



building communities together

2024 Business Plan Heritage Conservation (1670)

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Working in partnership with communities large and small to offer local, sub-regional, and regional services to ensure that the Cariboo Chilcotin is a socially, economically, and environmentally desirable region.

Department/Function Service

The Heritage Conservation service was established in 2005 by Bylaw No. 4070. The participating areas for this service include all of the electoral areas. There is no requisition limit for this service. Principally, the service supports the activities of the CRD's Heritage Steering Committee. As the current requisition is minimal, staff provide a supporting role in the activities which are driven by committee members.

In early 2007, the CRD Heritage Register was implemented, with one property being established on the Register. The following year, the Board approved the membership of the Heritage Steering Committee. In 2009, a training program was offered by the Heritage Ministry and a number of community members took part in the training program held in Williams Lake. Since this time, additional members have been trained to continue this work. There are presently 12 sites listed on the CRD register.

All Electoral Area Directors are responsible for the governance of this service.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2024 Goals

- 1. Goal:** Complete Statements of Significance (SOS) and Increase Registry Properties.
Rationale: The primary goal of the committee is to support recognition of heritage properties and expand the heritage registry. A Statement of Significance is a requirement to meet provincial heritage registry standards.
Strategy: A Statement of Significance workshop was held October 2023, and the committee will continue to work to develop SOS in 2024.

2. **Goal:** Establish a plan to utilize accumulated operating surplus. (*2022 Goal – Carried Forward*)
Rationale: The Heritage Conservation service has been accumulating an ongoing operating surplus which needs to be allocated towards achieving the mandate of the committee.
Strategy: The committee continues to discuss options and will work to establish a consensus over utilization of funds in 2024.
3. **Goal:** Continue to host regional heritage networking meetings.
Rationale: The City of Quesnel, in partnership with the CRD Heritage Committee received grant approval of \$7,500 from the Heritage BC Legacy Fund in early 2020 for hosting a strategic networking meeting of heritage stakeholders from throughout the CRD. An online event was held in May of 2021, and an in-person meeting in 2023 was very successful.
Strategy: The Committee will continue to assist City of Quesnel staff in holding ongoing meetings.
4. **Goal:** Liaise with Economic Development to continue Heritage Driving Brochure.
Rationale: Management and distribution of the Heritage Driving Brochure has been transferred to the Economic Development department, as part of the objective to expand and support regional heritage tourism.
Strategy: The Heritage Committee will continue to support the ongoing update and expansion of the guide.
5. **Goal:** Continue to support Indigenous inclusion and recognition.
Rationale: Recognizing that heritage committees throughout BC have historically been rooted in colonial history, the committee intends to increase inclusion and recognition of Indigenous heritage throughout our region.
Strategy: Continue working to increase Indigenous inclusion and representation on the committee as a first step.



Heritage Committee on location at Big Lake Heritage Site

Overall Financial Impact

In the five-year financial plan, the requisition is projected to remain at \$10,000 per year. The committee will work in 2024 to consider objectives in the utilization of its accumulated operating surplus.

Significant Issues & Trends

The committee continues to remain active and is working to (re)gain capacity in writing Statements of Significance and registering heritage properties. The committee also remains interested in building out relationships to support Indigenous recognition and representation.

Measuring Previous Years Performance

- 1. Goal:** Conduct training session with Heritage BC. *(2023 Goal – Completed)*
A Statement of Significance (SOS) workshop was held in October 2023.
- 2. Goal:** Establish plan to utilize accumulated operating surplus. *(2022 Goal – Ongoing)*
The committee continues to work on this goal.
- 3. Goal:** Review, update, and complete the “Heritage Matrix”. *(2022 Goal – Ongoing)*
This work is ongoing.
- 4. Goal:** Host a strategic networking meeting. *(2020 Goal – Completed)*
A successful meeting was held in April 2023, with a commitment to support ongoing meetings.
- 5. Goal:** Increase number of properties on the CRD Heritage Register. *(2022 Goal – Ongoing)*
No additions to the registry were made in 2023. The SOS workshop held in October 2023 will support the committee’s further work on this goal in 2024.
- 6. Goal:** Update and distribute heritage driving brochure and virtual GIS tour. *(2022 Goal – Ongoing)*
The driving brochure was updated for accuracy in 2023. Approximately 5,000 brochures were distributed in 2023. The Economic Development Service has taken over management and distribution of this ongoing goal, with the intention of collaborating with the Heritage Committee for future updates and expansion of the guide.