservation this year. (SOS, Kelowna Heritage Register)

## 2018 COHS Heritage Awards

The 2018 Heritage Awards were presented at a luncheon event at the Benvoulin Church and Reid Hall on February 21st as part of Heritage Week. This is the 34th year that COHS has presented these awards. Special thanks to:

- Birté Decloux and Carol Millar for emceeding the event
- Birté Decloux, Carol Millar, Tracey Read, Amanda Snyder and Lorri Dauncey for serving on the awards selection committee
- And to all our corporate sponsors for their support



### **Distinguished Community Service:**

*Awarded to a person or persons in recognition of their service to the community in the heritage field.*

**James and Anita Baker, Lake Country:**

**Conservation project on a building currently in residential use:** *Awarded to a residential building that has recently undergone an exterior restoration and/or rehabilitation. The high standards, innovation and commitment to heritage conservation are recognized.*

**Martin House, 1787 Mountain Ave, Kelowna: Homeowners Janice and Mike Henry**



**Continued conservation of a building:** *Awarded to a building to recognize the high quality of its exterior preservation and maintenance over the years, in keeping with its original design and structure.*

**Winter House, 815 Bernard Ave, Kelowna: Homeowner Loanne Athans**

**Continued conservation of a building:** *Awarded to a building to recognize the high quality of its exterior preservation and maintenance over the years, in keeping with its original design and structure.*

**Whitehead House, 545 Burne Ave, Kelowna: Homeowners Andre and Lynette de Zwaan**



**Conservation of a Neighbourhood or Area:** *Awarded to a neighbourhood or area that has largely remained unchanged over time or has been revitalized through the restoration and/or rehabilitation of its buildings and streetscape.*

**Kelowna Pioneer Cemetery, 1991 Bernard Ave, Kelowna, City of Kelowna & Partners**

**Special Heritage Project:** *To recognize and honour special projects and accomplishments in the Central Okanagan. This may include advocacy, awareness and planning heritage and historical projects.*

**Applebox Belles: The Women of Lake Country's Packinghouses, Community Stories, Lake Country Museum & Archives**



*Kelowna Pioneer Cemetery*



*Applebox Belles*



# Heritage Week 2018

Heritage Week 2018 was celebrated February 19<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> with the national and provincial theme *Heritage Stands the Test of Time*.

There is so much to celebrate:

- Our collective history is told in our languages and our music, in photographs, maps and documents, in regalia, objects and traditions – so many treasures passed down through history to the present day. Learn more about the tangible and intangible heritage of Canada’s Indigenous peoples, of the many cultures that came after, and of our new Canadians. Visit museums, historic sites and cultural centres that help preserve and share this heritage for posterity.
- Our special places endure as physical records of the people and events that shape our past and our future: Our heritage buildings were built to last! Often made of materials that are durable and environmentally friendly, their re-use, re-purposing and renewal results in less construction and demolition waste than new construction. And our cultural landscapes bear the imprint of generations of Canadians.
- Our stories endure! Some have been retold for thousands of years. Our traditional knowledge keepers, educators, parents and grandparents have stories to share that help us understand the past.



*Blair Stewart, City of Kelowna*

In 2001, the Central Okanagan Heritage Society initiated and coordinated the Central Okanagan’s first Heritage Week, contributing to the provincial and national events celebrating Heritage Week each year. Heritage Week is celebrated the third week of February each year and is a week-long series of events designed to raise awareness and appreciation of our local heritage. This year’s events featured the Heritage Week Kick-off Breakfast, COHS’ 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Awards Presentations and Luncheon, a lecture by Blair Stewart, City of Kelowna, on Kelowna’s Heritage Trees, the History Mystery Bus Tour and many other events throughout the Central Okanagan.

