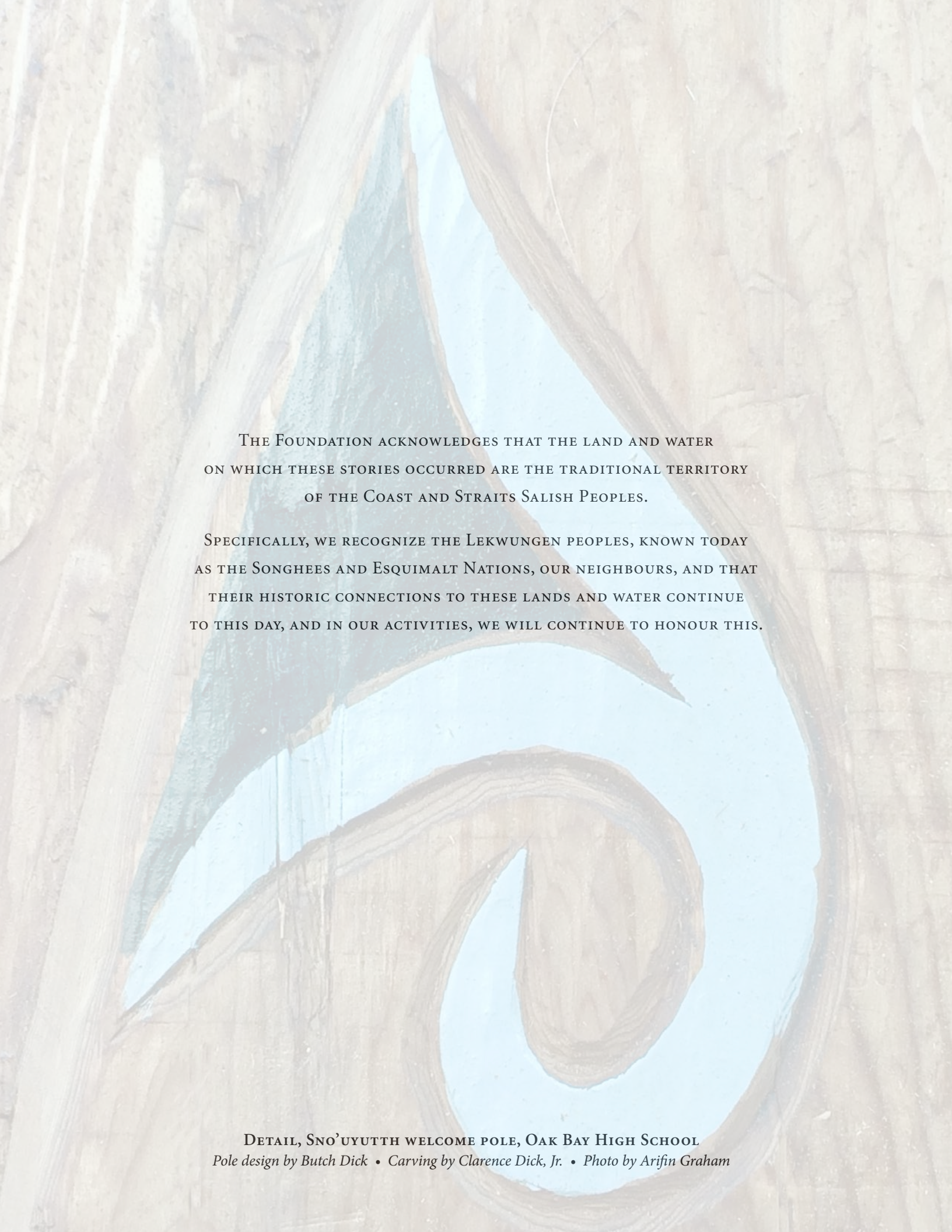




ANNUAL REPORT 2024



THE FOUNDATION ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE LAND AND WATER
ON WHICH THESE STORIES OCCURRED ARE THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY
OF THE COAST AND STRAITS SALISH PEOPLES.

