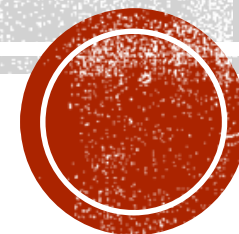


HERITAGE IN PRINCE GEORGE

On the 30th Anniversary of the
Heritage Commission





JULY 1947 - WHERE HERITAGE BEGAN

- Toronto Star reporter and poet, Dorothy Livesay, met pioneer Constance Cox on the street in PG in late July 1947



CITIZEN OF THE WEEK

15 TORONTO DAILY STAR: Friday, Aug. 1, 1947

'I ROBBED B.C.,' SHE ADMITS NOW TRIES TO MAKE AMENDS

By DOROTHY LIVESAY
Special to The Star

Prince George, B.C., Aug. 1—One of the most colorful pioneer daughters of British Columbia hit this town from the north as I came in from the south. We collided on the main street, which is paved and peppered with one-storey frame buildings, stores, notaries public, saloons and third-rate hotels. Just back of it lie the C.N.R. railway tracks, linking the city's 5,000 souls with Edmonton and Prince Rupert; the whole encircled by the turbulent Fraser river, with its low, heavily timbered hills.

Mrs. Constance Cox, the first white child born in Hazelton, 200 miles north of Prince George, knows this country like a book and spends most of her summers travelling through it by bus, stage and on

GARBAGE ON LAWN BRINGS WOMAN FINE

"Putting garbage out like that in hot weather spreads disease," Magistrate Browne told Jean Goodman, fining her \$5 and costs for failing to have proper garbage containers.

"Why would the garbage be lying loose on the lawn?" the court asked an inspector from the health department in the case of Annie Dupcnak, similarly charged.

"Usually dogs get at it," replied the inspector.

"I thought as much," said the magistrate. "You have no defence," he told Mrs. Dupcnak's counsel. "Five dollars and costs or five days."

Citizen of the Week . . .

Mrs. Constance Cox

Pioneer of the Interior

Born against a background of unshaven, smoky-mannered natives, Constance Cox (nee Macklin) has led a life unique in the north, and famous.

Her father, a Hudson's Bay post manager, had to try and teach the Hazelton Indians to wear civilized clothes and to state their law the mysteries of civilized habits before he brought his young bride from Victoria.

At that time, Hazelton had not experienced its boom, and was nothing but an Indian village, home of the Klaskan tribe.

In 1888 and was discovered in the Klaskan, and Hazelton became a boom town—complete with saloons, stores, hotels and crowds of licensed miners and prospectors.

BOOM TOWN

Containing 180 mines in Hazelton up the Skeena was at that time the only route known to the miners and the boom town was peopled with 1,000 miners of many nationalities. For instance, there were 400 Chinese miners and one Chinese lady, wife of the "boss."

The primitive methods of pick and shovel for getting the gold were used then, and the business process.

Indians found a new way of obtaining a good income by packing the food supplies which were carried at Hazelton to Menden Creek on their backs at the price of 50 cents per pound. Mrs. Cox still has the wooden and so, courtbooks showing the price paid for such things as bacon, which sold at Menden Creek for 25 cents per pound.

FLINT WHITE CHILD

It was against this background, then, that Constance was born—the first white child in Hazelton.

Joined later on by a brother and then a sister, Constance grew up with no other playmates than her own family. She recalls one of the greatest joys of her life arrived when she was about ten years old in the form of a "trading agent" which had served the place well in Barkerville and Menden Creek before coming down to Hazelton, where her father



and arranged the Indian sale continued with her stepfather who was made Indian agent and ran some four Indian agencies.

During the Trail of '98 when the call of Klondike lured many a white-collar businessman or even laborer to the north, Mrs. Cox performed the arduous task of giving medical attention to no less than approximately 4,000 miners passing through Hazelton.

Taunted by her stepfather, who was a former captain in the German Army and later first aid, Mrs. Cox, who was then only about 18, sewed up gashes, set broken bones, pulled out teeth, and assisted in operations, which only took place when the man was seriously ill, injured and beyond help.

MINERS AND MINERS

Their household being the only one in which miners could appeal for help, young Constance was kept busy in the dispensary from morning till evening, then, when the day was closed, she would go down to the river landing to wait the horse across.

For the most part, inexperienced, the miners had no idea how to pack their horses. Constance had to show them how to do this after directing the animals back.

However, very few of the horses were panicked by the Klondike because the route used in

Museum Collection Is On Offer To Prince George

A museum collection, containing among other valuable articles, the gold scales of Billy Barker, of Barkerville, is on offer to the city.

The offer was made through "The Citizen" this week by Mrs. Constance Cox, well-known old-timer, who claims to have been the first white child born in Hazelton and whose step-father was the first Indian Agent in British Columbia.

All Mrs. Cox asks in return for her gifts is that space for the museum be located in the Civic Centre and she offers to acquire more articles for the museum from time to time.

UNIQUE

Mrs. Cox claims that her collection of Indian articles and historical relics of British Columbia is unique. Ottawa has repeatedly asked and received articles from her for museum purposes but these articles are lost to British Columbia and she would like to see our own museum established.

"From year to year I would add to the collection if some service organization would pay my expenses," she said. "I know the Indians. I know where there are fine objects to be acquired. Some of them are 200 years old."

Mrs. Cox, who contributes articles on Indian affairs to the "Native Voice," only newspaper for Indians in Canada, says she was born among the Kitshin Indians in the early mining days.