COHS chairs the local planning committee and works with community groups to plan and deliver Heritage Week events. Our committee includes museums and organizations throughout the Central Okanagan: Kelowna Museums, Westbank Museum, Snccewips Museum, Lake Country Museum, Okanagan Historical Society, Kelowna & District Genealogical Society, Rutland Residents Association, Kelowna South-Central Neighbourhood Association, Okanagan Regional Library and Central Okanagan Heritage Society. Ongoing business partners assisting with events are the Trophy Den and the Hotel Eldorado.



*Danita and Evelyn, Rutland Residents Association*

A big thank you to all our partners, volunteers and sponsors! Watch the COHS website and Facebook page for continuing events and tours through 2018, hosted by COHS and our Heritage Week partners.

## Thank You to Our Heritage Week Sponsors and Partners



## COHS News in Brief

### Upcoming Events:

Join us for a history tour of Benvoulin Church and gardens.  
Public Tours begin at 3pm, July 29th, August 12th, August 26th.

Workshops are offered throughout the year and cover topics related to heritage conservation and heritage properties.

*Benvoulin Garden - September 2018*  
*Kelowna's Heritage Architecture - October 2018*

Kelowna's Places and People, partnered with experts from the Okanagan Historical Society, combines a talk and a site tour. Learn about the human and social history of Kelowna's heritage places.



*The History of the Oblate (Father Pandosy) Mission, September 6th and 8th.*  
*Guisachan Farm - Date to be determined*

On July 15th, 2pm to 4pm, the Okanagan Historical Society—Kelowna Branch is holding their annual Pioneer Picnic at Benvoulin Heritage Park. COHS members are invited to join the festivities.

Visit our event booths at:

The Guisachan Garden Show, July 7th  
Pollinator's Picnic at Brent's Mill Park, July 14th  
Parks Alive at Knowles Park, July 24th  
Parks Alive at Cameron Park, July 26th  
Parks Alive at the Father Pandosy Mission, August 14th

COHS was formed in 1982 when a group of concerned citizens rolled up their sleeves to save and restore the Benvoulin Church. Since then, their work has continued with the conservation of and advocacy for other local heritage sites and buildings including Guisachan House and Gardens and Brent's Grist Mill. The Society also provides tours and workshops to educate the community about the importance of heritage.



*Two more concerts are  
planned for the fall of 2018  
Dates to be announced soon!*

The 2018 Winter Concert Series at Benvoulin featured four classical and baroque performances by local musicians at Benvoulin Heritage Church, followed by tea and treats.

- ◆ Alan Rinehart Solo Classical Guitar Recital
- ◆ A MUSICAL ZOO - Historic Instruments and Musical Curiosities Renaissance and Baroque with Jim Mendenhall, Cuyler Page, Carole Ruth, Natalia Polchenko and Alex Wedensky
- ◆ Guitar Plus with Martin Krátký, Sandra Wilmot and Alan Rinehart
- ◆ Penta Ventus Quintet with Janet Watson, Karen Gibbons, Ruth Johnson, Lorri Simpson and Cuyler Page



## COHS News in Brief



### Spring Work Bee 2018

The Central Okanagan Heritage Society's Spring Work Bee took place Sunday, April 28th, with maintenance and yard work at Benvoulin Heritage Park. Volunteers weeded, painted, cleaned, and scrubbed – very appreciated! The newly scraped and painted boardwalk in the front of the church looks wonderful. All the garden work, from trimming weeding, to cleaning the gazebo, benches and the hall windows make the site look great. Even digging out and moving part of the irrigation system at McIver to help with the McIver House conservation work was accomplished.

**Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!**



Robin Digby, Alasdair Smith

The second COHS talk **Repair and Maintenance of Traditional Wood Windows** was held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Reid Hall. Traditional windows, important to the character of a building, are frequently altered in renovations. Heritage specialists Alasdair Smith and Robin Digby gave an interesting and practical talk and demonstration on how to take apart a window, how to make repairs, the tools needed, the importance of storm windows and weather proofing, and appropriate colours and paint on window sashes and frames. The conservation of the traditional windows was looked at: balancing historic integrity, current functional requirements, aesthetics and energy efficiency.

