

**HERITAGE DESIGNATION (902 FOUL BAY ROAD) BYLAW, AMENDMENT BYLAW (NO.1)**

**A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA**

The purpose of this Bylaw is to amend the *Heritage Designation (902 Foul Bay Road) Bylaw (No. 495) 03-4* to remove the house as protected heritage property due to a fire that destroyed the house in 2016 and to remove the land and trees as protected heritage landscape features as the proximate protected house no longer exists.

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Under its statutory powers, including section 611 of the *Local Government Act*, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria in an open meeting assembled enacts the following provisions:

**Title**

- 1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “HERITAGE DESIGNATION (902 FOUL BAY ROAD) BYLAW, AMENDMENT BYLAW (NO. 1)”.

**Amendments**

- 2 The Heritage Designation (902 Foul Bay Road) Bylaw (No. 495) 03-4, is amended by:
  - (a) striking out the preamble and replacing it with:

“The purpose of this bylaw is to designate the Tait residence rock wall and iron gate located at 902 Foul Bay Road, which the City considers has heritage value and character, as protected heritage property.

Under its statutory powers, including section 611 of the *Local Government Act*, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria in an open meeting assembled enacts the following provisions:”
  - (b) striking out section 2 and replacing it with:

“The stone wall and iron gate as described in the Statement of Significance prepared by Donald Luxton & Associates Inc. dated March 2020 attached to this bylaw at Schedule A, and located at 902 Foul Bay Rd. PID: 007-652-674, BLOCK G, SECTION 68, VICTORIA DISTRICT, PLAN 1247, are designated protected heritage real property.”
  - (c) striking out Schedule A and replacing it with a new Schedule A attached to this bylaw as Appendix 1.

**Commencement**

**3** This bylaw comes into force on adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME the	<b>1st</b>	day of	<b>September</b>	2022
READ A SECOND TIME the	<b>1st</b>	day of	<b>September</b>	2022
PUBLIC HEARING on the		day of		2022
READ A THIRD TIME the		day of		2022
ADOPTED on the		day of		2022

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

## Appendix 1

**Schedule A****ROCK WALL HERITAGE CONSERVATION PLAN: 902 FOUL BAY ROAD, VICTORIA, B.C.****3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE****Description of Historic Place**

The Tait Residence Rock Wall is located on the southern perimeter of 902 Foul Bay Road in the City of Victoria. The site is located at the junction of Foul Bay Road, Quamichan Street, and Redfern Street. It is parallel to, and follows the slope of, Quamichan Street, then turns partially around the corner and faces Foul Bay Road. The Rock Wall is characterized by its rubble granite construction with grey raised rope tuckpointing and crenulated top. Two square random ashlar granite gate posts with crenulated caps stand at each end of the wall, and two matching gate posts with an iron gate stand at the end of the wall where it partially turns to face Foul Bay Road.

**Heritage Value**

The Tait Residence Rock Wall is valued for its connection with the Tait family, the owners of the original estate house on the property, and as a typical landscape feature seen in estates throughout Victoria. The design of the Rock Wall reflects the Arts and Crafts aesthetic of the Tait Residence, and reflects the nature of residential estate development in Victoria prior to the time of World War One.

The Rock Wall reflects the development of the property by lawyer David Spragge Tait (1878-1952) and his wife Emily Margaret (née Johnston, 1878-1965). It demonstrates the social, cultural, and aesthetic values of wealthy businessmen and women of the early twentieth century – values such as appreciation of architectural elegance, leisure and recreation. Informal landscaped gardens reflected the aesthetics of the Arts and Crafts movement, common at the time and often used for estate mansions as a symbol of affluence and good, modern taste, as well as an affinity for all things British.

The Tait Residence Rock Wall is additionally significant as an example of similar walls constructed to denote the boundaries of private estate properties in Victoria and Oak Bay. These historic landscape features reflected the wealth and societal position of the owner, and created a permeable edge that allowed view to and from the main house. The Tait Residence Rock Wall remains as a tangible reminder of the grand house that once stood here, in an area of similar estates and similar historic landscape features.

**Character-Defining Elements**

The character-defining elements of the Tait Residence Rock Wall include its:

- location running most of the width of the southern perimeter of the lot along Quamichan Street, then turning partially to the north along the eastern edge of the site;
- form, scale and massing as exemplified by its height, width and length;
- rubble granite construction of the wall with grey raised rope tuckpointing and crenulated top;
- two square random ashlar granite gate posts with crenulated caps that stand at each end of the wall facing Quamichan Street; and
- two square random ashlar granite gate posts with crenulated caps and an iron gate at the end of the wall where it turns to face Foul Bay Road.