"I had the privilege of collecting authentic historical things. Each article has a story," she said.

She came in possession of the gold scales which weighed all the gold brought to Barkerville because her uncle was a partner of Billy Barker, after whom Barkerville is named.

Mrs. Cox feels that others be-

When informed of Mrs. Cox's offer this morning, Mayor Dick Nicholson told the "Citizen" he could think of no finer place to locate the exhibit than in the Civic Centre.

"Speaking for myself and the city, we are extremely grateful to Mrs. Cox for offering her fine historical collection to the community and I am sure the Civic Centre Association and council will greatly appreciate the offer," said His Worship.

"It is the sort of thing for which the Civic Centre was designed."

sides herself may have articles of historic worth suitable for a museum and that if the city accepts her request they would be glad to make contributions too.

ROAD CLOSED AT 104

Commencing September 20, the Transprovincial Highway will be closed east of Mile 104, according to Provincial Public Works Department authorities.

Closure of the road at this point has been made necessary due to the removal of a bridge surveyed last year for gravel filling.

At press time no further information as to when the road would reopen was available.

2 YEARS LATER —
"A GREAT OFFER",
SAYS MAYOR NICHOLSON



A month ago, a well-known resident of the Interior, Mrs. Constance Cox, offered her museum collection to Prince George.

His worship the Mayor, acknowledging the offer, said he would be very pleased to accept it.

The public-spirited Junior Chamber of Commerce two weeks later wrote the City Council asking what was being done about the offer.

They will receive a reply that no offer has been made.

Mrs. Maisie Armitage-Moore, publisher of the journal for Indians called "The Native Voice," read "The Citizen" and congratulated the Council by telegram on their good fortune in getting the offer. She will be told that the Council knew nothing about it.

Fortunately Mrs. Cox is not withdrawing her offer. She loves this northland and wants to see her museum collection stay in it. She is writing the council accordingly.

But it is difficult to imagine a more complicated way of not getting things done than the way the council has handled this matter.

Alderman Harold Assman, during the council debate on the subject, alleged misrepresentation by the Press. To offer something to the elected representatives of the public through the Press is quite orthodox.

If the council, because the offer was not made in writing to them, therefore disclaims knowledge of such an offer, it would be analagous to the B.C. Government denying the existence of a pipe-line proposition because Westcoast Transmission Company acquainted the Press and service organizations in Prince George with their plans first.

In the field of foreign affairs, Stalin has on several occasions sent messages of great importance to other heads of governments through the agents of the Press—the newspaper correspondents. Governments customarily use the Press when direct negotiations are out of the question, to sound out opinion before they take definite action.

It is time some people grew out of the small-village mentality and acquainted themselves with how things are done in larger communities, one of which we are rapidly becoming.

One hardly thinks the Council would worry about etiquette if Mrs. Constance Cox had offered them through the Press a cheque for \$100,000 . . . or would they?

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MUSEUM DILLY-DALLY

- On September 29, Mrs. Cox was back in town and offered her collection to the PG Citizen
- Citizen editorial, October 13 – "A Great Offer"
- City Council said no offer had been received by them (November 14)
- "Mrs. Cox Repeats Museum Offer, Says She Didn't Expect So Much Discussion!" November 24, 1949
- Citizen editorial Nov 24 – Museum Dilly-Dally
- 1950 – 1953 - Mrs. Cox moved to PG, and spoke at several events, highlighting artefacts



1954 - COX MOVES TO WHITE ROCK AND GIFTS COLLECTION TO ROTARY CLUB

January 1956 - Historical Society to be
established

"In a due course of events," Dr. Evans says in his report, "It is the purpose of the museum and historical committee of Rotary to set up a Prince George Historical Society in the same manner as the Cariboo Historical Society at Quesnel was established."

Members of Rotary's committee are Alex Bowie, Ivor Guest, Alex Moffat and Percy Williams. Dr. Evans is chairman.

To date close to 100 exhibits, including numerous photographs have been collected.

Most of them were the gifts of Mrs. Constance Cox and were displayed in the city library for a couple of years but when space became scarce they had to be packed and put in safe storage.

Meanwhile any person who might have a specimen to add to the collection can leave it with Dr. Evans at his Third Avenue office or with any other member of Rotary's committee.

Dr. Evans said the committee will meet at the end of February and will attempt to form an historical society at that time.



BIG PLANS

- May 1956 - PG Rotary Committee created a historical society, the Fort George branch of the BC Historical Society
- Seven committees established
 - Filing and cataloguing
 - Recording old timers' memoirs
 - Publicity
 - Photography
 - Research
 - Sites and monuments
 - Archeological investigation

June 1956 - Public appeal for relics

- Next – plan to move the Alexander Mackenzie cairn to the site of the old HBC post and reconstruct a “fort” with a park and playground by summer 1957 to coincide with 150th anniversary of the establishment of Fort George
 - Shelley First Nation donated \$500 that would be matched by the parks board
 - Nothing happened





900 PERSONS WERE on hand at the Civic Centre yesterday afternoon when M. "Granny" Seymour, 105-year-old local pioneer, cut the ribbon to officially open the new Prince George Museum. Above a portion of the audience watches a pageant representing the pi ping into an Indian village of a Hudson's Bay Co. factor. —Citizen Photo

Granny Seymour Cuts Ribbon

900 Persons Attend Opening Of Museum

By IRVYN MCCARTHY

Nine hundred persons attended the official opening of the city museum by 105-year-old pioneer Margaret "Granny" Sey-

mour at the Civic Centre. Earlier, the whole assembly rose in spontaneous and moving tribute to Mrs. Seymour when

Cy. Worsway, in a red coat, played the factor Harry Loder, wearing a feathered headdress, that repre-

Ald. Gray Of Civic

Mayorally candidate Ald. Carrie Jane Gray told a radio audience last night of some of the highlights of her six years on the city council. Of the achievements of Ald.

