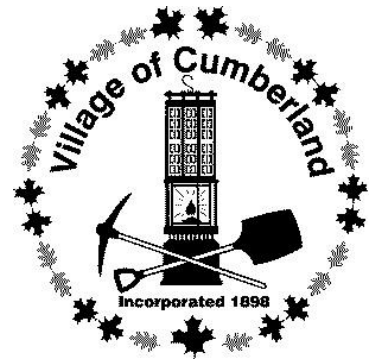


# HERITAGE COMMITTEE AGENDA



**The Corporation of the Village of Cumberland  
Heritage Committee Meeting  
February 7, 2022, 5:00 p.m.**

*We are honoured to gather on the unceded traditional territory  
of the K'ómoks First Nation.*

This meeting will be held through electronic facilities only due to public health concerns related to COVID-19.

Members of the public who wish to view the meeting can email [planning@cumberland.ca](mailto:planning@cumberland.ca) to receive a link to the on-line meeting.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**2. Minutes**

Adoption of Minutes of December 6, 2021

**3. Unfinished Business**

3.1 Statements of Significance

- Waverley Hotel
- Cumberland Community Church

3.2 Committee Work Plan for 2022

3.3 Website – Verbal Update

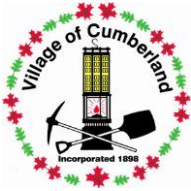
**4. New Business**

4.1 2022 Meeting Schedule

**5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Heritage Committee will be held on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

**6. Adjournment**



## Draft Minutes

Monday, December 6, 2021, 5:06 p.m.  
2675 Dunsmuir Avenue

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Meaghan Cursons Hugh McLean Lois Harris	Councillor Gwyn Sproule Marianne Bell Tannis Frame
<b>STAFF:</b>	Karin Albert, Senior Planner Courtney Simpson, Manager of Development Services	
<b>REGRETS:</b>	Reo Pendergast Lena Mcleish Ocea Hill	
<b>GUESTS:</b>	Elana Zysblat, Heritage Consultant	

### Call to Order

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

*Bell/McLean:* "THAT the agenda of December 6, 2021 be approved".  
CARRIED

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes

*Bell/Harris:* "THAT the minutes of November 1, 2021 be approved with the following correction: That Meaghan and Karin will contact Old Cumberland and other social media sites for information regarding the Waverley Hotel and the Anglican/Community Church.

CARRIED

#### 3. Old Business / Business Arising from the Minutes

Karin will upload Village Heritage documents including Statements of Significance to the file share system and will post the link. Website updates to heritage pages to happen early in New Year. Meaghan and Karin will draft a preamble.

##### 3.1 Statements of Significance – Waverley Hotel and Cumberland Community Church

Committee members attended site visits of the Holy Trinity Anglican/Community Church and the Waverley Hotel with Elana Zysblat, heritage consultant. Elana gave an overview of the information garnered on both sites

and will be submitting the Statements of Significance for Committee comments after some further research.

**3.2 Planning 101 Workshop scheduled for January 6, 2022, 5:30pm**

In person, in Council Chambers. *[Jan 19, 2022 update: workshop moved on-line]*

**3.3 Update on Workshop on interpreting and working within heritage design guidelines**

A Comox Valley architect firm has expressed interest in providing a workshop and will be sending an outline for it.

**4. New Business**

**4.1 Committee Work-plan for 2022**

Committee members discussed priorities for completion of Statements of Significance and other projects for 2022.

Meaghan will work on a draft plan based on discussions at the meeting for review at the next Heritage Committee meeting in February.

**5. Next Meeting:** Monday, February 7 at 5:00 p.m. Agenda posted the Friday before at [cumberland.ca](http://cumberland.ca)

**6. Adjournment:** 7:30 p.m.

Certified Correct:	Confirmed:
Chair	Deputy Corporate Officer

# Village of Cumberland Statement of Significance



## Waverley Hotel

2692 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland BC  
Established 1894



Prepared by Elana Zysblat, CAHP - Ance Building Services  
Funded in part by Heritage BC through the Heritage Legacy Fund - February 2022





**Description of Historic place**

The Waverley Hotel consists of three attached commercial buildings (the westerly two are smaller one-and-a-half storeys with sloping flat roofs and the larger building is two storeys with a hip roof) located on the north side of Dunsmuir Avenue close to the corner of First Street in the historic downtown of Cumberland, British Columbia.

**Heritage Values**

The Waverley Hotel is valued for its comprehensive and ongoing reflection of the settlement of Cumberland over time. The Waverley Hotel’s significance is further augmented by its direct associations with key people, groups, businesses, events and traditions which have contributed to Cumberland’s unique identity and legacy.

Built in 1894, it is one of Cumberland’s oldest surviving buildings which contributes to illustrating the core of the initial commercial strip developed in the early 1890s. Together with Tarbell’s across the street and the Big Store down the block, the Waverley Hotel is one of only three surviving commercial buildings from the initial settlement period when dozens of Boomtown wood-frame commercial buildings dominated Dunsmuir Avenue.

