

## HERITAGE INITIATIVES BY STAFF 2015-2016

Initiative	Staff	Description
Heritage Digitization Project	Archivist, Communications Coordinator, IT Manager	Preparation of Grant applications, overseeing completion of project; Demonstration at various local organizations; Received Communication Award from Hallmark Heritage Society
Heritage Week	Archivist, Planner, Communications Coordinator	2015 Main Street – select historical photos for display at businesses along Esquimalt Road, include information on website; 2016 Distinctive Destinations – organize special event at Gorge Park
World War I Special Events	Communications Coordinator	Plaque unveiling at Lampson School (heritage trees); Commemorative banner at Memorial Park (with re-enactors); Bay Street Armoury 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – display depicting Esquimalt's connection to WWI
Memorial Park cannon restoration	Communications Coordinator	Promotion of military cannon restoration and organized event for unveiling of two refurbished guns
Website enhancement	Communications Coordinator	Culture and Heritage website pages enhanced, added several new pages and created links to Past Perfect website photos
Special Events	Archivist	Buccaneer Days Display; Participation in inter-organizational committee to organize event(s) to commemorate 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge
Heritage Trees	Parks and Recreation	New Tree Protection Bylaw passed in 2015, with enhanced protection for Heritage Trees and an updated Heritage Trees Schedule with added trees (eg Municipal Hall Garry Oaks); Urban Forest Management Plan in preparation which will include Heritage Trees and a proactive enhanced maintenance plan
Miscellaneous	Archivist	Research, provide and verify historical facts and information when requested by staff or by consultant in preparing Statements of Significance; Provide information about houses being considered for Certificates of Recognition; Provide historical information re heritage trees; Provide confirmation of age and existence of houses for 'Best of 100' Project; Monthly article in Victoria News exploring elements of Esquimalt's history (March 2014 - August 2015)