

Heritage Vision Statement

The Highlands community's vision of heritage is rooted in people's shared experience of a sense of place. It is dynamic, representing the living and changing nature of heritage. It includes the tangible and intangible elements of both the past and the present. It contains ideas and memories. It is who we are and how we identify ourselves. It is our community's inheritance. The heritage vision recognizes examples of community history and the desire of residents to feel connected to nature, by supporting the idea of conservation. It celebrates the aesthetic and innovative; and honours the uniqueness of the Highlands community social fabric.



Caleb Pike House, 1914-1916

Further Information:

BC Heritage Branch website:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/celebrating-british-columbia/historic-places?keyword=heritage&keyword=branch>

Canada's Historic Places website:

www.historicplaces.ca

Preserving the Past...



...for the Future

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Information for Landowners

Heritage Registration & Heritage Designation



Caleb Pike House, 2008

Private Property & Heritage Protection

Through a community process started in 2009, it was determined that there are publicly and privately owned heritage resources valued by the community at large. While Highlands is a relatively young community, there are already significant resources that are at risk of being lost if they are not recognized. All of the heritage resources were described in the report, “Recommendations for a District of Highlands Heritage Register,” which can be found on the District’s website.

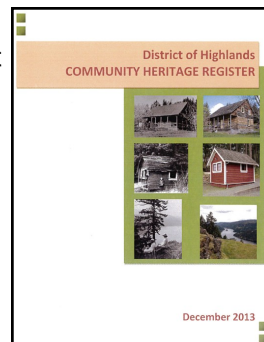
The resources owned by the District were placed on the Highlands Community Heritage Register in 2013 and also added to the Canadian Heritage Registry. *Over time and with the permission of landowners, the District hopes to add the private sites to the Highlands Community Heritage Register.*



Highlands Museum, 2014

Highlands Community Heritage Register

The easiest way to protect heritage resources is to add the resource to the “Highlands Community Heritage Register.” The main purpose of the Register is to publicly acknowledge the resources. It also acts as a flagging system for the District if and when someone applies for a permit to alter the property. As well, if the property is for sale, a potential owner can be informed of the heritage value. While there are temporary protection measures that can be imposed through the *Local Government Act*, it does not mean any permanent legal protection for the resource. Owners retain the full right to use and enjoy their property. Each situation will be different and the details will be worked out fully with each land owner.



Heritage Designation

Sometimes “heritage register” is confused with “heritage designation,” but they are not the same. Heritage “designation” grants permanent legal protection for the heritage resource and notice is placed on the title of the property. Heritage designation is placed on a property through adoption of a bylaw by Council. Right now, only publicly owned properties have heritage designation. Examples include the exteriors of the Caleb Pike House, the Old School House and the Teacherage (washroom building near Old School House).



Old School House, 1941

District of Highlands Heritage Select Committee page:
<https://www.highlands.ca/local-government/committees-boards-commissions>

Contains the two foundational reports of the Highlands’ Heritage Plan:

- “Community Heritage Values and a Heritage Vision,” Phase 1 Report by the Heritage Task Force, January 2010
- “Recommendations for a District of Highlands Heritage Register,” Phase 2 Report by the Heritage Task Force, September 2011. Shows both public and private heritage resources.