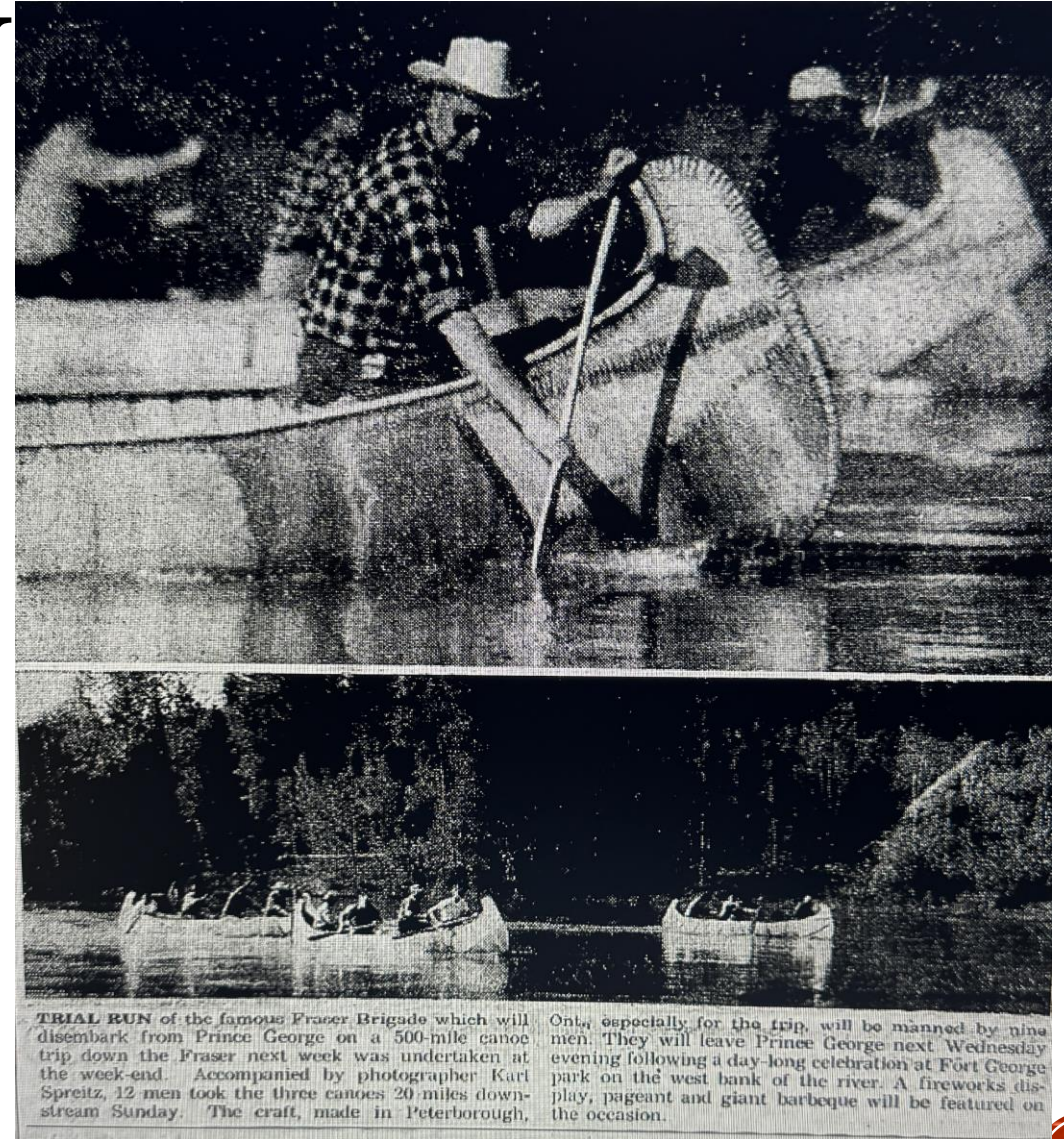
ITINERANT COLLECTION

- Mrs. Cox's 100 exhibit collection was displayed in the library, then put into storage
- January 1957 – collection displayed in the Caine building
- October 1957 – a log cabin museum was built in the auditorium of the new Civic Centre – 16 x 20 x 12 high
- Nov 28, 1957 – museum needs lanterns – contact Mrs. Bridget Moran
- Dec 9, 1957 – Grand Opening – Granny Seymour cuts the ribbon



BC'S CENTENNIAL

- May 28 – July 2 – Canoe brigade recreated Simon Fraser's trip down the Fraser (movie made by CBC)
- June – August – BC's Centennial Caravan made two stops at Jay's Autosales – early July and late August
- August – Fort St. James to PG canoe race





MUSEUM MOVES TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING AT 1ST AND GEORGE

