

**HERITAGE ACTION PLAN
REVIEW AND UPDATE OPEN HOUSE
COMMENTS**

1) Are there any policy objectives or actions we should consider to strengthen the City's existing Heritage Conservation Program?

- More involvement with community and neighbourhood organizations (provide advice, provide standards for signage, provide technical signage support, internet history).
- To strengthen Action #5, I would add agricultural land to conservation as an objective.
- Although the Old City Heritage Conservation Area Action did not proceed, a number of heritage homes create a unique landscape – any developer or renovation should attempt to maintain that quality.
- Archaeological Sites Policy: More public information should be conveyed. Generally, the public/developers see archaeology in a negative light. Better education is needed.
- Information on landscape conservation needs to be publicized (what qualifies a designated tree?).
- Review Actions # 13, 15, 17.
- It seems everything is included and presented on these boards.
- Should keep the incentive programs. There are lots of homes that could still take advantage of it.
- An anti-neglect bylaw would be a good thing to bring back.
- Each home on the Registry should have a plaque.
- Keep working at finding more heritage houses in other parts of Nanaimo and in the outlining areas such as Nanoose, Lantzville, Cedar, Yellowpoint, etc.
- Heritage Action Plan Rec. map site 145 ??? is to be subdivided. Please stop this. Thank you.

2) Are there any buildings, sites or structures that you would like to nominate for placement on the Heritage Register or you feel should be removed from the Register?

- Add 131 Victoria Road
- Add Judo Club (Machleary)
- Add Hydro Dam on Millstone River (North end of Bowen Park)
- Add Red barn site (Third Street) and Central Road (Company Farm)
- Add Base Hut in original position on former army camp (Fifth Street Sea Cadets)
- Add Nanaimo Centre Stage (125 Victoria Road)
- I don't think anything should be removed unless it is pretty much falling down. Even if it is in disrepair, someone might want to revitalize it later on, and the house/building may still have significance.
- Add Diner's Rendezvous
- Add Vault Coffee Shop
- If we made a study of all the buildings outside of Nanaimo as well as in, we would find many more.

3) Any other comments?

- Thank you – an interesting and informative presentation.
- Review should be held at VIU – invite Geography and History classes to comment - work of specific instructors.
- Greater diversity of community needs to be acknowledged in the landscape.
- Some of the walking tours should be translated into the most common languages of tourists - French (Francophone Society). The Chinese Cultural Society would probably do a Chinese translation.
- I think it may be good to have this display more often and in different parts of the city.
- Everyone in the Heritage Department should be commended for the fine number of homes and buildings that are now heritage. Nanaimo started much later than Victoria and you have assembled a wonderful number in so short a time. It's a good idea to have meetings such as today to look at the number of heritage buildings and places so that the public can provide input and give suggestions.