

CHILLIWACK HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Chilliwack Heritage Advisory Committee was constituted on August 25, 1980 by the "Heritage Advisory Committee Establishment By-law, 1980, No. 75" of the District of Chilliwack, pursuant to the Heritage Conservation Act of British Columbia. Its constitution was revised as the "Heritage Advisory Committee Establishment Bylaw, 1987, No. 982."

The Committee was established as an independent body of five members, "to make recommendations and to advise Council on matters of a heritage nature." A member of District Council was appointed to attend Committee meetings as Council Liason.

The Committee participated in several projects for the maintenance of heritage buildings and developement of sites of historical interest. At the request of District Council, it worked in cooperation with the Planning Department to advise on heritage matters. One of its chief accomplishments was the identification of approximately 400 buildings or sites of heritage value and the publication of a pamphlet, Chilliwack, British Columbia: an illustrated inventory of Class A heritage buildings: selections from an inventory of older buildings in Chilliwack and District. (Chilliwack: the Committee, 1985).

In January 1990 three of the five Committee members resigned, as a result of differences with Chilliwack District Council (see Chilliwack Progress, January 17, 1990). This event signified a break in continuity of the Committee's function.

CUSTODIAL HISTORY OF THE RECORDS

A group of records of the Committee were deposited in the Chilliwack Archives by Malcolm Wright on March 26, 1986. These included the Committee's files on heritage buildings and sites, compiled mostly in 1984 and 1985; research notes; photographs and subject files containing reports and correspondence related to the Committee's projects and other matters.

These records were accessioned as Add.Mss.988.102. Because of a request by the Committee that they be treated as active files (and subject to modification), they were not inventoried until August 1990. Two small accessions, Add.MSS.987.44 and Add.MSS.989.15, were integrated into the fonds at this time.

Because the files of the 1986 accession did not include a comprehensive set of the Committee's minutes or correspondence, the Chilliwack Archives approached all former members with requests for donations of their personal holdings of Committee records. These are appended to the fonds.