Next to the
Alexander
Mackenzie Cairn
and Mr. PG



MOVING AGAIN

- 1964 - Museum artifacts mothballed as Chamber needs space (PG Citizen Jan 15 1964, p.1)
- Feb 1967 - Museum moves to old City Hall council rooms (PG Citizen Feb 10 1967, p.1)
- June 1968 - Mayor Dezell and Nechako Kiwanis Club looking to build a Fort George stockade – 225 ft square with 2 bastions, south of Fort George park overlooking the slough (PG Citizen June 13, 1968, p.3)
- October 1969 Nechako Kiwanis to build stockade at the end of 20th Ave NE with two longhouses – they've received \$25,000 in materials so far and 2300 man hours of labour (PG Citizen Oct 21, 1969, p.3)
- June 1970 - Stockade up against PG Theatre Workshop for '71 Centennial funding; Kiwanis won \$125,000 for museum (PG Citizen, June 16, 1970, p.1; July 7, 1970, p.1)
- Fall '70–Spring '71 Construction of stockade and foundation of museum (PG Citizen Nov 2, 1970, p.9; March 16, 1971, p.2)
- Feb 17, 1971 – Fraser Fort George Museum Society established



Full-throated welcome from Prince George

Crowd packs park to greet Roy



Royal inspection
for legionaires

Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by Fort George MLA Ray Williston inspects an honor guard supplied by the Royal Canadian Legion when she landed at Prince

George airport this morning. The Royal party later received a tumultuous welcome from 15,000 people when their motorcade reached Fort George Park.

BC'S CENTENNIAL, 1971

- Museum not finished in time for Royal visit



It will be a race with time as the Centennial Museum in the Fort George Stockade is built. The museum, little more than a foundation now, is scheduled to be opened May 10 by Queen Elizabeth during her

visit to Prince George. The museum is the city's centennial project for 1971.

—Citizen photo by Dave Milne





FRASER – FORT GEORGE MUSEUM OPENS

- November 22, 1971 – Grand Opening
- May 15, 1972 – Official opening by Governor General
- Plans to add two longhouses, but the stockade and museum are in debt





Only the chimney is still standing at the Fort George Museum after fire Saturday.

FORT GEORGE MUSEUM FIRE

'Priceless' artifacts lost

by JAN-UDO WENZEL
Ottawa Staff Reporter

A fund drive will begin next spring to replace the Fort George museum and the "priceless" artifacts destroyed in a fire Saturday.

The Fort George Museum Society is set to be formed by the fire, which destroyed the three-year-old building in Fort George Park, said society president Bill Jones.

The fire started early Saturday, according to the fire department. The log and cedar shingle building was a total loss. Fire chief Harold Dornberger estimated replacement value at about \$175,000.

Jones said the city-owned building was insured, but the artifacts were covered only for \$20,000.

He said the society decided a fundraising Sunday to drive in spring to get money to erect a new building.

What about artifacts?

"Hopefully, there are still some things of historical value around in this area and we hope people will help us by either

donating them or at least loan them for display," Jones said. About 100 artifacts were lost in the fire, most depicting the pioneer days in the central interior of B.C.

Dornberger said the fire department received a call from the caretaker at 2:20 a.m.

"The fire started in the caretaker's quarters and the cause is still under investigation," the chief said. However, he definitely ruled out arson.

Dornberger said the department had received two earlier calls and was on its way when caretaker Harvey Pearson called.

He said Pearson fought the fire with the aid of two fire extinguishers. By the time he was ready to call the fire department, he could no longer see the flames on the premises and had to make the call from the caretaker's quarters, a distance of about 100 feet, the chief said.

The fire department was hampered by heavy drizzle at the scene, causing another delay. The equipment had to be carried about 400 feet.

Parts of the structure were also smothered.

The loss cannot be expressed in figures, Jones said.

The museum was opened May 25, 1973, by Gov. Glen Clark. However, it was not fully funded partly by government grants and partly by donations from the Klondike Club, as well as by taxes from Prince George residents.

Dornberger said that the log and cedar shingle building at a cost of about \$175,000.

Queen Elizabeth had been asked to open the museum on her tour through Canada in 1973, but the building was not completed when the Queen, Prince Philip and Princess Anne visited the city.

Jones said the late Alderman Harry Laker had been the driving force in getting a museum for Prince George. "We had as the idea to, there is no sense of crying about it, the house is gone from the town plans and start planning for the new museum's replacement of how big it will need to get it," Jones said.

