

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **City to Celebrate Heritage Week with Annual Heritage Summit on February 15**

*Heritage groups gather to share information*

#### **Summary**

On Wednesday, February 15, 2017, the City of Nanaimo will host the annual Heritage Summit at the Nanaimo Museum from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The purpose of the summit is to heighten heritage awareness in the community during Provincial Heritage Week (February 13-19) and highlight the work of the many local organizations interested in heritage issues.

- CANADA 150 - CENTENNIAL STORIES -- Enjoy a presentation by Ms. Aimee Greenaway, Nanaimo Museum Interpretive Curator: Celebrate Canada's 150 anniversary with stories that interest local and national history. Highlights include Nanaimo in 1867, the E and N Railway, W.W.I home front experience in Nanaimo, the battle of Vimy Ridge centennial as well as a look at past community centennial celebrations.
- HERITAGE CONSERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE & REVIEW -- Chris Sholberg, Culture & Heritage Planner, will provide a short update on the City's Heritage Conservation Program Update & Review which is currently nearing completion.
- ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION -- Culture and heritage groups in attendance will share their mandate, recent accomplishments and upcoming projects.

For more information, contact Culture and Heritage directly.

*Strategic Link:* The Heritage Summit furthers the goals of the Cultural Vitality Community Value of the Strategic Plan by promoting Nanaimo's heritage.

#### **Key Points**

- The Heritage Summit is intended to heighten awareness in the community of Nanaimo's Heritage during Provincial Heritage Week (February 13-19)
- The Heritage Summit encourages networking between local organizations interested in heritage issues. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- This year's summit will feature a presentation by Ms. Aimee Greenaway (Nanaimo Museum) called "CANADA 150 - CENTENNIAL STORIES"

#### **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."

Chris Sholberg  
Culture & Heritage Planner  
City of Nanaimo

## Quick Facts

- Heritage Week is an annual, province-wide celebration.

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