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Dear Mr. McKenna:

**Re: Heritage Commission Annual Report**

The Richmond Heritage Commission wish to present their 2001 Annual Report and their 2002 Workplan for Council's consideration at the Council meeting of February 11, 2002. Please confirm at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

*for* Wendy Andrews  
Chair, Heritage Commission

## **2001 Heritage Commission Annual Report**

The Heritage Commission met monthly throughout 2001 under the Chairmanship of Mark Bostwick. In addition to dealing with administrative and informational items, the work of the Commission included the following:

### Heritage Inventory

One of the highlights of the year for the Richmond Heritage Commission was receiving the BC Heritage Trust Award for the Heritage Inventory Online project. Much of the Commission's attention in 2001 focused on continuing the work from 2000 on the Heritage Inventory update. An additional five Heritage Landscapes and seven Heritage Areas were added to the Heritage Inventory. All of this work has been added to the Online site. A hard copy of the Heritage Inventory document complete with maps and indexes is available in addition to being available to the public to print from the web site.

### Abercrombie House

In addition to learning that the Thompson house was named in error, the Commission provided comments and input regarding the move of the Abercrombie House to Princess Street, the rezoning of the new site, the sale of the site, and the Conservation Plan for the house as future use as a Bed & Breakfast

### Heritage Newsletter

Two editions of "Mouth of the Fraser" were published by the Heritage Commission in 2001. The Spring edition included articles on Audrey Matheson and the Sloughs of Richmond. The Fall edition covered the move of the Abercrombie House.

### Heritage Conferences

Members of the Heritage Commission attended the SFU Conference last February and the BC Heritage Society Conference in the spring. These conferences provided opportunities for the Commission members to learn more about heritage from a provincial and federal perspective as well as learn about practices in other communities and share Richmond's experiences.

### Recognition Program

As part of the Heritage Week celebrations, Recognition awards were presented to Audrey Matheson for her long and active involvement as an advocate for heritage, Kelly and David Bach for the restoration of the 1915 Ida Steves house, Mary Keen for her publication "We will remember Them" and the Friends of the Richmond Archives for the production of the poster "Know the Past".

### Heritage Week

The Heritage Commission helped to co-ordinate the annual Mall display in the Richmond Centre Mall during the national heritage week celebrations. The Commission display included the opportunity for the public to use the Heritage Inventory Online.

### Mitchell School

The Commission began work on the assessment of the School site for alternative uses. Work on this project will continue into 2002 with identification of costs for restoration to code and potential users.

### Terra Nova

The Heritage Commission provided input the consultant in the preparation of the Historical Evaluation of the Terra Nova North-West Quadrant.

### **2002 Heritage Commission Workplan**

The attached Workplan for 2002 is based on a \$10,000 budget. The Commission will arrange the year's work on the understanding that the base budget of \$5,000 is approved and will await notice for further funding for \$5,000 before undertaking the entire Workplan.

