



A Community Heritage Register for Smithers

Community Info Session
February 22, 2023



What is a Community Heritage Register?



List of historic places in a community with heritage value or character






Officially recognized by local government **resolution**



Local government planning tool focused on **education**

What a Community Heritage Register is Not

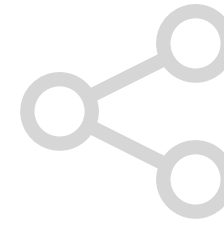
-  A bylaw, **designation**, or regulation.
-  A tool to **protect** heritage property.
-  A way to **limit changes** a property owner may make to their property.

Benefits



DOCUMENT HERITAGE

- Formal way to identify Smithers' historic places.
- Currently there is no resource available.



SHARE KNOWLEDGE

- Locally, provincially & federally.
- Fills a knowledge gap as many residents, property owners & planners are not aware of property history.



INCLUDE IN TOWN PLANNING

- Town currently makes limited use of available heritage tools (designated two buildings 25 years ago).
- Implement OCP policies related to heritage & reconciliation.



SUPPORT HERITAGE CONSERVATION

- Properties qualify for BCBC Alternative Compliance Methods for Heritage Conservation.
- Only available to properties listed in a register.

How will a Register be Developed?



RESEARCH

- Background research
- Review legislation & documentation standards

ENGAGE

- Community engagement
- Identify community heritage values & properties

DOCUMENT

- Evaluate listed properties
- Draft statements of significance

CONSULT

- Property owner & community review of draft
- Edit list based on feedback

FINALIZE

- Finalize register, documents & final report
- Present final report to Smithers Council

Community Engagement

- Better understand community heritage values.
- Identify historic places to include on the register (what and why).
- An evolving process – registers are living documents.

Public
Info Session

Feb. 22 @ Old Church
4-7 Drop-In
5:30 Presentation

Small group &
one-on-one
conversations
Feb – May

Community Survey
& Nominations
Feb – May

Council
Presentations

Project Deliverables

Final report submitted & presented to Smithers Council that contains:



A 'ready to adopt and implement' Smithers **Heritage Register**



Documents **community heritage values** based on community engagement



Aligns with **LGA & BC Register of Historic Places** documentation



Recommends **implementation steps & ideas** on ways the Town can integrate heritage into local planning

Comments?

Questions?

Ideas?