FIRE DESTROYS MUSEUM, DEC. 6, 1975



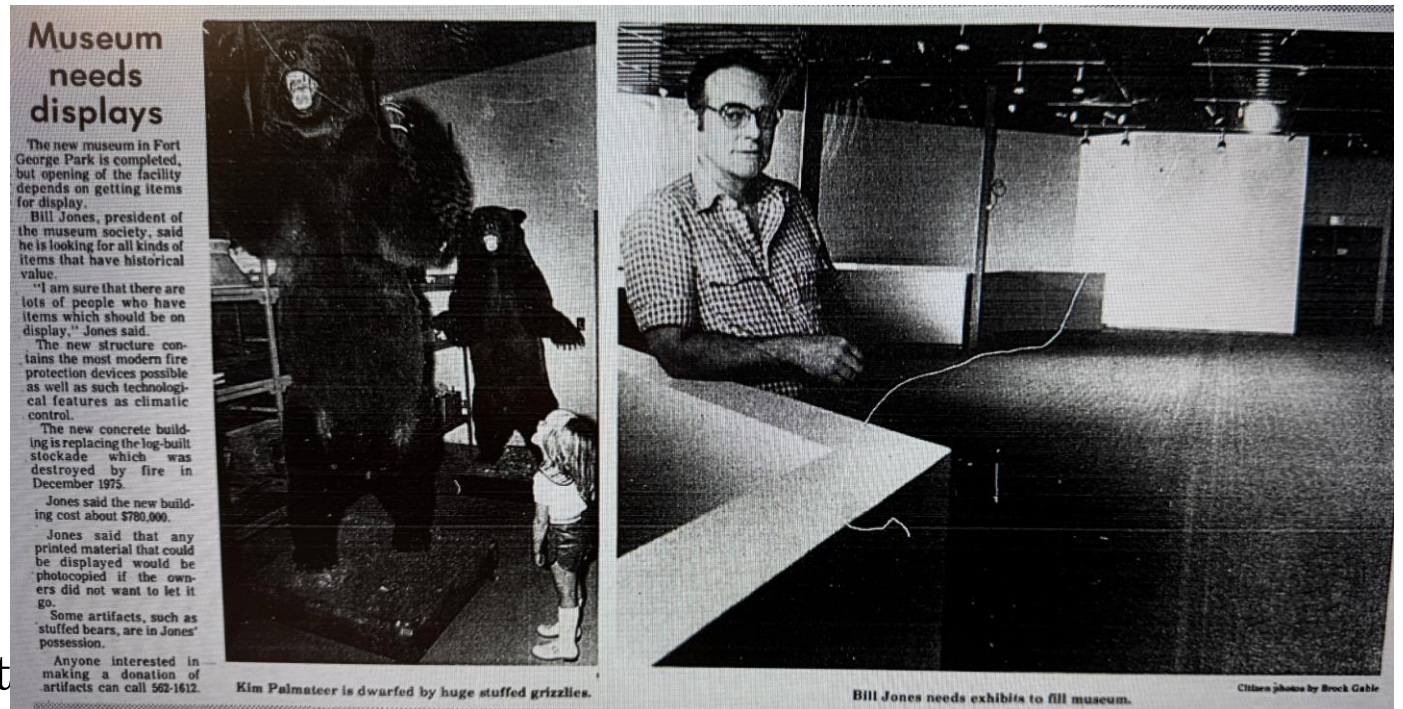
MUSEUM REBUILD STARTS

June 1976

- Fundraising campaign launched to raise \$50,000 towards expected \$540,000 cost of a new museum – 3 phases include exterior construction with \$197,000 insurance + \$50,000 in public funds; interior + public areas \$238,000; and 3, \$48,000 for special equipment, humidity controls and lighting – deadline spring 1978 (PG Citizen Jun 11, 1976, p.1)
- May 1977 - Plans to move the museum; budget set at \$425,000, but all bids came in over budget (PG Citizen, May 4, 1977, p.3; May 9, 1977, p.3)
- 1977 – 1980 - New museum built – cost \$780,000

Grand Opening 1980?

Depends on having something to display



TRAVELING DISPLAYS & CALL FOR THINGS TO DISPLAY



Ron Drane, right, of B.C. Tel and Bill Jones, city special projects manager, examine a turn-of-the-century

switchboard from B.C. Tel's centennial display opening at the museum Wednesday.

B.C. TEL CENTENNIAL

Telephone history on display

A display depicting B.C. Telephone Company's first 100 years opens Wednesday at the Fort George Regional Museum.

Drane said many of the displays both of the past and the future relate directly to Prince George. He pointed out that B.C.'s first telephone company

Tours for school classes or other large groups can be arranged out of the normal museum hours, Bill Jones, city

Jones is hoping the provincial cabinet will dedicate the new museum when they visit Prince George later this

THE CITIZEN, Prince George — Wednesday, October 22, 1980 — 15

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of

FRASER FORT GEORGE MUSEUM SOCIETY

Will be held on

Wednesday October 29, 1980

at

7:30 p.m.

in

The New Museum Building

Progress Reports

Election of Officers

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TOWNCENTER BUSINESSMEN

Grant reply awaited

The Towncenter Business Association expects to learn during the first week of November whether its application for a federal grant under the Canada Community Development Project will be approved.

The association has requested \$39,780 to hire five persons for community restoration and development work between Nov. 15 and the end of next August.

Association president Monica Becott said if the grant is approved the temporary workers would help develop a number of special events designed to build interest in the downtown core of Prince George—a Christmas promotion from Dec. 10 to Jan. 6, a spring market from March 12 to April 20 and an inner-city park festival during July.

In addition, a newsletter will be prepared and circulated to encourage co-operation and participation in other related downtown development ideas.

Employees will work under the direction of the board of directors of the Towncenter Business Association to solicit the active support of all members and individuals

in the downtown core to foster a "down-home" atmosphere for the events.

The grant would provide \$31,980 in wages for the five employees and \$7,800 for materials and expenses. It would provide 40 weeks' work for two employees, 36 weeks' employment for another and 20 weeks' employment for the remaining two.

The Fraser-Fort George Museum Society expects a decision on its application for a \$32,544 grant in early November as well.

The society wants to hire four persons to work on its community archives program between Nov. 15 and the end of June next year.

They would prepare and catalogue more than 2,500 documents and

3,500 photographs for use by historians, researchers and the public. This involves photographing and indexing each item, storing and providing a cross-reference so the information can be easily found.

Archival material will be used to provide community access through a newspaper column, regular articles and a brochure on the history of Prince George in time for next year's tourist season. The material would be available to the public as well.

If approved the grant would provide \$25,144 in wages over 32 weeks for the four employees and \$4,400 for materials and expenses.

Both applications have received letters of support from Prince George city council.

**Application
now available
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**MORE
TRAVELING
EXHIBITS &
APPLYING FOR
MONEY**





WHAT TO DO WITH HERITAGE HOUSES?

Perry house debate 1980 – to buy or not; designate or not?