SPECIFICALLY, WE RECOGNIZE THE LEKWUNGEN PEOPLES, KNOWN TODAY
AS THE SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT NATIONS, OUR NEIGHBOURS, AND THAT
THEIR HISTORIC CONNECTIONS TO THESE LANDS AND WATER CONTINUE
TO THIS DAY, AND IN OUR ACTIVITIES, WE WILL CONTINUE TO HONOUR THIS.

DETAIL, SNO'UYUTTH WELCOME POLE, OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL
Pole design by Butch Dick • Carving by Clarence Dick, Jr. • Photo by Arifin Graham



LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Mayor and Council
District of Oak Bay

The 2024 Annual Report of the Oak Bay Heritage Foundation

It is with pleasure that I submit the annual report of the Foundation.

Two heritage restoration grants were awarded. Promotion of heritage continued through: the Century Plaque program, the Foundation website and Facebook page, four successful evenings at the Oak Bay Business Improvement Association Night Markets, five presentations through the Marion Cumming Heritage Lecture Series, and a heritage garden party. The Foundation website provides the public with an overview of the Foundation, and includes the annual reports from 2019 to the current. The Foundation developed a new logo.

On behalf of the Directors, thank you to you and the members of staff who have assisted the Foundation throughout the year.

Sarah Taylor

PRESIDENT

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1 HERITAGE GRANTS

FOUNDATION CONSTITUTION SECTION 2 (D)

To provide grants for the purpose of assisting in the preservation, maintenance or restoration of [heritage] properties, which are situated in the Municipality of Oak Bay

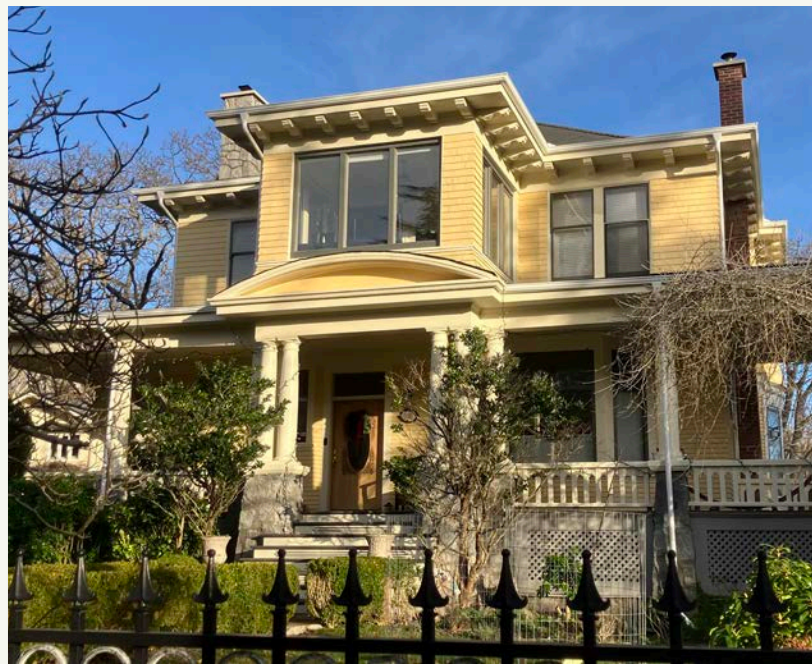
1.1 Alexander Walter Elliot House

1255 VICTORIA AVENUE

Built in 1912, 1255 Victoria Avenue is a large wood-frame, two-storey house designed in the Edwardian classical style, with a large front porch, extending past the width of the house, supported by pairs of columns. The house is prominently situated on a corner lot of the Brighton Pathway, within the South Oak Bay-Brighton neighbourhood.

