

LAND USE

IDENTIFICATION AND PROTECTION OF HERITAGE RESOURCES

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POLICY

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OBJECTIVE

1. To establish a policy pursuant to Part 27 Heritage Conservation of the *Local Government Act* and the District of Mission Heritage Strategic Plan that protects the Heritage Resources within the District of Mission.
2. To establish a framework for Council, staff, and the public to easily identify Heritage Resources within the District of Mission.

BACKGROUND

There are three categories included in this policy: i) **Inventory of Heritage Resources**, ii) **Heritage Register**, and iii) **Provincial Heritage Designation**.

As the Mission Community Heritage Commission works through the goals and objectives of the Heritage Strategic Plan each of these categories will be updated to include more heritage resources as they need to be added, criteria and may include protection mechanisms.

This policy provides a basic framework of how heritage resources within the District of Mission will be protected through a classification based on specific criteria for each category.

The three categories of this policy include:

1. Establish an **Heritage Resource Inventory** of heritage resources within the District of Mission and the criteria as to how each resource qualifies for the inventory;
2. Identify those properties listed on the **Community Heritage Register** and the criteria as to how each resource qualifies for the registry;
3. Identify those properties that have a **Heritage Designation** under a Municipal Bylaw and the criteria as to how each resource qualifies for the designation.

1. HERITAGE RESOURCE INVENTORY

The Mission District Historical Society – Heritage Places group is preparing an inventory of all places in Mission suggested as having heritage value. This inventory has been compiled from lists going back over 12 years. To date the Society has done research on 30 sites in Mission.

The purpose of establishing a Heritage Resource Inventory is to identify all of the heritage resources in Mission, which have significant heritage value to the community, and which may or may not be considered for inclusion on the Community Heritage Register and/or become listed as a Heritage Designation, under a Municipal Bylaw.

The important of the inventory is to alert the community that there is a historic value that should be considered. Resources on the inventory are not protected in any way.

Criteria for Inclusion on the Heritage Resources Inventory

The criteria of how the heritage resources on this inventory will be selected, will be determined as work progresses on the Heritage Strategic Action Plan, with amendments to this policy forwarded to Council.

2. COMMUNITY HERITAGE REGISTRY

A community Heritage Register is an official list of heritage properties within a community which have been identified by the community and recognized by the Local Government through a policy. In addition to officially listing heritage resources it is intended to give notice to property owners of the heritage value of their property. It also enables the local government to monitor heritage properties for proposed changes.

The following heritage resources have been included in the Community Heritage Register as they have significant heritage values to the community of Mission.

These Heritage Resources include:

1. Stave Falls Powerhouse
2. Mission Memorial Centre
3. Mission Museum
4. Silverhill Hall
5. Fraser River Heritage Park
6. Xá:ytem Longhouse

A description of why the site is important and its location, the location map and photograph of each of the Register Sites are attached as **Appendix 1**.

Criteria

To create a heritage register, a community must identify its community heritage values and identify the types of places where those values might be found. Values may be expressed in a number of ways. [NOTE: following establishment of the Community Heritage Register with six (6) well recognized and established sites, as identified in the District of Mission Heritage Strategic Plan, a list of criteria will be added to this policy to be used when adding more resources to the Heritage Register.]

3. PROVINCIAL HERITAGE DESIGNATION

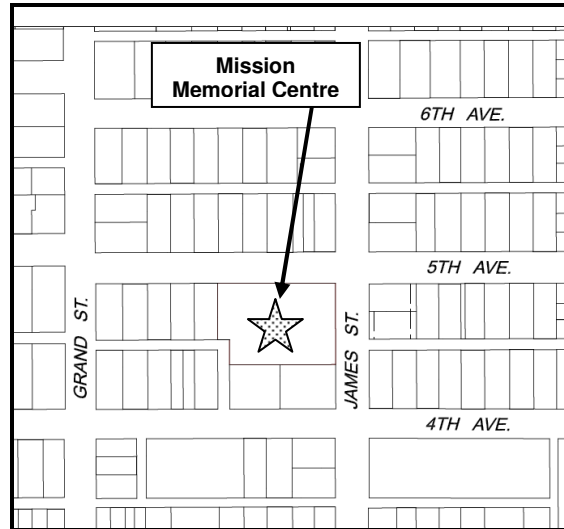
Properties which have a Heritage Designation are those that have been protected by a Municipal Bylaw pursuant to Section 967 of the Local Government Act.

