

Colliery Dam Park

Built in 1910 by the Western Fuel Company to supply water for coal washing and for use by miners, mules and horses in the mines, the Colliery Dam water system quickly developed an important secondary use. Homes near the pipeline were allowed to tap the line for domestic uses and eventually this water was carried to most of the homes in South Harewood.



8 645 Wakesiah Avenue

Garland Farm House

This residence, built around 1912, is a very good example of an Edwardian farmhouse. The building's solid appearance and minimal decoration reflect the era's move away from the ornamental excesses of the Victorian era.



9 467 Eighth Street

Spence Residence

Built around 1912, the house is a very good example of an eclectic Edwardian era design. Its highly refined details include a bellcast roofline, a central corbelled chimney, a stained glass transom in the front bay and a very distinctive scalloped inset arch over the second floor balcony.



10 746 Railway Avenue

Robins Park

Robins Park, originally known as the Cricket Field, was constructed in 1903-04. The park was the site of many soccer and cricket championship matches, and also featured a horse race track. Its name was later changed to honour Samuel Robins, the Superintendent of the Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Company.



11 620 Park Avenue

Brookside Residence

Built around 1913, the house is very similar to buildings at 746 Railway Avenue, 648 and 650 Haliburton Street and was likely built by the same builder. The sophisticated design includes battered foundation skirting and an unusual scalloped inset arch over the second floor front and rear balconies. This house was built on a lot subdivided as part of the "Brookside" Subdivision in 1912.



12 465 Park Avenue

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A Walk Through Time

Your Guide to Nanaimo's Harewood Heritage Walk

Welcome to Harewood.

In 1884, Samuel Robins, Superintendent of the Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Company, purchased Harewood Estates, a large parcel of land between Nanaimo and the base of Mount Benson. Robins subdivided the area into five-acre plots and sold them to mining families at affordable prices.

Today, the area's rural past lives on in the remaining early farmhouses and acreages.

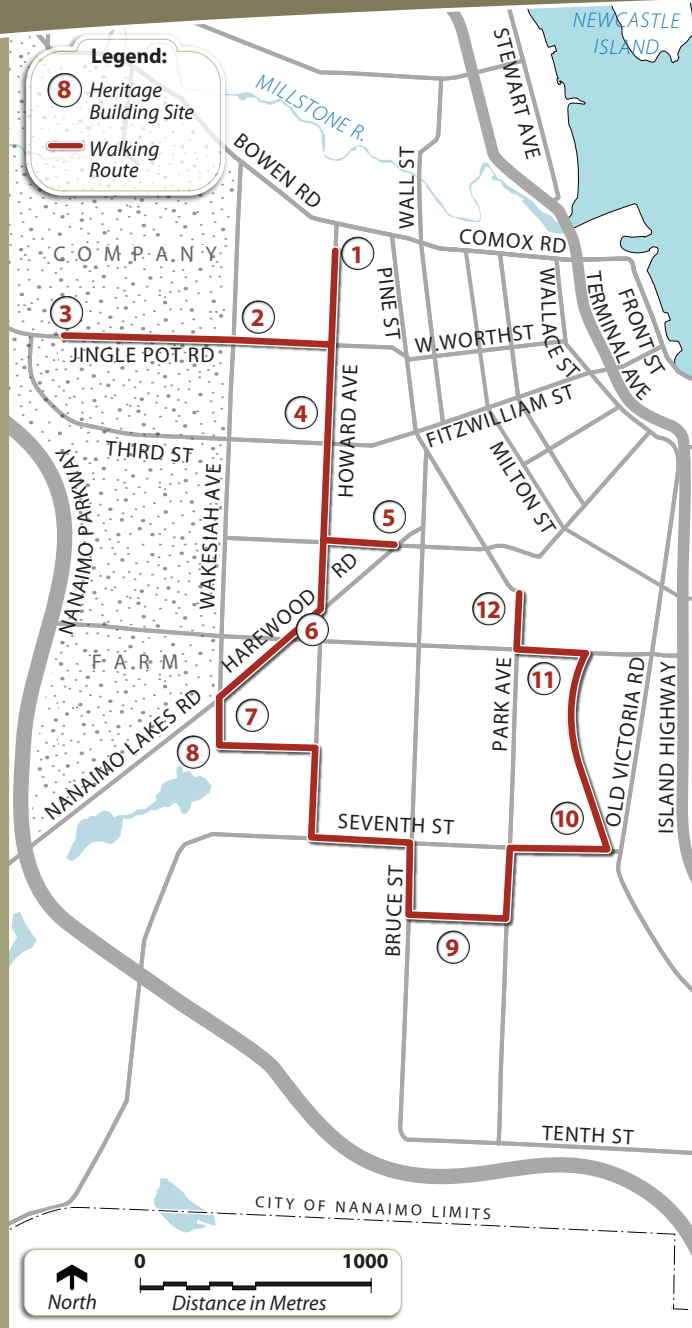


Company Farm, ca 1913

Established in 1892, the Company Farm provided fodder and pasture for the mules and horses that worked underground hauling coal cars in the local mines.



Harewood School, ca 1940



Nanaimo Public Cemetery

The Nanaimo Public Cemetery was established in 1877. The modest early grave markers reflect Nanaimo's predominantly working-class population while more elaborate monuments provide the names of the city's wealthier citizens. The many inscriptions about mine accidents, testimony to the over 600 mine-related deaths that occurred from the 1860's to the 1950's, are representative of Nanaimo's history.



1 555 Bowen Road

Fourth Street Store

Built around 1910, the Fourth Street Store represents a type of building that was once common throughout the city. It is an excellent example of a simple, vernacular Boomtown or False-Front style structure. This building is the most intact early commercial-residential building in the Harewood area.



5 423 Fourth Street

Newbury Farm House

Built in 1918, the Newbury Farm House is a substantially intact, example of a Craftsman bungalow. William Newbury is known to have lived on the farm as early as 1909. He and his son were living examples of Samuel Robin's vision of self-sufficient miners. Alternatively listed as miners and nurserymen, the Newbury's at one time operated a florist shop in downtown Nanaimo.



2 678 Second Street

Harewood School

Harewood School speaks to the direct role local coal companies played in shaping the physical and social development of the Nanaimo area. Samuel Robins of the Vancouver Island Coal Mining & Land Company selected the school's location and donated the site. Built in 1914, Harewood School is a very good example of a Classical Period Revival style building and the only remaining school of this style in the Nanaimo area.



6 505 Howard Avenue

Brick Cottage

The cottage was built as a coal company office around 1910. Although East Wellington was known as a brick and tile manufacturing area, brick was seldom used in residential work. Originally set on a large lot at the corner of Addison Road, the cottage was purchased from the Specogna family in 1998 and relocated to this site for use as an historical and environmental interpretation centre.



3 1904 Jingle Pot Road

Crewe Residence

Frederick Crewe, a miner, is listed as living at this site as early as 1900. It is likely this home dates from approximately that time. A concrete milk house remains on the Wakesiah Avenue side of the property, and the concrete foundations of a barn exist on the adjacent lot to the south, recalling the agricultural legacy of the area.



7 624 Wakesiah

Third Street Farm

This farm is exceptionally important as the only recognized, intact acreage in one of British Columbia's earliest planned communities. The farm, including the acreage, house, barn, outbuildings and orchards, stands in stark contrast to the small city lots that surround it in an area that, over time, has lost much of its original rural character.



4 560 Third Street