

# HERITAGE OAK BAY

## Welcome to the Oak Bay Heritage Foundation's 2022 Newsletter Update!

After the uncertainty of the last two years, we are looking forward to slowly opening up our in person programming again and welcoming back familiar faces and meeting new! While we haven't been able to host programs and events, we have still been able to work on many heritage related activities behind-the-scenes: we are creating a new website for the Foundation, still providing grants, and working on upcoming events and programs to support reconciliation by emphasizing Lekwungen history.

We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful place and be able to support heritage conservation in this area!

Keep in touch for updates and we look forward to seeing you soon!"

Thanks for your continued support of heritage in Oak Bay!

To communicate with us email [oakbayheritagefdn@gmail.com](mailto:oakbayheritagefdn@gmail.com)

### Contact Oak Bay Archives

Oak Bay Archives collects, preserves, and shares our community's history. Our collections include photographs, maps and plans, building permits, and reference files that can be used to research the history of your Oak Bay home.

Archives enquiries: As of January 2022, Oak Bay Archives remains closed to volunteers, researchers and visitors in person, but open for enquiries by email, post and phone.

Anna is in the office half time as usual.

Contact the archivist: email [archives@oakbay.ca](mailto:archives@oakbay.ca)

\*Please use email if possible, as most responses will include links to online resources. Alternatively, you can leave a phone message at 250-598-3290. Be sure to state your name and contact details clearly within the message.

### SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

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**NEW!** OAK BAY HERITAGE FOUNDATION HAS A NEW

### EMAIL ADDRESS

Please feel free to email us with your heritage questions or inquiries  
[oakbayheritagefdn@gmail.com](mailto:oakbayheritagefdn@gmail.com)

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR HOME FEATURED IN THE HERITAGE OAK BAY NEWSLETTER?

Please let us know by sending us an email to [oakbayheritagefdn@gmail.com](mailto:oakbayheritagefdn@gmail.com)

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# Heritage Restoration Grants

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**A**dministered by the Oak Bay Heritage Foundation to provide cost-sharing grants to owners of buildings listed on the official Oak Bay Community Heritage Register and to owners of designated heritage buildings. Buildings protected under a Heritage Revitalization Agreement may also be eligible for the Heritage Restoration Grants programme.

For more information about How to Apply for a Grant

Applications are available online at:

<https://www.oakbay.ca/sites/default/files/GrantPoliciesandApplicationForm20150928.pdf>

Or at the Oak Bay Municipal Hall.



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## ReconciliACTION Oak Bay

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May 16, 2022

### Moving Truth and ReconciliACTION ahead in Oak Bay

The Oak Bay Heritage Foundation is an active member of the ReconciliACTION Oak Bay community network along with the Community Association of Oak Bay, Oak Bay United Church, St. Mary's Anglican Church and the UVic Living Lab Project. You can learn more about the network at [reconciliACTIONoakbay.ca](http://reconciliACTIONoakbay.ca).

The network's current activities include:

- *advocating* for the District of Oak Bay to engage in a meaningful exploration with the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations around the possibilities for partnership and collaboration at the publicly owned Oak Bay marina/Spewhung (Turkey Head) land, buildings and waters;
- *launching* a community-wide "Oak Bay Reads Reconciliation" program under the leadership of Rev. Michelle Slater of Oak Bay United Church;
- *partnering* with local historian Ben Clinton-Baker on a proposal to honour and celebrate the Lekwungen Nation members and Elders who are portrayed in the historical photographs of this area from the Cunningham Archives and collection ([thecunninghamarchive.org](http://thecunninghamarchive.org));
- *pressing* Council to honour the commitments it has made to create a Council-Community Reconciliation Task Force in response to the ReconciliACTION Oak Bay presentation in January;
- *championing* the inventorying, review and, where necessary, replacement of historical plaques in Oak Bay to better reflect and recognize the Indigenous use and occupation of what is now called Oak Bay, as well as the acknowledgment and restoration of the known original placenames for key features and locations;
- *planning* another public ceremony in Oak Bay to honour the 2022 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept. 30) following on the one ReconciliACTION Oak Bay organized last year at the Sno'yuyuth Welcome Pole in front of Oak Bay High School; and
- *organizing* a series of KAIROS blanket exercises once local public health circumstances allow for close gatherings ([kairosblanketexercise.org/](http://kairosblanketexercise.org/)).

You can learn more about these initiatives by contacting ReconciliACTION Oak Bay through [contact@reconciliACTIONoakbay.ca](mailto:contact@reconciliACTIONoakbay.ca)

# Tod House Heritage Restoration



**T**od House is a District-owned heritage property located at 2564 Heron Street. It is a one-storey wooden single-family dwelling that has been formally designated by the District as a heritage site since 1974. The house is included on the Community Heritage Register.

In spring of 2021, the District kicked off the Tod House Renovation Project,

The scope of work for the initial Tod House Renovation project includes replacing roofing, repointing chimneys, repainting the exterior, reinstating rainwater/downspouts and leaders, repairing exterior porches and patios, repairing/replacing fencing and improving the landscaping.

Upon completion of these high priority repairs to address deferred maintenance, staff will be better positioned to investigate the options related to following best conservation practices going forward.



## **Are You Interested In Learning More About What The Heritage Foundation Does?**

We are hoping to have in person Heritage Foundation meetings again soon on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Watch our Facebook page for updates on when the public will be invited back to observe our meetings.

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## **Come & Visit Us**

Oak Bay Heritage Foundation Booth at the Oak Bay Night Market from 4pm-8pm



**The Heritage Foundation Education Committee  
is looking to start having lectures and events  
this coming fall of 2022!**

**DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR A HERITAGE RELATED  
LECTURE OR EVENT? IF SO PLEASE EMAIL US AT  
OAKBAYHERITAGEFDN@GMAIL.COM**

For Updates from the Oak Bay Heritage Foundation visit our Facebook page  
Oak Bay Heritage



Coming soon we will have our own Oak Bay Heritage Foundation Website with lots  
of Oak Bay Heritage Info!

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