These are properties within the District of Mission that have significant historical value to the Community and that require protection. A municipal bylaw is required to protect heritage resources that would benefit from the protection of Designation.

MISSION MEMORIAL CENTRE

The Mission Memorial Centre is important for its cultural and historical significance.

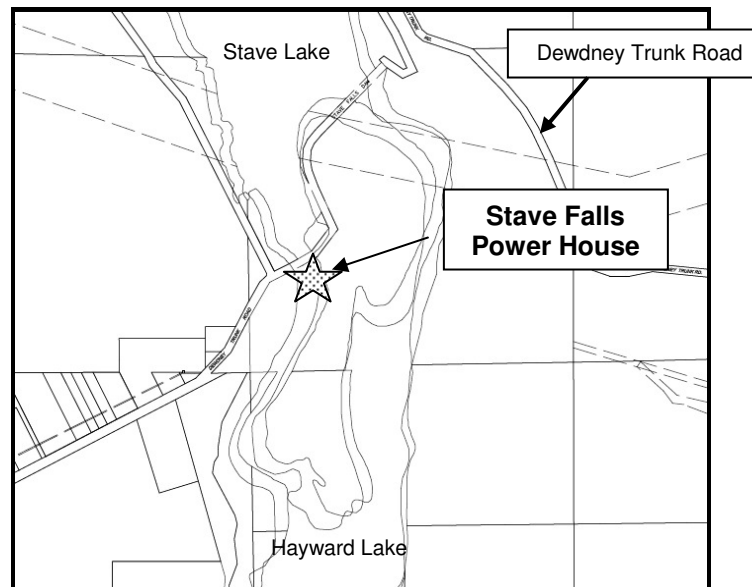
Description: The Mission Memorial Centre, also known as the Old Hospital, is a one storey building located on the corner of Fifth Street and James Street in Mission, British Columbia. It is easily identified by its symmetrical brick façade, hi-style roof, and formal driveway entry.



STAVE FALLS POWER HOUSE

Built in phases over a period of time from 1909 – 1925, the Stave Falls Power House is valued for its historic, architectural and cultural significance.

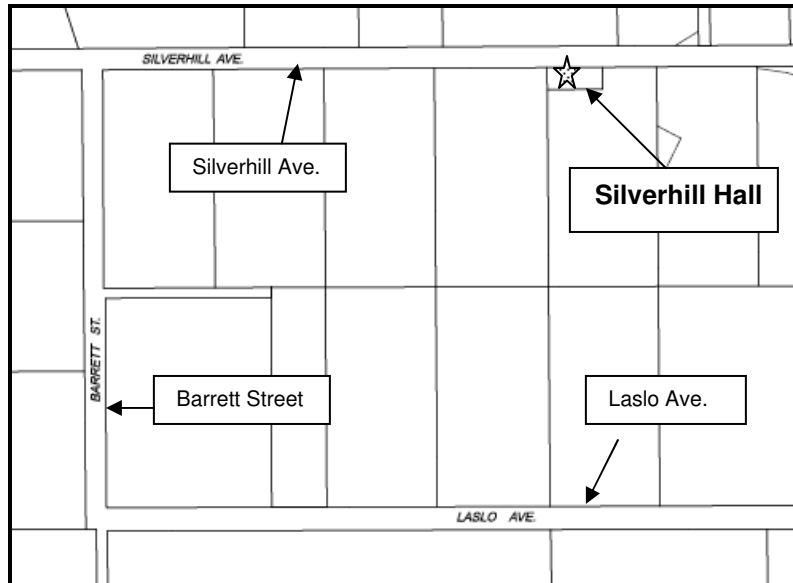
Description: The Stave Falls Power House is a large rectangular building constructed of reinforced concrete and steel and located in Mission, British Columbia. Its south elevation has three rows of paired windows; its north elevation only one row. The building site wedged between the steeply banked gorges of Stave Falls on a switchyard tailrace deck.



SILVERHILL HALL

Silverhill Hall is important for its historic and cultural values.

