

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **City Celebrates Heritage Week with Annual Heritage Summit on February 18**

*Heritage groups gather to share information*

#### **Summary**

On Wednesday February 18, 2015, the City of Nanaimo's Culture & Heritage Department will host a Heritage Summit at the Nanaimo Museum from 7:00 pm to 9:00 p.m. The purpose of the summit is to heighten heritage awareness in the community during Provincial Heritage Week (February 16-20), as well as network with other local organizations interested in heritage issues.

The event will begin with a presentation by Ms. Aimee Greenaway, Interpretive Curator for the Nanaimo Museum, on a little known aspect of Nanaimo's social history entitled "Fraser Street: Nanaimo's Red Light District from the 1890s to 1920s". The remainder of the evening will be devoted to roundtable discussion between organizations in attendance, with each organization's representative sharing information on their mandate, recent accomplishments and upcoming projects.

*Strategic Link:* The Heritage Summit furthers the goals of Cultural Vitality (Creativity, Diversity, Heritage and Innovation) Pillar of the Strategic Plan.

#### **Key Points**

- Those wishing to attend this event are asked RSVP by contacting the Culture & Heritage Department at 250-755-4483 or [cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca](mailto:cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca) no later than February 13, 2015.
- The Heritage Summit is intended heighten awareness in the community of Nanaimo's Heritage during Provincial Heritage Week (February 16-20). This year's theme is "Main Street: At the heart of the community".
- The Heritage Summit encourages networking between local organizations interested in heritage issues and opportunities.

#### **Quotes**

"Since 1997, the annual Heritage Summit has played an important role in strengthening the voice of the local heritage community and raising heritage awareness."

Bill McKay  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

"One of the primary purposes of the Heritage Summit is to share information, and is therefore an excellent opportunity for local heritage groups to exchange information on their various projects and initiatives."

Diane Brennan  
Councillor & Chair of Cultural Committee / Heritage Commission  
City of Nanaimo

## Quick Facts

- Heritage Week is an annual, province-wide celebration that begins on National Heritage Day (the third Monday in February). This year's theme is "Main Street: At the heart of the community".

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