Owner sold to developer – house moved to Mud River

Condo built

HERITAGE WALKING TOUR

History found in the heart of city

The Fort George Museum Society has established heritage walking tours in historic residential areas of the city to provide a fascinating look at the history of Prince George.

The tours, which take approximately 30 minutes, require respect for the privacy of residents.

Tours or strolls can be taken by residents or tourists at their own time and leisure in various areas of the city. Fort George Museum has a supply of mapped brochures for a nominal charge.

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THE CENTRAL FORT GEORGE TOUR: This tour, situated in the heart of the city, stretches from Burden to Nicholson Streets.

George Hammond, a real estate promoter and land speculator, was instrumental in establishing Central Fort George as early as 1909 when he subdivided a 100-acre tract of land and advertised the sale of lots throughout North America and Great Britain.

The bustling community stretching along Central Street with its water tower, school, church and hotels boasted a population of 1,500 in

Furnace and Tinsmith Shop on Fourth Avenue.

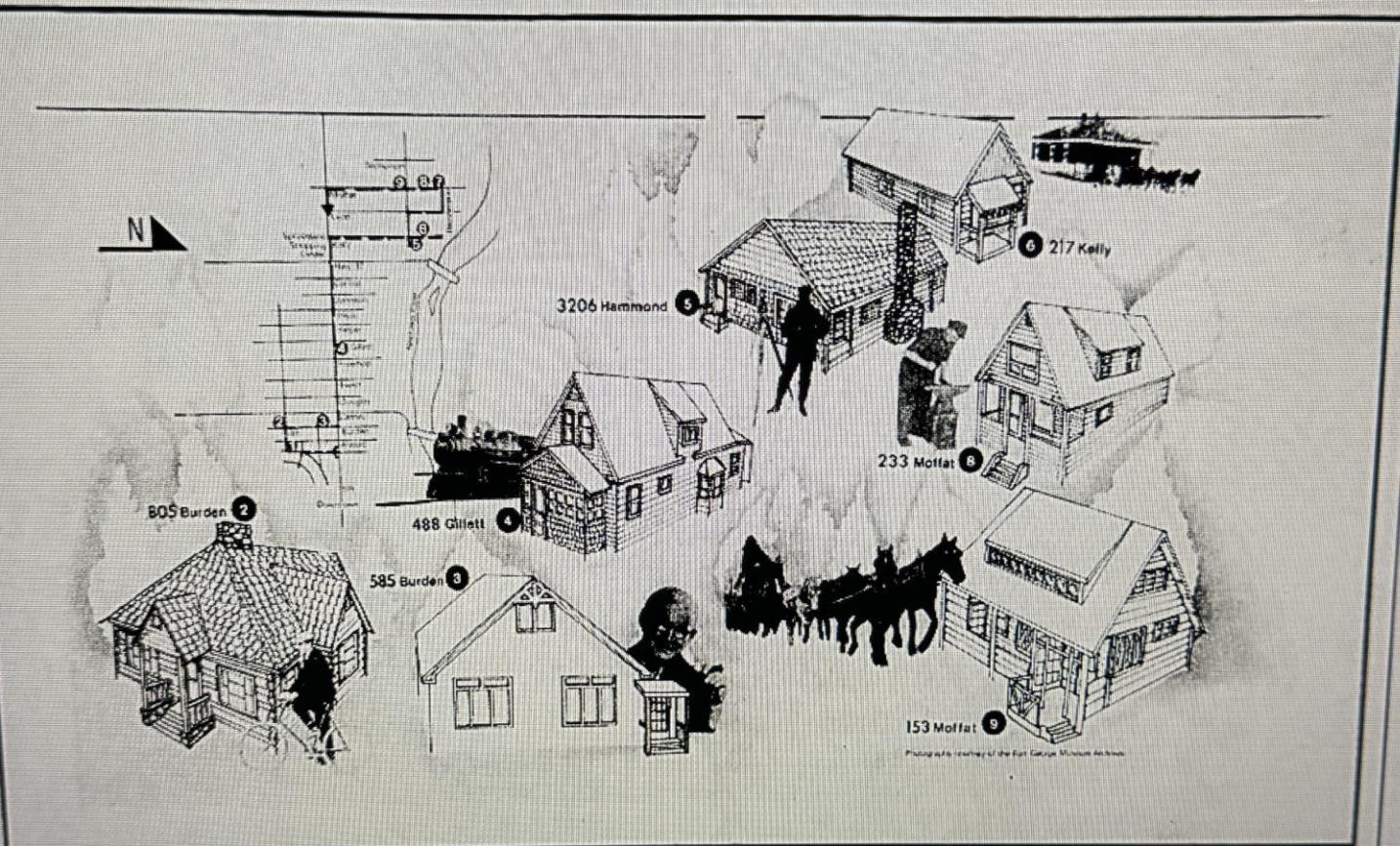
NUMBER TWO: Joseph Dent Milne, a pipeline inspector, built the log home at 805 Burden Street in 1946. It features dovetail corners, field-stone chimney and shingled roof and is an example of many log homes which were common in Central Fort George. Milne built bicy-

cle and return eaves on a dormer and bay window.

NUMBER FIVE: A log ranch-style home at 3206 Hammond Ave. was built in 1915 by Fred Burden. Its shingle and log construction, small paned windows and low gable roof show early house design in Prince George. Burden, a land surveyor and profession-

tor at The Citizen, purchased the home in the early 1960s, renovated it and added an addition at the back. The house is now used as a Daycare and private residence.

