



Prince George Heritage Commission

## Heritage Register

Fifteen buildings and sites have been registered to date:

- 6 residential landmarks
- 4 architectural commercial landmarks
- 2 school structures,
- 2 tree-lined road landscapes
- 1 site of a series of crossings of the Nechako River

- Expand the definition of “heritage”
- Further develop the **thematic framework** used in the *Heritage Context Study (2010)*
- Parks Canada model which identifies five key areas of relevance into which all places of historic significance can be categorized.

These five themes are:

*Peopling the Land* - migration and immigration, settlement, and the relationship between people and the environment

*Developing Economies* – hunting and gathering, extraction and production, trade and commerce, technology and engineering

*Governing Prince George* – politics and political processes, government institutions, security and law, military and defense,

*Building Social and Community Life* – community organizations, religious institutions, education and social well-being, and social movements

*Expressing Intellectual and Cultural Life* – learning and the arts, architecture and design, science, sports and leisure, and philosophy and spirituality

- consulted the Inventory and Heritage Asset Maps generated by the *Context Study Workshop* conducted in 2009
- literature search, expert interviews, and local discussions and site visits were carried out to update and expand the scope of the inventory.
- Several **subthemes** were selected which would allow registered heritage items to be grouped meaningfully to reflect stories of importance to the people of Prince George; stories which can be expanded and interpreted to engage the community.

The following heritage items are being proposed for inclusion on the Register; opinions are sought from the PGHC members regarding the suitability, number and priority of items for submission:

**Transport Heritage:** *Peopling the Land and Developing Economies*



- Nechako Crossing

Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Bridge / CNR bridge and Goat Island



Little Prince Steam Engine and narrow gauge railway

**Educational Heritage:** *Building Social and Community Life and Expressing Intellectual and Cultural Life*



- South Fort George School House
- Quinson Elementary School

University of Northern British Columbia



College of New Caledonia

Recreational Heritage: *Building Social and Community Life and Expressing Intellectual and Cultural Life*



- No registered item



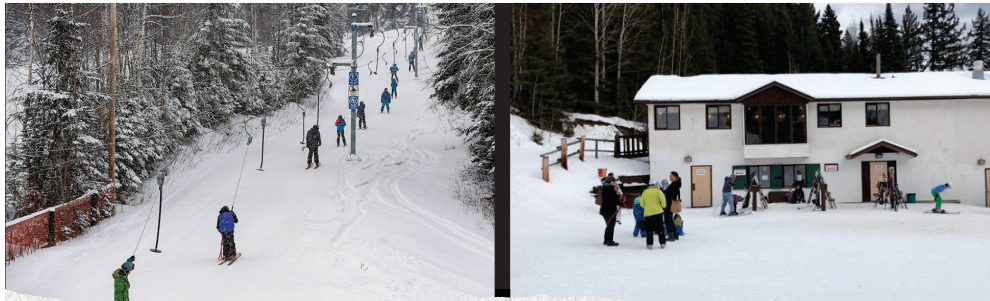
Exhibition Park Complex



Roll a Dome (Prince George Dome)



Farmers' Market



Hart Ski Hill

Industrial Heritage: *Developing Economies*



- Buchan House

Prince George Industrial Heritage Landscape

Heritage Landscape

A geographical area of heritage significance which has been modified by human activities and is valued by a community. It involves a grouping(s) of individual heritage features such as structures, spaces, archaeological sites and natural elements, which together form a significant type of heritage form, distinctive from that of its constituent elements or parts.

Typically characterized by:

- a concentration of cultural heritage resources, such as buildings, structures and landforms
- a concentration of supporting structural elements such as vegetation, fences or roads
- a sense of visual coherence
- a distinctiveness which enables the area to be recognized from neighbouring areas.



Canadian Pacific Railyard



River Road historic sawmill sites



Foley's / Island Cache



Cottonwood Island and river landscape





Central BC Railway and Forestry Museum



### Our overall goal

To develop and add to these “subthemes” to create a Heritage Framework that will:

- Assist our thinking on what the community values and considers the heritage of Prince George
- Inspire ideas for interpreting and presenting Prince George’s heritage back to the community
- Highlight the potential for cultural heritage to play an active and central role in meaningful and sustainable urban planning and community development

### Vista Heritage



### Neighbourhood Heritage



### Civic Heritage



### Faith Heritage



### Next Steps

Based on feedback from Members and decisions regarding candidates for registration, the Working Group will then:

- undertake the preparation of dossiers on each of the heritage items with documentation, photographic records and GIS mapping
- Statements of Significance will also be written as part of the process
- These dossiers will be ready for submission for Government review in December 2024.