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Dear John Maclean:

I am writing to inform you of the results of the Francophone Historic Places Project, a heritage awareness and recognition project that was undertaken by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations, and the Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat over the past two years.

Public nominations were sought from March 13 to June 30, 2018, resulting in 122 nominations for 111 places to be considered for recognition under s. 18 of the *Heritage Conservation Act*. Following a thorough evaluation by sector and community experts, 23 historic places were chosen to receive formal provincial recognition for their significance to the Francophone community in British Columbia.

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 Francophone community relate to several themes including settlement, education, building community, and celebrating cultural diversity.

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 111 nominated places are in the jurisdictions of 31 local governments and regional districts throughout B.C., including the Cariboo Regional District. The historic place or places within your jurisdiction are listed below. Provincially recognized places are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

1. The Mission of Saint-Joseph School  
and the cemetery, Williams Lake



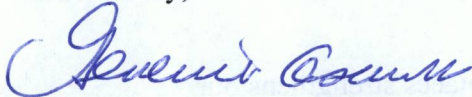
While not all the places identified by the public merit provincial recognition, this project brings to light the fact that these places are important at a regional or local level. I am therefore inviting your local government to consider using the heritage conservation tools found in Part 15 of the *Local Government Act* to formally recognize or protect these places at the local level, if they have not already acknowledged. 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 778-698-4180. 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,



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