



What Has Heritage Significance to You?

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VICTORIA, BC — The City of Victoria invites the public to participate in a community planning process to update Victoria's Heritage Register (previously known as the Heritage Registry).

The Victoria Heritage Register, a list of sites determined to have heritage value, is being updated to reflect a set of major themes in our history, called a "city-wide thematic framework", and to include additional sites of heritage significance in the neighbourhoods of James Bay, Fernwood, Victoria West, Burnside, North Park and Harris Green. Other historic and character areas will be subject to review in future years.

Much of Victoria's lasting charm and character stems from its well-preserved historic places, many of which date back to the earliest days of settlement in British Columbia. Our historic landmarks, from the Victorian era to the Modern Movement, are a source of pride for owners and the community. These heritage buildings and precincts, such as Chinatown and Bastion Square, are reminders of our past and contribute to character and sense of place.

The public is invited provide input on the historical themes and their significance in the evolution of Victoria and these neighbourhoods and to suggest additions to the Heritage Register.

What: OPEN HOUSE: Heritage Register Update
When: Wednesday, December 3, 2008 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Where: Victoria City Hall, Ante Chamber, #1 Centennial Square
Registration is not required. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Staff and consultants will discuss the displays and answer questions. Comment forms will be provided.

Listing on the Heritage Register enables the City of Victoria to consider the heritage value of buildings in development applications. Inclusion on the Heritage Register does not give any formal protection to a site and is not the same as heritage designation. Rather, the register provides a system that raises awareness of a site's heritage significance and an opportunity to monitor proposed changes to properties of heritage value. For more information on the City of Victoria's Heritage Program, visit www.victoria.ca and click on *What's New*.

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