

DATE OF MEETING September 19, 2022
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SUBJECT COMMUNITY HERITAGE REGISTER UPDATE

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To present Council with an updated Community Heritage Register, including the addition of six buildings, removal of one building, and a number of minor text and photo edits.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the amended Community Heritage Register, which includes the following building additions:

- Nanaimo Maternity Home (512 Albert Street)
- Priestley Residence (824 Fitzwilliam Street)
- Smith/Tait Residence (16 Irwin Street)
- Rogers/Violette Residence (368 Milton Street)
- Rosehill Street Residence (508 Rosehill Street)
- 105th Street Residence (2896 105th Street)

the following deletions:

- Franklyn Street Gymnasium (421 Franklyn Street)

and a number of minor text and photo edits.

BACKGROUND

The Community Heritage Register (the “Register”) is an official list of properties identified by the City of Nanaimo as having heritage value. Adoption of the Register ensures building owners and prospective buyers are aware of the building’s heritage status. The creation of the Register permits Council, through the “Heritage Procedures Bylaw 2002 No.5549”, to implement temporary protection measures for buildings threatened with demolition or alteration.

Buildings on the Community Heritage Register can also take advantage of special “equivalency” provisions contained in the BC Building Code Heritage Building Supplement. In addition, the Register can be used as a criterion for municipal grants, tax exemption, and non-monetary incentives, such as zoning variances.

Council adopted the City’s first official Community Heritage Register at its regular meeting held 2002-OCT-07. At that time, the Register included 140 buildings; six cemeteries; and, six structures. Council has since amended the Register by adding 35 buildings; three structures; three sites and removing 13 buildings due to demolition and two at the request of the owners.

DISCUSSION

Since the last Register update in October 2019, the following nominations were received and evaluated by Staff through the City's Heritage Register Evaluation point system. A passing score is considered to be 50 or greater out of 100 for residential nominations, and 60 or greater out of 100 for non-residential nominations:

Name	Address	Score	Grade
Nanaimo Maternity Home	512 Albert Street	53/100	Pass
Priestly Residence	824 Fitzwilliam Street	52/100	Pass
Smith/Tait Residence	16 Irwin Street	64/100	Pass
Rogers/Violette Residence	368 Milton Street	59/100	Pass
Rosehill Street Residence	508 Rosehill Street	52/100	Pass
105 th Street Residence	2896 105 th Street	51/100	Pass

The following additional amendments are also recommended by Staff:

- Remove the listing for the "Franklyn Street Gymnasium" at 421 Franklyn Street due to demolition of the building because of fire damage.
- Update photos for a number of listings.
- Make minor miscellaneous text amendments where building alterations have occurred or factual/grammatical corrections have been identified.

Council must pass a resolution adopting the updated Community Heritage Register (Attachment A – Amended Community Heritage Register) in order for these amendments to be applied. |]

OPTIONS

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- **Advantages:** Under Section C4.6 – Archaeology and Heritage of the City Plan, updating the Register satisfies the following portion of Policy C4.6.5, "maintain a community heritage register of buildings, structures, and sites that have heritage value." The Register and its periodic update also furthers the Livability and Economic Health goals of the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, and specifically, the support for culture (heritage).
- **Disadvantages:** None identified.

- Financial Implications: Buildings listed on the Heritage Register can potentially apply for funding assistance through the City's various heritage incentive programs (Heritage Façade Grant, Heritage Home Grant, and Heritage Tax Exemption).
2. That Council deny the adoption of the amended Community Heritage Register.
- Advantages: None identified.
 - Disadvantages: This action could create uncertainty about the City's commitment toward maintaining the Register under Section C4.6 of the City Plan.
 - Financial Implications: None identified.

SUMMARY POINTS

- A Community Heritage Register is an official list of properties identified by the City as having heritage value.
- The Register was last updated in October 2019.
- Proposed amendments include the addition of six buildings, removal of one building, and a number of minor text and photo edits.
- Council must pass a resolution in order to adopt the amended Register.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A: Amended Community Heritage Register |

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