The house is valued for its original and distinctive architecture representing the prosperity of the building boom period of 1912-1914. The extensive west facing front porch speaks of a less-hectic time, when entertainment was derived from sitting on a porch talking and watching passersby. The architectural detailing is modern for its period, yet harks back to Classical precedents in its detailing of modillion brackets in the soffits, the segmental pediment over the front stairs, the classical columns, and the torch motif in the stained-glass windows. This home speaks of the materials available to the prosperous owner Alexander Elliot, who was a lumber merchant.

The Foundation grant was to assist with the restoration and painting of the house exterior siding.



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1.2 2176 Windsor Road

The house is a one-and-a-half storey, Craftsman-style bungalow, distinctive for its multiple gables, dormered roofline, and large tapered granite porch piers. The heritage value is also related to its historic use as St. Michaels – the first boys’ private preparatory school in Oak Bay. The school was founded by Kyle C. Symons in 1910 in Esquimalt. The school moved to the Windsor Road site in 1914, at the suggestion of Francis Rattenbury, whose son was a student at the time.

The Oak Bay Archives’ 1912 building permit lists the former address of Saratoga Avenue. A 1913 permit includes residence and school buildings, a 1917 permit, school buildings, and a 1921 permit, a garage. A 1922 permit describes a gymnasium, and a 1925 permit, an addition. Rattenbury assisted with the financing and purchase of the property and the building.

The character-defining elements that define the heritage character include: multiple gables and dormers; Arts and Crafts style with half-timbering in the gable peaks, triangular eave brackets, and open soffits with exposed rafters; cedar shingle siding; front porch with tapered granite piers; original wooden multi-paned casement sash windows; original interior, including beamed ceilings, battens and panel wall coverings; original fireplaces; and a unique example specifically built as a school and residence for the headmaster.

The Foundation grant was for roof repairs.

2 TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE PUBLIC INTEREST IN HERITAGE CONSERVATION

CONSTITUTION SECTION 2

(a) To promote the preservation, maintenance and restoration of buildings, structures, sites and land of heritage value in the Municipality of Oak Bay

(b) To promote and encourage public interest in heritage conservation in the Municipality of Oak Bay

2.1 Marion Cumming Heritage Lecture Series

FEBRUARY

So, you thought you knew Rattenbury. Oak Bay Heritage Foundation's Robert Taylor described the 19th century milieu influencing BC architecture, and the background and lives of Francis Mawson Rattenbury and John Rattenbury to 2021.

MARCH

The documentary, Ways We Remember War: The Second Battle of Ypres and Canada's Memory, was written, directed and produced by Dr. Geoffrey Bird, Professor, Royal Roads University. Dr. Bird presented the film and provided contextual information.


SEPTEMBER

Oak Bay: Mayhem in the 1920s and 30s by Francis Thorsen, described the crime and rum running in Oak Bay – an unexpected and unusual view of local history.

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HERITAGE FOUNDATION
The Marion Cumming Lecture Series
PRESENTS

*So, you thought you knew
RATTENBURY!*

Oak Bay Heritage's Robert Taylor travels a fantastic journey through three centuries (1851-2021) of larger-than-life characters, history, architecture, world events, tragedies, business schemes, and Oak Bay life.
Q&A and refreshments to follow




WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024 7:00PM
Windsor Park Pavilion
2451 Windsor Road, Oak Bay
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FEBRUARY

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Ways We Remember War

Join us for the screening of "Ways We Remember War: The Second Battle of Ypres and Canada's Memory". The 70-minute documentary was written, directed and produced by Dr. Geoffrey Bird, Professor, Royal Roads University.
Canada's first battle of the First World War occurred in a small wooded area in the middle of the night at a place called Krinkens's Wood. In response to the first use of chlorine gas in warfare, the battle marked the beginning of the Second Battle of Ypres. Without film or photographs, Canada's memory of the battle is shaped by art, memoirs and pilgrimage to the battlefield itself. Working with The Canadian Scottish Regiment, The Calgary Highlanders, residents of Flanders, historians, curators and landscape artists, this film explores the power of place and the significance of Flanders in shaping Canadian war remembrance.
There will be a Q&A and refreshments