After training and working as a wooden boat builder, **Alasdair Smith** has spent the last 25 years working on a variety of heritage buildings in several countries.

For the last 12 years he has been based in Kelowna where he has restored, among other things, several buildings at Gellatly Nut Farm, the major part of Brent's Grist Mill, numerous sash windows and the interior of St. Michael's cathedral.

**Robin Digby** has worked as a building conservator for most of this millennium. In Kelowna he restored the windows of the Benvoulin Church. In East Coulee, AB, he spent over a decade as head building conservator at the Atlas Coal Mine National Historic Site, working on everything from tunnels to tipples. For his glazing, he mixes his own putty - about 200 pounds in the last 5 years.

A huge thank you to **Heritage Homes + Historic Luxury Property Specialists**, Wayne Ross and Richard Deacon for sponsoring the evening.

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**Heritage BC Conference**– May 10th-12th conference in New Westminster. COHS Board member Carol Millar and advisory board member Peter Chataway attended.

This year's theme was *Rich Heritage: Telling Our Stories*. Stories connect people, inspiring them to look again and to see different perspectives. Storytelling brings to life beliefs, ideas, knowledge and values. Stories

are intangible but they transmit heritage and culture. They share memories and reveal new understandings. Stories draw us together and shape our communities.

## HERITAGE NEWS

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### HERITAGE NEWS

The **National Trust for Canada's** Top 10 Endangered Places List shines a national spotlight on historic places at risk due to neglect or lack of funding. The List brings media attention and gives a welcome shot in the arm for local groups involved in challenging campaigns to save places that matter.  
<https://nationaltrustcanada.ca/what-we-offer/endangered-places>

#### The Top 10 List for 2018:

**1029 Tower Road, Halifax, NS:** Located within a registered heritage streetscape, this beautiful 19th century cottage may fall prey to densification pressure.

**Moose Jaw Natatorium, Moose Jaw, SK:** Iconic Depression-era swimming facility will disappear if creative solutions for its renewal aren't found.

**White House, Stratford, ON:** A majestic home risks losing its larger-than-life portico and its spacious grounds, key elements of its character that have made it a prominent local landmark.

**Muscowequan Residential School, Lestock, SK:** Local Indigenous community fighting to save this crumbling residential school as a testament to resilience.

**St. Mary's Pulp and Paper Mill, Sault Ste. Marie, ON:** Monumental Pulp Tower and Board Mill buildings in historic industrial complex need investment and vision to prevent their loss.

**Former Carnegie Library & City of Winnipeg Archives, Winnipeg, MB:** Winnipeg's first public library languishes years after storm damages roof.

**Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, QC:** The future of this historically significant, yet largely-abandoned complex is in limbo.

**A. Minchau Blacksmith Shop, Edmonton, AB:** Weak legislation and inadequate financial incentives place this Old Strathcona boomtown gem at risk.

**Covered Bridges of New Brunswick, New Brunswick:** These iconic structures are being lost across the province to flooding, maintenance issues and lack of expert attention.

**Victoria High School, Victoria, BC:** Seismic upgrades threaten the oldest high school in Victoria. Built of noble materials in the Classical Revival style, Victoria High School (1914) is the oldest high school in Victoria and a beloved institution that has played a profound role in the community.

**Why it's endangered:** Victoria High has received the highest level of seismic risk rating from the BC Ministry of Education's Seismic Mitigation Program, which unfortunately skews decision-making towards new construction. The School Board has been holding public meetings as it looks at three options: demolition and new school (\$50-60 million), seismic upgrades (\$60-70 million), or façade retention and new interior (\$100-110 million). In the lead-up to a Board vote on the options in June, heritage groups and a large cross-section of community members have expressed alarm that demolition is being contemplated for a historic place of such unquestionable civic importance.



COHS thanks the **City of Kelowna** for its support through an Arts, Culture and Heritage Operating Grant for 2018

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COHS thanks the Province of BC and Canada 150 for a heritage site conservation grant

