

PRINCE GEORGE HERITAGE COMMISSION



THE STORIES THAT SHAPE OUR WORLD

Every place has a story, a layered narrative written across generations, told through its people, its landscapes, and its evolving culture. Beneath every street, river, and skyline lies a record of human experience: the choices, challenges, and celebrations that have shaped the way we live today. These stories are not confined to history books or monuments, they are living, breathing reminders of how the past continues to shape our sense of place and belonging.

Historic moments leave their marks in many forms. A city's architecture might reveal eras of growth and ambition; a local park might sit upon what was once a gathering place for ceremony or trade. Shifts in social culture, from movements of inclusion and reconciliation to artistic revolutions, are etched into our collective memory, redefining how we understand community and identity. Even the natural landscape tells its own version of history: rivers that once guided explorers and settlers, industrial and forestry roots that sustained generations, and the gradual transformation of ecosystems shaped by both nature and human hands.

By recognizing these intertwined stories, we begin to see that every place is more than just a point on a map, it is a reflection of the moments, people, and forces that have shaped our world. Understanding and honouring these stories invites us to connect more deeply with our surroundings, to learn from what came before, and to carry those lessons forward as we write the next chapter of our shared history.



Heritage Commission Renewal Statement

The Prince George Heritage Commission acknowledges that we sit on the traditional and unceded territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, a Nation whose presence predates the 19th century European settlement.

We commit to working in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, recognizing that our heritage is shared and layered. We will honour both Indigenous and settler histories, past and present, and strive to interpret heritage sites in ways that reflect relationships, lived experience, and cultural survival.

We will review our heritage designations, signage, storytelling and practices to move beyond a colonial-only narrative, support Indigenous heritage conservation, and ensure our work is guided by truth, respect, and reconciliation.

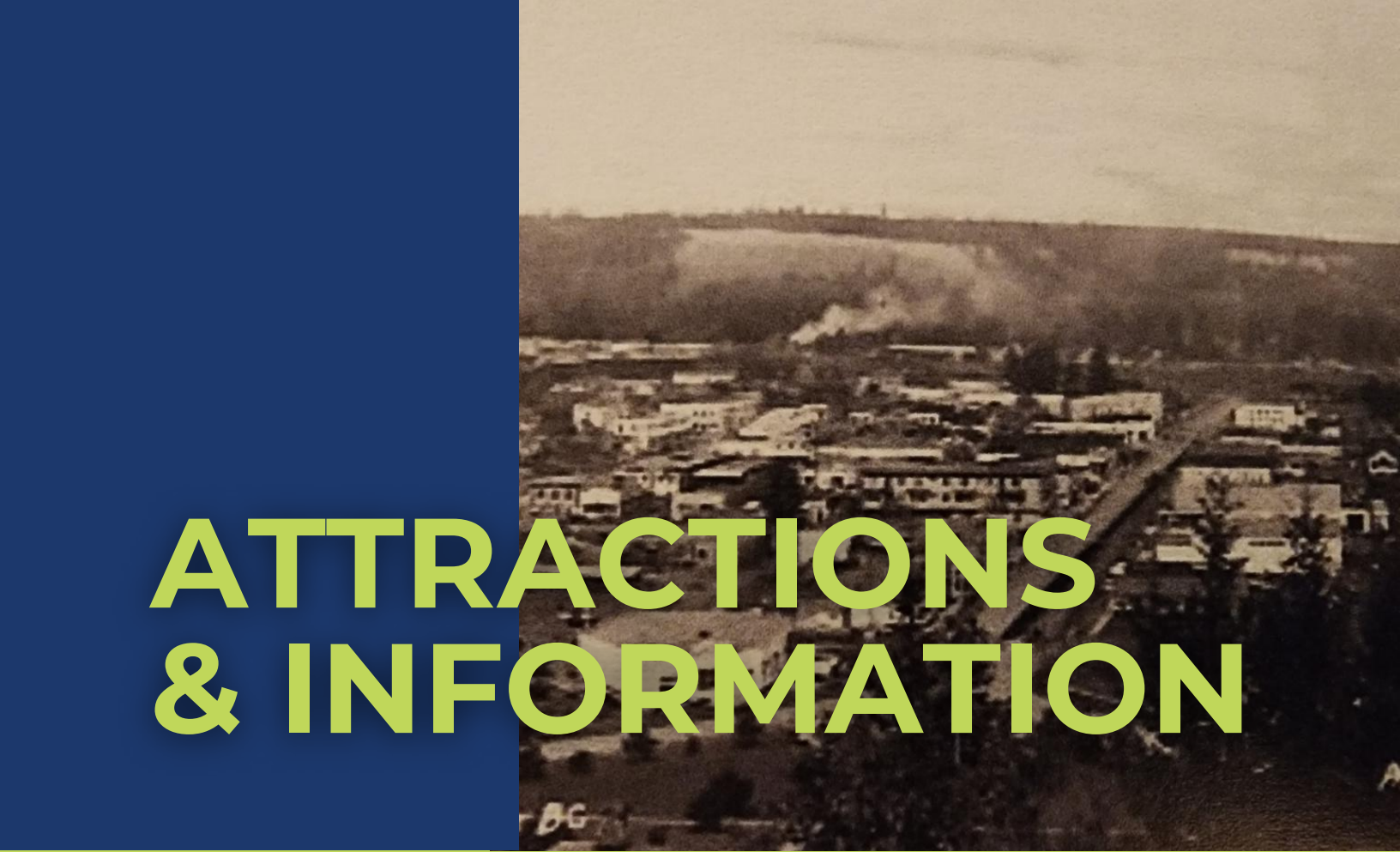
Additionally, our renewal emphasizes the importance of Prince George's industrial and forestry history, recognizing the contributions of workers, mills, rail lines, and resource-based industries that have shaped the region for decades; elements that are essential to understanding the story of Prince George.