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*Mayhem in Oak Bay
1920S THROUGH THE 1930S*

Francis G. Thorsen describes true crime and local stories: a snapshot of historical crimes featuring Oak Bay, from crooked horse racing to rum running to murder, and more...
There will be a Q&A and refreshments



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 7:00PM
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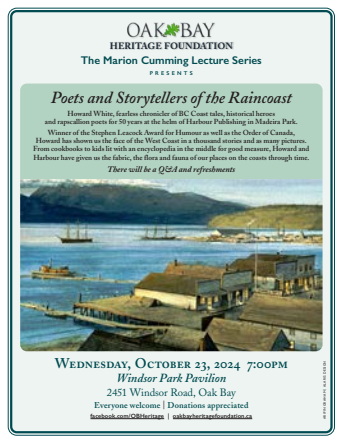
SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

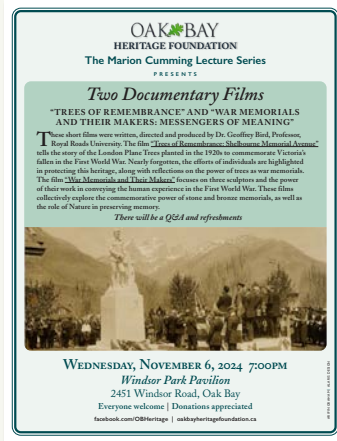
Howard White, the founder of RainCoast Chronicles, provided a series of vignettes of local histories, characters, and events.

NOVEMBER

In keeping with the Remembrance Day theme, Geoff Bird presented two movies and discussions: Trees of Remembrance (the Shelbourne Street bucolic memorial), and Messengers of Meaning: Memorials and their Makers.



OCTOBER



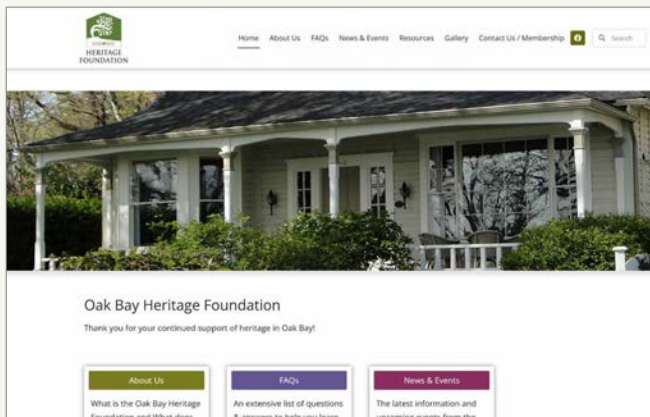
NOVEMBER

2.2 Century House Plaques

The Foundation continued the Century House (1924 or older) celebration program, established in 2015. A total of 87 plaques are now displayed on homes in the community (See Appendix B), dating from 1906 to 1924. Three Requests for 1925 plaques have been received.



2.3 Oak Bay Heritage Foundation Website & Facebook



In 2022, the Foundation created the website. Content highlights the activities of the Foundation, news, events, and resources, as well as architectural examples of heritage homes in Oak Bay.

See www.oakbayheritagefoundation.ca

2.4 Hallmark Society Heritage Awards

The Foundation provided Tweed Magazine (Spring 2024) with material for a four-page article in the Spring edition featuring five heritage homes successfully nominated recently by the Foundation for *Awards of Merit*. The article included statements of significance used by the Foundation in the nominations. The five houses provide a range of architecture including: Dutch Colonial Revival, California Craftsman bungalow, Storybook Cottages, and Moderne Streamline.

The featured quote was *“The majority of Oak Bay award recipients have restored homes that may have been in danger of demolition; hence they have saved not only the homes, but also the integrity of the streetscape. After going through the stress of renovations, the award recognises they were right in their decision.”*



2.5 Night Markets

During the four Night Markets held June, July, August, and September 2024, the Foundation stall was popular, with numerous discussions and explanations concerning heritage issues.