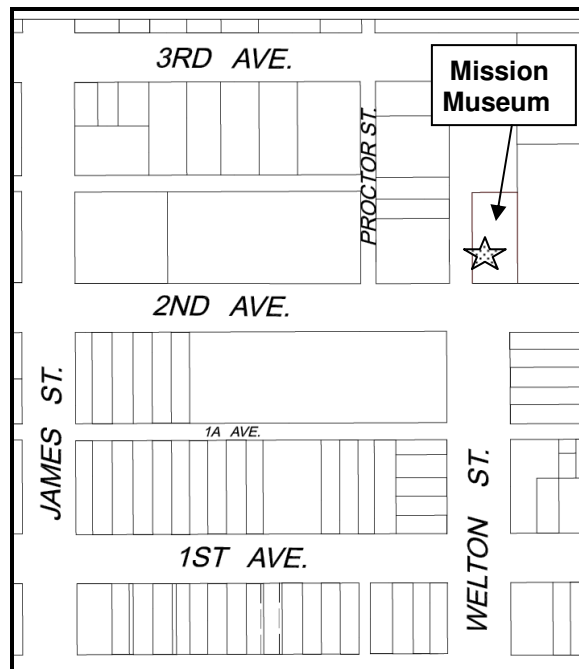
Description: Silverhill Hall is a modest and rustic wooden structure with a simple gable roof. It is located on Silverhill Avenue, surrounded by trees, about 8 kilometres west of downtown Mission, British Columbia.



MISSION MUSEUM

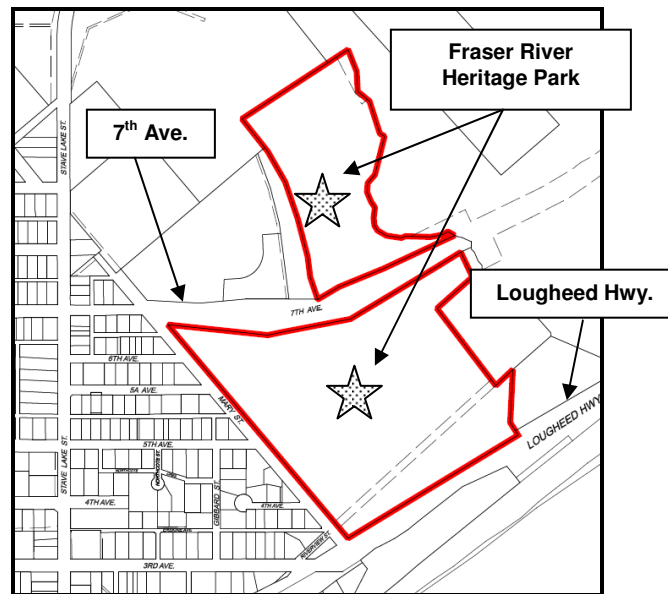
The Mission Museum is valued for its historic and cultural significance.

Description: The Mission Museum is a two-storey wood-frame building with multiple dormers and a full-width covered front porch. A set of full width stairs leads up to the porch where there are three pair of Doric columns. It is located on Second Avenue at the intersection of Welton Street in Mission, British Columbia.



Fraser River Heritage Park

Description: The Fraser River Heritage Park is a large park located on the former site of St. Mary's Indian Residential School in Mission, British Columbia. The park has a panoramic view of the Fraser River Valley and Mount Baker. It is predominantly a large open space with mature trees, paths, benches, newer wooden structures, a restaurant and administration building. Special features of the park are the foundations of the school buildings, the original orchard, the heritage plants in the rhododendron and rose gardens, and the reconstructed Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.



Xá:ytem Longhouse

Description: Xá:ytem is located above the north banks of the Fraser River in Mission, British Columbia and is a traditional gathering place of the Sto:lo. It is a Coast Salish site of spiritual significance to the Sto:lo people because of its Transformer Rock – sometimes called Hatzic Rock.

This beautiful site features the Transformer Stone, 2 contemporary skumels (pithouses), a contemporary longhouse interpretive centre and gift shop, an artisan shelter and gathering areas. It has been the site of numerous archaeological digs that confirm thousands of years of occupation. The site is now marked with interpretive signage.