NUMBER EIGHT: The Lorne McCuish residence at 233 Moffat St. was built before 1915 and is one of the oldest homes in Central Fort George. The original



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF ELECTORAL

FORT GEORGE MUSEUM SOCIETY

1984 -
Walking tour
guides for the
Millar
Addition &
Central Fort
George



BC HERITAGE CONFERENCE, JUNE 1985

- 7th annual BC Heritage conference in PG June 6-9
 - conference secretary Kent Sedgwick
 - trip to Fort St. James & Vanderhoof Heritage Village
 - workshops on
 - outdoor artifacts (Barkerville and BC Forest Museum)
 - heritage rivers and trails
 - fire atlases
 - native heritage
 - heritage signs and plaques



HERITAGE INCHES FORWARD

- March 1987 - Stockade remnants torn down
- July 1987 - the promotions committee of the Prince George Visitor and Convention Bureau identified six downtown locations as “historic buildings” – committee will provide signs: federal building at 3rd & Quebec, Knox United Church, Northern Hardware, Prince George Hotel, Rosel’s restaurant & city hall. (PG Citizen July 1, 1987, p. 12)
- 1992 - Ted Williams receives Governor General’s Community Service Award for his heritage work (PG Citizen Dec 24, 1992, p.3)
- 1993 - Prince George Homes 1915 – 1930: A Heritage Project (PG City files doc #11958)

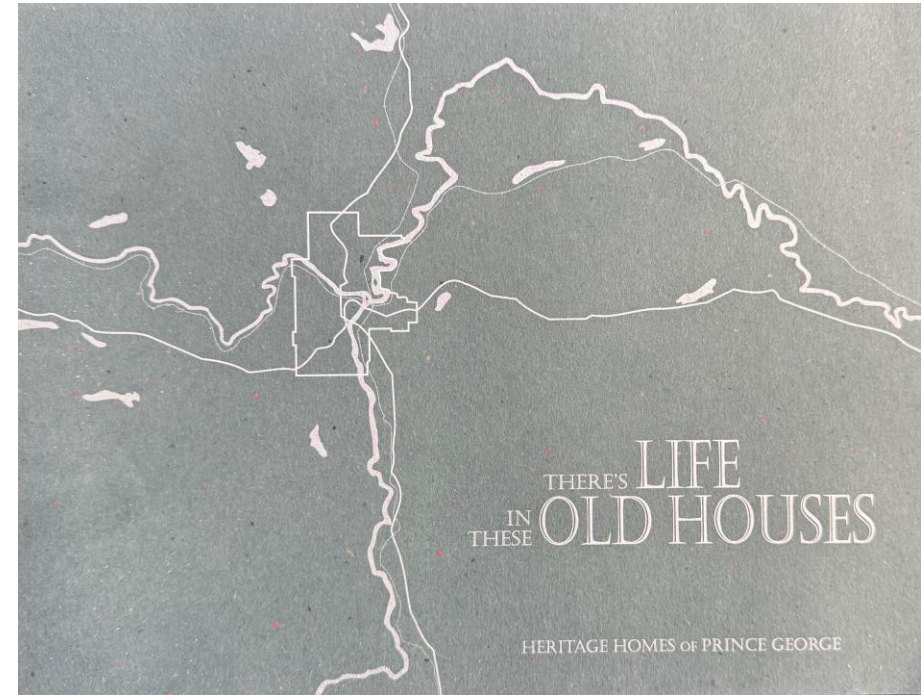


COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION ESTABLISHED FOR PG'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY

February 1995

December 1995

- First chair – Daphne Baldwin
- Monica Becott
- Bev Christensen
- Trelle Morrow
- Richard Rowe
- Ted Williams



HERITAGE IN FITS AND STARTS

- May 1996 - Heritage River Trails and 8 signs (PG Citizen May 30, 1996, p.50)
- 1997 -Trelle Morrow, chair
 - Ginter house to be demolished (PG Citizen Nov 14, 1997, p.1)
- Feb 1999 - New action plan for CHC: create an inventory & vision statement; action plan presented to Council; develop a heritage strategy with public input for the Official Community Plan; develop specific heritage tools (PG Citizen, Fe. 11, 1999, p.15)
- Community Heritage Commission report on proposed name change for Ron Brent Elementary (PG Citizen Feb. 23, 1999, p. 3) Teresa Healy, chair, with Ramona Rose, Stuart McIntosh
- Feb 2000 - Heritage Week kicks off – Kent Sedgwick talk about the Millar addition
- Jan., Apr 2000 - Ads in Citizen for volunteers



Council committees need volunteers

It's anyone's guess whether helping hands are in their pockets or already full, said City Clerk Don Schaffer, in regard to City Council's struggle to secure community volunteers to serve on council committees.

With 45 per cent of Prince George's population volunteering at some capacity, the city is well above the 35 per cent provincial average for volunteerism. Yet council is having difficulty finding interested community members to sit on committees and participate in city development.

"The Community Heritage Commission hasn't met for a couple of years because it doesn't have a quorum," said Schaffer, adding that in the past, they have had to turn people away when they put out a call for people to serve on limited task forces.

"I don't know if there is any less interest. It's

Krause hazards a guess that the deficit of volunteers is likely because there is a giant pool of volunteers in the community

who already have their hands full. At a council meeting earlier this month council moved to look at ways to connect more with the community and generate greater interest in participation on municipal

boards and committees.

"We are really looking for people who have a sincere interest in a particular committee and encourage them to get their resumes into City Hall," said Krause.

