



April 3, 2017

Board of Directors  
Township of Esquimalt  
1229 Esquimalt Road  
Esquimalt, BC V9A 3P1

Dear Board of Directors:

I am writing to inform you of the results of the Japanese Canadian Historic Places Project, a heritage awareness and recognition project that was undertaken by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations, and the Ministry of International Trade and Multiculturalism over the past year.

Public nominations were sought from July 7 to November 30, 2016, resulting in 264 nominations for 176 places to be considered for recognition under s. 18 of the *Heritage Conservation Act* (Appendix A). Following a thorough evaluation by sector and community experts, 56 historic places were chosen to receive formal provincial recognition for their significance to the Japanese Canadian community in British Columbia (Appendix B).

Acknowledgement of the heritage values associated with these places strengthens our understanding and appreciation of the diversity of cultures that are part of British Columbia's heritage. Heritage values articulated by the Japanese Canadian community relate to several themes including immigration, fighting for equality and justice, service to community, and celebrating cultural diversity. Of particular importance was the profound impact of internment during World War II, and its lasting effects in the years following, on over 22,000 Japanese Canadians and Canadians of Japanese ancestry.

Sites chosen for formal recognition will be included on the BC Register of Historic Places, and will be put forward for inclusion on the Canadian Register of Historic Places. The promotion of heritage values under this piece of legislation is purely commemorative, and does not confer any form of legal protection nor does it register any interest in land. Property rights and title are also not affected by this formal acknowledgment of heritage values.

The 176 nominated places are located in 60 local governments and regional districts throughout B.C., including in your municipality. The historic places within your jurisdiction are listed below. Provincially recognized places are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

1. Protected Area\*
2. Japanese Garden, Gorge Point Park

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While not all of the places identified by the public are *provincially* significant, this project brings to light the fact that these places are important at a regional or local level. I am therefore inviting your local government to consider using the heritage conservation tools found in Part 15 of the *Local Government Act* to formally recognize or protect these places at the local level. Recognition of these historic places by all levels of government strengthens our collective understanding and appreciation of the many layers of heritage values that make British Columbia the place it is today

If your local government does not already have a Community Heritage Register or other heritage conservation tools in place, may I suggest contacting Heritage BC at [www.heritagebc.ca](http://www.heritagebc.ca), or at 604.428.7243 or 1.855.349.7243, to learn more about their resources and services for developing community heritage planning programs. Heritage BC is also the fund administrator for the Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia, which provides opportunities to interpret or celebrate aspects of community heritage through their Heritage Awareness Program.

If you would like more information on this project, or any of the places that were nominated or formally recognized, please contact Judith Cook, Heritage Planner, at [judith.cook@gov.bc.ca](mailto:judith.cook@gov.bc.ca), or at 250-356-1038. Information about each place will also be available on an online interactive map, hosted by Heritage BC.

I hope that you will join the Province of British Columbia in honouring this important part of our provincial heritage.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Richard Linzey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Linzey  
Director, BC Heritage Branch  
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