2.6 Heritage Walk

In June, the Foundation provided a heritage walk for the Victoria Newcomers Club, focussing on the early settler development, especially around the Prospect Heritage Conservation Area.



2.7 Heritage Garden Party

In August, in partnership with the Canadian College of Performing Arts (CCPA, Elgin Street, Oak Bay), and sponsored by *Perivale and Taylor Consulting*, a heritage garden party was held. The event featured CCPA actors in costume and character, as actual 1920s Oak Bay residents, mingling with the guests. A total of eighty guests attended.

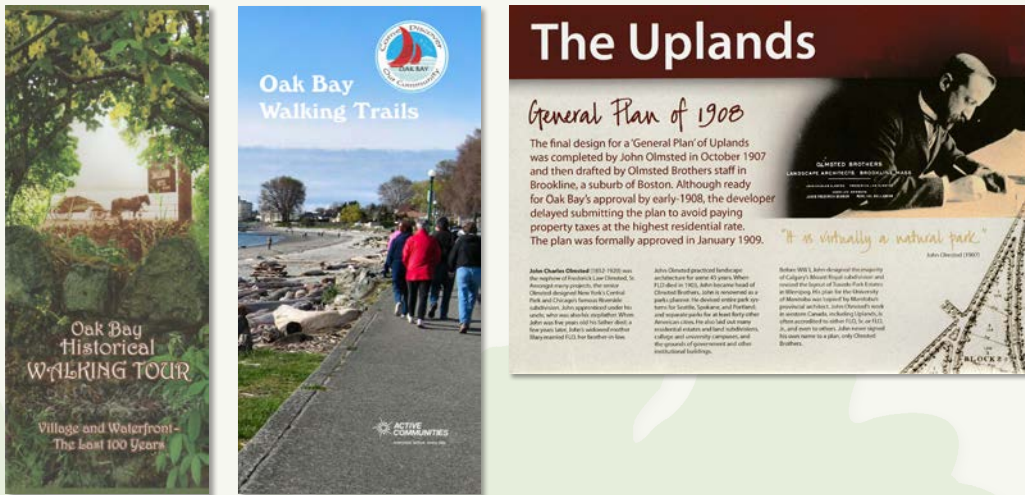


2.8 Heritage BC Statements of Significance Training

In June, a one-day workshop, facilitated by the Foundation, provided training in preparing Statements of Significance, for the majority of the Foundation Directors. The instructor was Dr. Kate Cummer of Heritage BC.

2.9 Brochures

The Foundation provided the following brochures to the public at the night markets and heritage lectures; one thousand copies of the Walking Trails map were delivered to various restaurants, Oak Bay Monterey and Recreation Centres, the Oak Bay Public Library, and the Oak Bay Beach Hotel.



2.10 Seasons' Greeting Cards

Approximately eighty e-cards were sent to persons who had signed up at the Night Markets and Marion Cumming Heritage Foundation Lecture Series to receive heritage information.



3 DIRECTORS

The Directors appointed by Council for 2024 were:

Jane Hall (Secretary)

Bill Hanna

Pat Howard

Cassie Kangas

Rick Marshall

Jane Nielsen

Margaret Palmer

Susan Simpson

Bronwyn Taylor¹ (Treasurer)

Robert Taylor (Vice President)

Sarah Taylor (President)

The Foundation was assisted and advised through its discussions by Andrew Appleton,
Councillor & Council Liaison.

¹ The three Taylors are not related.