INCLUSIVE ACCESSIBLE HERITAGE

Heritage belongs to everyone. It is the shared story of the people, places, and moments that have shaped our communities, past, present, and future. To truly honour this story, we are committed to ensuring that heritage in our region is inclusive, accessible, and representative of all voices.

We recognize that heritage is not one single narrative but many, woven from Indigenous knowledge systems, immigrant experiences, working histories, cultural traditions, and the everyday lives of those who have called this place home. Our goal is to create spaces, exhibits, and programs where everyone can see themselves reflected and feel welcome to participate in shaping how our collective history is understood and celebrated.

Accessibility is key to that vision. We are working to remove physical, social, and cultural barriers so that heritage resources can be enjoyed by people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. This includes offering multi-format interpretation (visual, tactile, and audio content), plain-language storytelling, translation in Indigenous and community languages, and the use of digital and virtual access tools that expand who can engage with our stories.



ATTRACTIONS & INFORMATION

ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE

- [Ancient Forest - Chun T'oh Whudujut Park](#)
- [The Exploration Place Museum](#)
- [Central BC Railway and Forestry Museum](#)
- [Cottonwood Island Nature Park](#)
- [Goodsir Nature Park](#)
- [Huble Homestead](#)
- [Lheidli T'enneh First Nation](#)
- [Prince George Walking Tour Map](#)
- [Prince George Public Library](#)
- [Tourism Prince George](#)
- [Two Rivers Art Gallery](#)
- [Studio 2880 - Prince George Community Arts Council](#)
- [Multicultural Heritage Society of Prince George](#)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



GOALS

- Increase public awareness of both tangible and intangible heritage assets in Prince George.
- Educate the public about the Heritage Registry
- Engage Indigenous, immigrant and community partners in co-developing heritage priorities.
- Build pride and connection through storytelling, heritage walks, and exhibitions.
- Integrate accessible heritage tools into our outreach programs.
- Gather public feedback into heritage planning, policy, and conservation.
- Reduce perceptions of colonial bias by ensuring balanced narrative representation.



Upcoming Events

Heritage Week - PG Public Library (Feb)

City Fest (May)

PG Heritage Fair (May)

Canada Day (JUL)

Pride Festival (JUL)

BCNE (AUG)

Northern BC Tourism Summit* (OCT)

Learn about the Heritage Commission, take a time travel through Prince George's history from our members.

HERITAGE REGISTRY



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

What is a Heritage Register?

