

Eligibility for Listing on Cranbrook's Community Heritage Register

Under the Local Government Act (Part 27, S.954) if the historic place is accepted by Council to be placed on the Cranbrook Community Heritage Register then Council may also consider submitting it to be added to the British Columbia Register of Historic Places and the Canadian Register of Historic Places.

Such a listing will:

1. Summarize the description, heritage value and character-defining elements.
2. Reflect modern values concerning history and historic places.
3. Identify what part of history a historic place represents, and how and why that is of value and importance today.
4. A register record must meet the minimum documentation requirements identified in the BCRHP Documentation Standards Handbook. These requirements include information on the identification, formal recognition, location, description, documentation, and administration, as well as images of the historic place.



To find out more information about the Cranbrook Heritage Register...

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The Cranbrook Heritage Register identifies properties that are considered by Cranbrook City Council to have heritage significance in our community.

The Heritage Register is a planning and promotional tool providing recognition and formal status to a Heritage Site. It is a statement that the community values the heritage significance of the site. It does not limit changes a heritage property owner can make to the site or offer any formal protection but its strength is in the recognition that the community feels it is important and should be preserved.

The Register includes the reasons why a property is considered to have heritage value, and may distinguish between different degrees and kinds of heritage value. Council passes a resolution to add or delete a property and must notify the owner and Heritage Minister within 30 days (Local Government Act Sect 954)

How are sites added to the Heritage Register?

There are two ways that sites can be added to the Register. The Heritage Committee might nominate a high priority site from the City's Designated Listing and run it through the review process. The second method is to have the public nominate the potential Heritage Site. Once nominated, the review process is identical.

Nominations must follow the standard Evaluation Form and include as much relevant information as possible. Once completed and submitted, the Heritage Committee will review the application.

If a site is found to have significant heritage value the Committee will recommend that City Council officially add the site to the Heritage Register.

If the public nominator is not the site owner, then consultation with the owner must occur to determine whether or not the owner is supportive of the nomination.

The Benefits of a Community Heritage Register

It can enhance the public's appreciation of the identity and character of the community. It can facilitate public access to heritage information.

It provides a means of informing property Owners, and prospective buyers, of a property's heritage value.

It can facilitate the integration of heritage conservation into community planning and play a role in enhancing community sustainability.

It provides a tool for determining eligibility for heritage programs and incentives.

It provides eligibility for special provisions with in the BC Building Code Heritage Building Supplement for heritage properties.

It allows a local government to consider and, if necessary, undertake protective action such as temporarily withholding demolition permits and building and development approvals, ordering heritage inspections, or monitoring changes in properties through a licensing and permit application process for historic places listed on a Community Heritage Register.

Cranbrook Community Heritage Register Evaluation Criteria

The Cranbrook Community Heritage Register Evaluation Criteria is based on four main principles:

- A. **Architectural History:** Style or type of building, structure or landscape; design attributes; construction methods/materials; notable designer or buildings.
- B. **Cultural History:** Historical association with important people or events; historical patterns within the city's history.
- C. **Context:** Context of each resource within the historical landscape or neighbourhood; compatibility with other buildings and groupings of buildings symbolic importance as a local landmark.
- D. **Integrity:** Degree to which the resource has been altered since originally constructed and designed. The reversibility of alterations will also be taken into account.

Each criterion is scored by considering one of four grades:

- ◆ Excellent (E)
- ◆ Very Good (VG)
- ◆ Good (G)
- ◆ Fair/Poor (F/P)