APPENDICES

Appendix A: Heritage Grants 2009–2024

DATE	STATUS	ADDRESS
2024	Designated	Victoria Avenue
2024	Designated HRA	Windsor Road
2023	Designated	Foul Bay Road
2023	Registered	Margate Avenue
2023	Designated	Bowker Avenue
2021	Designated	Prospect Place
2021	Designated	Bowker Avenue
2020	Designated	Oliver Street
2020	Designated	Cranmore Road
2019	Designated	Byron Street
2018	Designated	Victoria Avenue
2018	HRA	Victoria Avenue
2017	Designated	St Patrick Street
2017	Registered	St Louis Street
2016	Designated	Cranmore Road
2015	Registered	St Patrick Street
2015	Designated	Cranmore Street
2014	Registered	Currie Road
2014	Designated	Cranmore Road
2013	Designated	Cranmore Road
2012	Designated	Byron Street
2012	Designated	Beach Drive
2012	Designated	Central Avenue
2010	Designated	Island Road
2009	Designated	Byron Street
2009	Designated	Island Road

Appendix B: Century House Plaques

BUILDING DATE ²	ADDRESS
1906	1472 St David Street
1908	1569 Foul Bay Road
1908	740 Monterey Street
1908	1352 St Patrick Street
1910	2150 Oak Bay Avenue
1910	2028 Runnymede Avenue
1911	853 Byng Street
1911	2519 Currie Road
1911	1222 Monterey Avenue
1911	1237 St David Street
1911	1416 St David Street
1911	1359 St Patrick Street
1911	1441 St Patrick Street
1912	2056 Carrick Street
1912	1578 Clive Drive
1912	2439 Cranmore Road
1912	2519 Cranmore Road
1912	1065 Deal Street
1912	2149 Granite Street
1912	2184 Guernsey Street
1912	773 Island Road
1912	50 King George Terrace
1912	362 King George Terrace
1912	2075 Kings Road
1912	1746 Lulie Street
1912	2671 Margate Avenue
1912	1725 Monteith Street
1912	1033 Monterey Avenue
1912	1122 Newport Road
1912	2150 Oak Bay Avenue
1912	937 Oliver Street
1912	1035 Oliver Street
1912	1066 Oliver Street
1912	2560 Orchard Avenue
1912	1770 St Ann Street
1912	1392 St David Street
1912	1205 St Patrick Street
1912	1217 St Patrick Street
1912	1229 St Patrick Street
1912	1383 St Patrick Street
1912	1440 St Patrick Street
1912	1344 Victoria Avenue

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² The records in Oak Bay Archives are the normal indicators. In cases where the houses predate the Oak Bay and Archives' records, title searches, contemporary newspapers, and city directories were used.



Appendix B: Century House Plaques *continued*

BUILDING DATE ²	ADDRESS
1912	1440 St Patrick Street
1912	1344 Victoria Avenue
1912	2138 Windsor Road
1912	1576 Yale Street
1913	3175 Beach Drive
1913	1059 Deal Street
1913	1063 Deal Street
1913	943 Hampshire Road
1913	1729 Hampshire Road
1913	799 Linkleas Avenue
1913	2018 Meadow Place
1913	1073 Monterey Avenue
1913	1376 Monterey Avenue
1913	1151 Roslyn Road
1913	951 St Patrick Street
1913	2054 Townley Street
1913	1684 Yale Street
1914	569 Falkland Road
1914	2488 Florence Street
1914	2508 Florence Street
1914	921 Foul Bay Road
1914	1897 Monteith Street
1914	1092 Newport Road
1914	3000 Rutland Road
1919	1190 Hewlett Street
1919	1736 St Ann Street
1919	848 St Patrick Street
1920	1931 Victoria Avenue
1920	2320 Windsor Road
1921	2412 Central Avenue
1921	777 Falkland Road
1921	2466 Florence Street
1921	1330 Monterey Avenue
1921	151 Sunny Lane
1921	533 Transit Road
1922	1596 Clive Drive
1922	1050 Deal Street
1922	2168 Guernsey Street
1922	870 St Patrick Street
1922	907 St Patrick Street
1922	1400 St Patrick Street
1922	1405 St Patrick Street
1924	2194 Central Avenue
1924	2029 Goldsmith Street
1924	2370 Windsor Road



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