



A Community Heritage Register for Smithers

Project Update for Smithers Council
November 28, 2023

Presentation Goals

01

Recap the project + where we are

02

Engagement activities + results

03

Next steps

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**

Engagement Activities

Public
Info Session
Feb

Small group &
one-on-one
conversations
Feb - Nov

Community Survey
& Nominations
Feb - Nov

Council
Presentations

Engagement Themes

- ✓ Top **community heritage values** are visual & historic / cultural
- ✓ **Defined** by strong visual elements (natural + built) and the people / relationships
- ✓ Heritage goes **beyond** the downtown core (residential, civic areas, art)
- ✓ All histories should be **included** and tell a story (interconnected)
- ✓ **Mixed** memories of places (i.e. Alpenhorn man, old Post Office, CN Rail Station)
- ✓ Important **educational tool** and contributes to **identity** and sense of place

Smithers Heritage Register Map

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What other places would you like to see included in the Smithers Heritage Register?



Here are a few places we've identified to get the register started. These places are based on prior research & community engagement.

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| 1 | 3815 Railway Ave: CN Rail Station | 10 | 1176 Main St: Goodacre's Store (Sedaz Lingerie) |
| 2 | 3895 Alfred Ave: Smithers Sash & Door Factory (Greene Law Office) | 11 | 1201 Main St: Adams Drug Store & First Post Office (Central Square Medical / Pharmasave) |
| 3 | 1089 Queen St: Hankinson / Kilpatrick House | 12 | 1226 Main St: Smithers Tribune, Beerda's Dry Goods (NDP Office) |
| 4 | 3891 Broadway Ave: Hoskins House | 13 | 1232 Main St: Dominion Telegraph Offices (Blue Water Sushi) |
| 5 | 1107 Main St: Hanson Lumber & Tie (Smithers Sausage Factory) | 14 | 1425 Main St: Central Park Building |
| 6 | 3771 Broadway Ave: McRae Hotel/Smithers Hotel (Fitness Northwest) | 15 | Indiantown |
| 7 | 3752 Broadway Ave: Aida Tailor & Laundry | 16 | Smithers Secondary Totem Pole |
| 8 | 3704 First Ave: St. James Anglican Church (the "Old Church") | 17 | Smithers Municipal Cemetery |
| 9 | 3692 First Ave: First Nurses Residence | 18 | Chinatown |

Next Steps



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

Thank you

www.bvmuseum.org/heritage-register