"We know there are lots of people out there who give up their time and do volunteer work. I don't think the problem's lack of interest in the community but we need to do more to be proactive and reach them."

There are currently openings on the Advisory Design Panel, Community Heritage Commission, Family Court/Youth Justice Committee, Intercultural Committee, Social Grants Advisory Committee, Special Needs Advisory Committee and the Winter City Committee.

Successful applicants would attend a meeting once a month - a minimum requirement of an hour and half of their time a month - but Schaffer said it is up to the

individual just how involved they want to become or whether they want to participate on committees and specific task forces.

The committees serve to provide information and advice to council, to raise awareness on issues and create recommendations for consideration by council and city staff.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2003.

Applications are available at City Hall or on the City's web page at www.city.pg.bc.ca.



Krause

CITY CLERK DON SCHAFER SAYS HERITAGE COMMISSION HASN'T MET FOR 2 YEARS BECAUSE OF LACK OF QUORUM (PG FREE PRESS MARCH 27 2003 A15)

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HERITAGE REGISTER ESTABLISHED, 2007

- 2005 - Corey Walker, chair
- 2006-7 - Joachim Graber, chair – 2006 Report – recommended a Registry, and “to establish a part-time heritage planning function.”
- March 8 2007 - CHC Report to Council recommending that a Heritage Register be established, following recommendations from Donald Luxton’s Heritage Strategic Plan of March 2006
- Four heritage houses added to the Register: South Fort George School House; Sixth Ave Liquor Store; federal govt building at 3rd & Quebec; and Nechako Crossing
- 2009 - PG Community Foundation nominees for Citizen of the Year include Renee Trepanier, on the CHC
- 2010 - Mayor’s Task Force for a Better Downtown – 13 locations identified for signs (PG Citizen April 3, 2010, p.3)
 - **PG Heritage Context Study** – after workshop in October 2009 created PG’s heritage inventory
- CHC meeting April 29 at City Hall at noon, Harv Smerychynski, chair
- CHC meeting May 27 at City Hall at noon; 13 signs are up (PG Citizen, July 2, 2010, p.7)
- Downtown walking tours offered all summer from library (PG Citizen, July 8, 2010, p. 17)
- 2011 - Valerie Giles media contact re Moffat House Heritage Citation Award (Feb 23, 2011)
- Proposal for 9 more signs (June 13, 2011)



LEAD-UP TO PG CENTENNIAL

- 2012-15 - Jeff Elder, chair, with Shannon Cameron, Cheryl Livingstone-Leman, Dorothy Friesen, Kirk Gable
- Dec 2012 - Bob Campbell (Curator, The Exploration Place) nominated for Jeanne Clarke Local History Service Award – ex-officio member of the PGHC; 22 downtown signs & others along the Heritage River Trails (City files)
- 2013 - Picture postcards (16) commemorate heritage houses (PG Citizen Mar 13, 2013 online)
- June 25 2013 - “Cultural Expressions of the Lheidli T’enneh” exhibit opens at The Exploration Place co-hosted by TEP & PGHC
- Calls for ideas & sponsors for PG 100th anniversary – 350 came in; \$200,000
- Feb 21 2014 - Sacred Heart Cathedral recognized (PG City Media Release, Dr. Valerie Giles, media contact)





Mayor Lynn Hall, Chief Dominic Frederick of Lheidli T'enneh, Ed Debo, refinery manager Husky Energy and Coun. Murry Krause stand, on Wednesday, with one of the signs that will enhance the city's parks and trails.

CITIZEN PHOTO BY BRENT BRADY

PG 100

- Mayor Lynn Hall, Lheidli Chief Dominic Frederick, Ed Debo, Manager Husky Energy refinery and Murry Krause unveil a heritage sign on community trails along the Nechako and Fraser Rivers, March 1, 2015 (PG Citizen, March 1, 2015, p.1)
- McInnis Lighting named a historic place (PG Citizen March 6, 2015)
- City's 100th anniversary built on village's ashes (PG Citizen March 7, 2015)

Prince George turning 100



SINCE 2015

- 2015 - 2016- Munro/Moffat house & Pitman House added to Register (March 8, 2017 annual report; PG Citizen, Jan 12, 2017, p.14; 100 PG Icons website; 15 signs along Centennial Trail Loop (total now 35 signs); monthly meetings
- 2017 - Caroline Ross, chair, with Trelle Morrow, Jeff Elder, irk Gable, Betty-June Gair, Valerie Giles, & Erica Hernandez-Read
- November - Quinson School (Trelle Morrow, architect) heritage recognized (PG Citizen Nov 29 2017, p.3)
- 2018-19 – not much accomplished
- 2020 – 22 – COVID impact – not much accomplished
- 2023 – heritage sign inventory
- November 2024 – heritage stakeholder meeting



HERITAGE SIGN REVITALIZATION

- Work with stakeholders (City of PG, Heritage Commission, Prince George Public Library, The Exploration Place and the Lheidli T'enneh) to reimagine and update heritage signs



- On the Register today (after 18 years)
 - 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
- Proposal to broaden the definition of heritage and invite the public to suggest

REGISTER SIGNIFICANT HERITAGE

Heritage
Commission will set
the stage

Engage public &
stakeholders in
spring/summer 2025

Evaluate
submissions

Create a new,
enlarge Registry



HERITAGE THEMES

From the PG
Heritage
Context Study,
2010

- 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





SUB-THEMES

Transport heritage

Educational heritage

Recreational heritage

Industrial heritage

Landscape heritage



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



THANK-YOU

Questions?