## Appendix A - Japanese Canadian Historic Places Project - List of nominated places

1	Protected Area	38	The Gulf Islands	78	Fraser Mills Japanese Language School
2	Lillooet/East Lillooet Self-Supporting Internment Camp	39	Sunrise Sawmill and Koyama's Fish Camp	79	Annieville Slough
3	McGillivray Falls	40	Galiano Island Charcoal Pit Kiln	80	Canoe Pass
4	Minto Mine	41	Galiano Island Cemetery	81	New Westminster Berth for Ocean Vessels
5	Miyazaki House	42	Galiano Island North End Hall	82	Douglas Road Cemetery
6	Bridge River Internment Site	43	Mayne Island Japanese Garden	83	New Westminster Japanese Language School
7	Taylor Lake	44	Kadonaga Bay	84	Japanese Teahouse, North Vancouver
8	Mount Manzo Nagano	45	Mayne Island	85	Seymour Valley (McKenzie Creek) Japanese Camp
9	Mine at Ikeda Bay on Moresby Island	46	Salt Spring Island Charcoal Pit Kilns	86	Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site
10	Ocean Falls	47	Ganges	87	Don and Lion Islands
11	North Pacific Cannery National Historic Site	48	Salt Spring Island	88	G.S. Mukai Boat Works
12	Port Essington	49	Mikuni Point	89	Garry Point Park Boatyard
13	Skeena Buddhist Temple	50	Saint Christopher's Church	90	Japanese Fishermen's Hospital
14	Cow Bay	51	Christina Lake & Japanese Language School	91	Kuno Garden
15	Kazu Maru Shinto Shrine	52	Greenwood	92	Murakami House and Boatworks
16	Morimoto Boat Shop & Claxton Cannery	53	Kaslo Internment Site	93	Nikkei Fishermen's Statue, Steveston
17	Prince Rupert Japanese Language School	54	Langham Cultural Centre	94	Steveston Buddhist Temple
18	St. Andrew's Anglican Church	55	St Andrew's United Church	95	Steveston Japanese Language School
19	Calhoun Farm	56	Midway	96	Steveston
20	Eagle Pass/Revelstoke-Sicamous Highway Road Camp	57	1505 Nasookin Road, Nelson	97	Woodfibre Japanese Language School
21	Nitobe's Rock	58	Rosebery Internment Camp	98	Strawberry Hill, Surrey
22	Rogers Pass Avalanche Memorial	59	Kohan Reflection Garden	99	Campbell Creek Hop Farm
23	Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple	60	New Denver and Area Internment Camps	100	Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association
24	Mount Lehman Japanese Language School	61	New Denver Church	101	Kamloops Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple
25	Hammond Buddhist Temple	62	New Denver Orchard	102	Kamloops Judo Club
26	Haney Japanese Kindergarten	63	Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre National Historic Site	103	Monte Lake
27	Haney Japanese Language School	64	Yasutaro Mitsunaga grave marker	104	North Kamloops Motors
28	Haney Nokai	65	Sandon Internment Camp	105	Kelowna Buddhist Temple
29	Haney, Maple Ridge	66	520 Springer Street, Slocan	106	Kelowna Japanese Language School
30	Whonnock Japanese Language School	67	Bay Farm Internment Camp	107	Summerland Japanese Language School
31	East Mission Japanese Language School	68	Lemon creek Internment Camp	108	Bella Vista Road & Old Kamloops Road
32	Mission Japanese Language School	69	Popoff Internment Camp	109	Vernon Japanese Hall/Buddhist Temple
33	Westminster Abbey, Mission	70	Slocan Extension Internment Camps	110	Westwold
34	Pitt Meadows Japanese Canadian Meeting Hall	71	Silvery Slocan Social Centre	111	Yellowhead-Blue River Highway Road Camp (Robson Park)
35	Fraser Valley	72	Slocan Cemetery Monument		
36	Tashme Internment Camp	73	Slocan City Internment Camp		
37	Hope-Princeton Highway Road Camp	74	Slocan Village Market		
		75	CPR Railway disaster		
		76	Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre		
		77	Ocean View Burial Park		

