



building communities together

2025 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

2025 Goals

- 1. Goal:** Complete Statements of Significance (SOS) and Increase Registry Properties.
(Ongoing)

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: The committee developed a draft SOS for the Big Lake Heritage Site in 2024 and staff will help prepare it for submission in late 2024/early 2025. Proposals for additional sites have been received, which will be assessed in 2025.

- 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 2025.

- 3. Goal:** Continue to host regional heritage networking meetings. *(2020 Goal – Ongoing)*

Rationale: The initial strategic networking meeting of heritage stakeholders from throughout the CRD was held in May 2021, and in-person meetings in 2023 and 2024 were very successful.

Strategy: The Committee will continue to support City of Quesnel staff in holding ongoing meetings.

- 4. Goal:** Liaise with Economic Development to continue Heritage Driving Brochure. *(Ongoing)*

Rationale: Management and distribution of the Heritage Driving Brochure was transferred to the Economic Development department in 2023 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. *(Ongoing)*

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.



150 Mile Courthouse

6. **Goal:** Review 150 Mile Courthouse. *(2024 Goal – Carried Forward)*
Rationale: The 150 Mile Courthouse is in a state of significant disrepair and is located on a property without access.
Strategy: Liaise with Economic Development Department, Electoral Area F Director and the CRD Board to determine next steps.



Heritage Committee on location at Cottonwood House

Overall Financial Impact

In the five-year financial plan, the requisition is projected to remain at \$10,000 per year. The committee will continue to work in 2025 to determine objectives in the utilization of its accumulated operating surplus.

Significant Issues & Trends

The committee continues to remain active and is working to 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:** Complete Statements of Significance (SOS) and Increase Registry Properties. *(2024 Goal – Ongoing)*
The committee completed a draft SOS for the Big Lake Heritage Site in 2024 and staff will help prepare it for submission in late 2024/early 2025.
- 2. Goal:** Establish a plan to utilize accumulated operating surplus. *(2022 Goal – Carried Forward)*
The committee continues to work on this goal. Progress was delayed due to strike action.
- 3. Goal:** Continue to host regional heritage networking meetings. *(2020 Goal – Ongoing)*
A meeting was held in April 2024, with a follow-up meeting scheduled for November 2024.
- 4. Goal:** Liaise with Economic Development to continue Heritage Driving Brochure. *(2024 Goal – Ongoing)*
Brochures were printed and distributed in 2024.
- 5. Goal:** Continue to support Indigenous inclusion and recognition. *(Ongoing)*
Consistent Indigenous membership has been challenging, however the committee is committed to moving this goal forward.
- 6. Goal:** Review 150 Mile Courthouse. *(2024 Goal – Carried Forward)*
An initial discussion was held with the committee in October 2024.