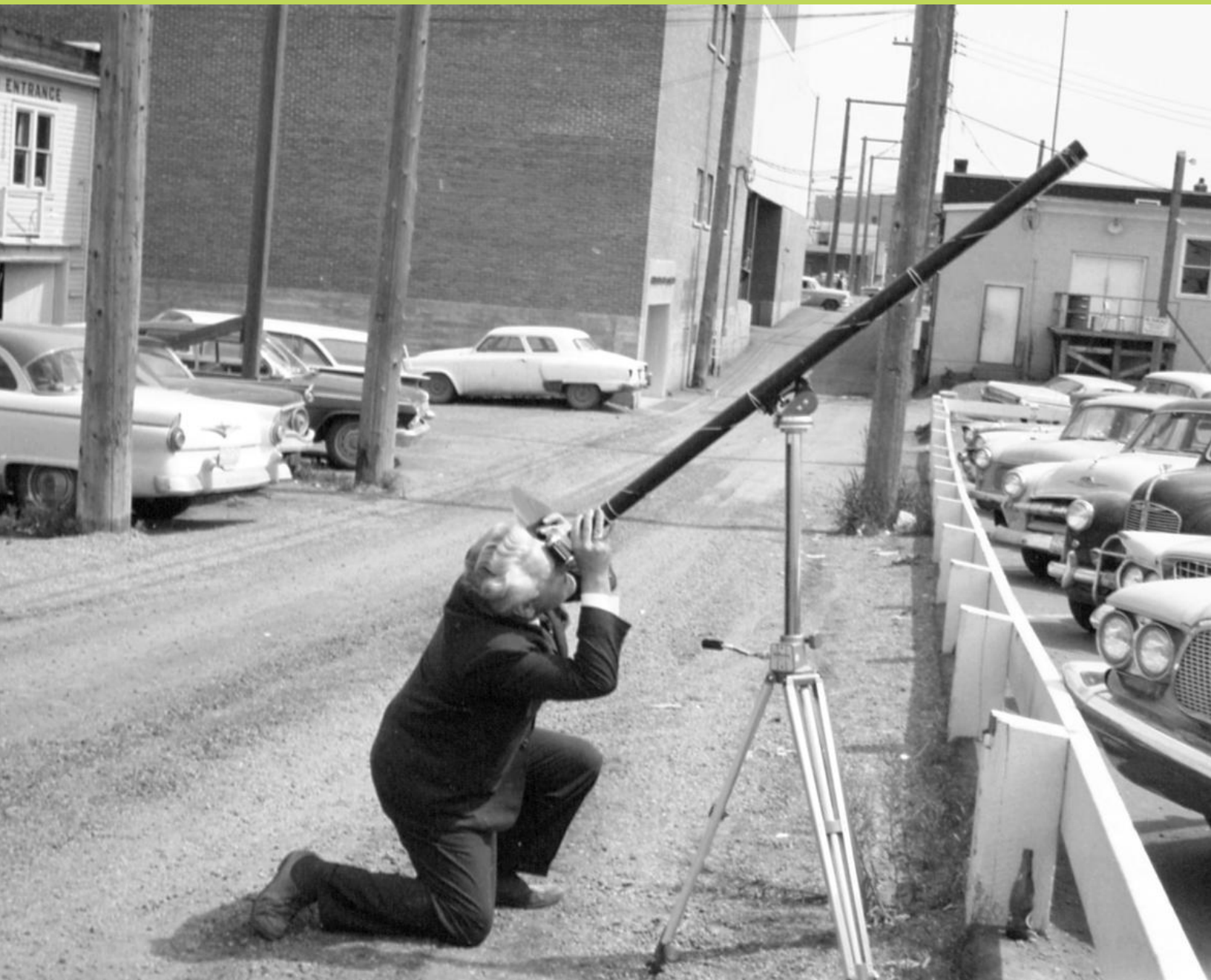
A Heritage Register is an official list of tangible and intangible assets identified by the City as having heritage value and are of cultural significance.

What is Heritage Value?

The term 'heritage values' refers to the meanings and values that individuals or groups of people bestow on heritage - including aesthetic, historical, social and spiritual values. These values are a key factor in heritage protection and management, although the understanding of what they are can vary within communities.

What is the purpose of a Heritage Register?

- Demonstrate community pride and raise awareness about Prince George's history.
- Provide property owners, potential buyers and the general public with information about the historical value of individual properties.
- Identify key heritage features that should be retained in order to respect the heritage value.
- Provide the City with the information that they need to monitor alternations to heritage assets.



RESOURCE LINKS



- [Heritage Registry](#)
- [Prince George Heritage Commission](#)
- [Heritagebc.ca](#)
- [BC Parks near Prince George](#)
- [Regional District for Fraser Fort George](#)
- [Northern BC Archives](#)