112	302 Alexander Street, Vancouver	134	Nippon Auto Supply, Vancouver	157	Saito House
113	40th Marpole Boy Scout Hall & Marpole Japanese Language School	135	Nitobe Memorial Garden, UBC	158	Cumberland
114	Celtic Cannery & Japanese Language School	136	Oppenheimer Park	159	Nanaimo Japanese Language School
115	Fairview Japanese Language School	137	Powell Street Historic Japanese Canadian Neighbourhood (Paueru-gai/ パウエル街)	160	Newcastle Island & Nanaimo Shipyards
116	Hastings Park	138	Showa Japanese Language School	161	McLean Mill National Historic Site
117	Hastings Park - PNE Forum	139	Tairiku Building, Cordova Street	162	Port Alberni Cemetery
118	Hastings Park - Rollerland	140	Tamura House/Building	163	Royston
119	Hastings Park Garden Auditorium	141	Tonari Gumi, Vancouver	164	Japanese Bazaar, 1013 Government Street, Victoria
120	Hastings Park Livestock Building	142	University of British Columbia	165	Japanese Methodist Mission Church
121	Hastings Park Momiji Garden	143	Vancouver Buddhist Temple	166	Osawa Hotel, Victoria
122	Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada Plaque, Hastings Park	144	Vancouver Japanese Language School & Japanese Hall	167	Ross Bay Cemetery - Kakehashi Project and Gravesites
123	Holy Cross Japanese Anglican Church	145	Wong's Market, Vancouver	168	Victoria Japanese Language School
124	Japanese Canadian real estate	146	Torii Gate	169	Victoria Port of Entry and William Head Quarantine Station
125	Japanese Canadian War Memorial	147	Chemainus Cemetery and Monument	170	Japanese Garden, Gorge Point Park
126	Japanese Catholic Mission	148	Comox Japantown and Japanese Language School	171	West Coast of Vancouver Island (Tofino and Ucluelet)
127	Japanese Church of the Ascension	149	Deep Bay Logging Company and Kyoritsu Gakko Language School	172	Clayoquot Island
128	Historic Joy Kogawa House	150	Hillcrest Japanese Language School	173	Tofino Japanese Language School
129	Kitsilano Japanese Language School	151	Duncan, Paldi, Chemainus	174	Japanese Dock, Ucluelet
130	Little Ginza, Vancouver	152	10 Maple Street, Cumberland	175	Port Albion (Shimizu Bay), Ucluelet
131	Maikawa Building and Store	153	Coal Mine No. 5 and No. 5 Japanese Town, Cumberland	176	Ucluelet
132	Mountain View Cemetery	154	Cumberland Japanese Cemetery		
133	Myowa Gakuen	155	Nikkei Mountain		
		156	No. 1 Japanese Town site, Cumberland		

## Appendix B: Recognized places in numerical order

1. Tashme Internment Camp
2. Midway
3. Greenwood Internment Camp
4. Christina Lake
5. Kaslo Internment Site
6. Slocan City / Slocan Extension Internment Camps
7. Bay Farm Internment Camp
8. Popoff Internment Camp
9. Lemmon Creek Internment Camp
10. Nikkel Internment Memorial Centre National Historic Site, New Denver
11. Kohan Reflection Garden, New Denver
12. New Denver Orchard
13. New Denver Church
14. Roseberry Internment Camp
15. Sandon Internment Camp
16. Lillooet/East Lillooet Self-Supporting Internment Camp
17. McGillivray Falls
18. Calhoun Farm, Tappen
19. Taylor Lake
20. Bridge River Internment Site
21. Minto Mine
22. Hope-Princeton Highway Road Camp
23. Eagle Pass (Revelstoke-Skamouna) Highway Road Camp
24. Yellowhead-Blue River Highway Road Camp (Robson Park)
25. Vancouver Japanese Language School and Japanese Hall
26. Mountain View Cemetery
27. Ocean Falls
28. Port Eslington
29. Protected Area
30. The Gulf Islands
31. Nikkel National Museum & Cultural Centre
32. Annville Slough
33. Don and Lion Islands
34. Fraser Valley / Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple
35. Haney, Maple Ridge
36. Westminster Abbey, Mission
37. Pitt Meadows Japanese Canadian Meeting Hall
38. Steveston
39. Strawberry Hill, Surrey
40. Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association
41. Kelowna Buddhist Temple
42. Bella Vista Road / Old Kamloops Road, Vernon
43. Seymour Valley (McKenzie Creek) Japanese Camp
44. 40th Merville Boy Scout Hall & Merville Japanese Language School
45. Hastings Park
46. Powell Street Historic Japanese Canadian Neighbourhood (Pauzuru-gai) (フジ屋敷)
47. Stanley Park Japanese Canadian War Memorial
48. Tonari Gumi Japanese Canadian Volunteer Association
49. Duncan, Paldi and Chemainus
50. Cumberland and Royston
51. University of British Columbia
52. Fanny Bay
53. Newcastle Island and Nanaimo Shipyards
54. West Coast of Vancouver Island (Tofino and Ucluelet)
55. Victoria Port of Entry and William Head Quarantine Station
56. Vancouver Buddhist Temple

