

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **City to Celebrate Heritage Week with Annual Heritage Summit on February 17**

*Heritage groups gather to share information*

#### **Summary**

On Wednesday February 17, 2016, the City of Nanaimo's Culture & Heritage Department 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 15-21), and to network with other local organizations interested in heritage issues. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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**CHARACTERS, CON MEN & CELEBRITIES** -- Enjoy a presentation by Ms. Aimee Greenaway, Nanaimo Museum Interpretive Curator: Explore the lives of intriguing people from Nanaimo's past. Petty thieves, a suspected German spy, murderers, crooked cops and politicians rub shoulders with a nationally renowned poet, a war hero, the world's fastest man, and women who overcame race and gender discrimination.

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**HERITAGE CONSERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE & REVIEW** -- Chris Sholberg, Culture & Heritage Planner, will provide an overview of the City's Heritage Conservation Update & Review.

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**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION** -- Culture and heritage groups in attendance will share their mandate, recent accomplishments and upcoming projects.

For more information, contact the Culture & Heritage Department directly.

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

#### **Key Points**

- The Heritage Summit is intended to heighten awareness in the community of Nanaimo's Heritage during Provincial Heritage Week (February 15-21).
- 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 "CHARACTERS, CON MEN & CELEBRITIES".

#### **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 that begins on National Heritage Day (the third Monday in February).

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