The Waverley Hotel was the second hotel to be built in Cumberland (after the Cumberland Hotel) and today is valued not only as the oldest running hotel, but also as the longest running in-situ Cumberland business under original name and use. The Waverley Hotel has served and continuously adapted to the specific but evolving needs of the local and regional community - starting as a room and board hotel for miners and business men, then housing the Special Constables who came to manage the big strike of 1912-1914, followed by low-income seniors in mid-century. In the last few decades it is valued as a regular venue on the Vancouver Island music circuit.

Community banquets, fundraisers, meetings, luncheons and cribbage tournaments were held at the Waverley Hotel, which also engaged externally in the community through the sponsorship of local sports teams and floats in May Day parades.

The beer parlour and restaurant use of this historic place is equally important to its heritage value. The plight to obtain and maintain the business' liquor license by its various owners and managers over the decades has been prolifically documented in local newspapers as a crucial feature of the business, and its expansion in 1912 to accommodate a larger bar area and basement for draft beers illustrates the ever growing social role of a well-stocked licensed premise in a rural mining and logging town like Cumberland.

The ownership, management and employment pattern at the Waverley Hotel reflect the cultural diversity of the Cumberland community and the prevalence of family-run businesses in the village. Although the Waverley Hotel was initially developed and managed by British-born entrepreneurs, some of the longest-term and most influential owners were of Italian heritage (Dallos, Conti and Frelone families) who amongst others, employed cooks and cleaners from the local Chinese community. During a rough economic period in the context of the local mines closing and many residents leaving the Village for work in logging camps elsewhere on the island, the Waverley Hotel became known by many as the "Hug 'n Slug" owing to its frequent bar fights, a nickname possibly even dating back to the Big Strike of 1912-1914. Owners Harvey and Shannon Brown were instrumental in revitalizing the hotel, pub and restaurant after their purchase in 1985 and undertook significant renovations. In the last decade of the Brown's 25-year tenure the Waverley Hotel became a renowned BC live music and performance venue with local national and international artists gracing the stage. This legacy has continued under owners Don and Louisa McClellan since 2011.

The Waverley Hotel, locally known as the Wave or simply the Waverley, is lauded for having survived at least three documented fires which have transformed its exterior form, finishes and massing. The Waverley Hotel not only survived as a viable and relevant community business for over 127 years, but even expanded its footprint to include a third building in the mid-20th century. This third building was originally used for storage and behind the scenes operations, and today it serves as the Waverley liquor store. This prominent 3-building site on Cumberland's main downtown street is today cherished as a local institution and landmark.

### **Character Defining Elements**

- Continuous commercial use since 1894 with hotel and restaurant use
- Continuous pub use since 1896
- Continuous business name since 1894
- Original location on Dunsmuir Avenue in Cumberland's historic downtown
- Commercial siting in line with the adjacent historic commercial buildings to the west on the block, with no set back from the street
- Wood-frame construction
- Three-building operation (two since 1912 and three since mid-20th century)
- Boomtown architectural style as expressed in its one to two storey commercial forms, cubic massings, flat frontages with false front on two westerly buildings and traditional canted storefront with transom windows at street-level on the central building
- Evidence of segmental arch window openings (c. 1936) at upper level on hotel building
- c. 1936 hip roof on hotel building
- c. 1936 wood-sash divided light windows with some coloured lights on Dunsmuir elevation of hotel building at the main floor
- c. 1936 Coloured glass light with 'W' for Waverley on central building entrance door
- projecting name sign
- c.1936 (and later) stucco cladding giving all three buildings a united finish

## Research Findings

**Address:** 2692 Dunsmuir Avenue (today includes 2688, 2694, 2698) - historically 166 and 172 Dunsmuir

**Legal:** Lot A, DL 21, Plan EPP48609

**Names:** Waverley House, Waverley Hotel

**Nicknames:** The Wave, Hug n' Slug

**Architect in 1894:** John A. Mateer

**Builders in 1894:** Alex Grant and Henry McGregor

### Known uses:

1894-1895: Hotel and temperance house

1896-1911: 30-room hotel, dining room and beer parlour

1912-1914: Residence for Special Constables brought in to manage the big strike

1930s: 30-room Hotel & pub, cribbage tournaments, community meetings and luncheons

1960s: 30-room Hotel & Pub, 8 low-cost room & board units for seniors, Luncheons

1960s and 70s: sponsored a local soccer team (dropped in 1980)

1985-2000: Hotel & pub, live music and performances, 9 hotel rooms

2000 to current: Hotel & pub, critically acclaimed west coast live music venue, 3 hotel rooms and up to 6 rooms for performing artists.

### Known alterations:

Between 1909 and 1912: the second storey verandah was roofed

A next door, flat-roofed extension was built by owner Frank Dallos in 1912 with a basement allowing for draft beer (keg storage). Until that time the Waverley sold only bottled beer.

The liquor store building, originally home to Cavin's Shoes (opened Sep 1920), was built by Dallos in 1920. The store was bought by A.T. Searles and renamed Searles Shoes in late 1931.

1936-1940: (in response to December 1st, 1935 fire) complete renovation involving removal of gable roof and recladding in stucco. Ground level verandah enclosed with new arched entry, upper veranda partially enclosed with open segmental arches, front gable converted to jerkin-head.

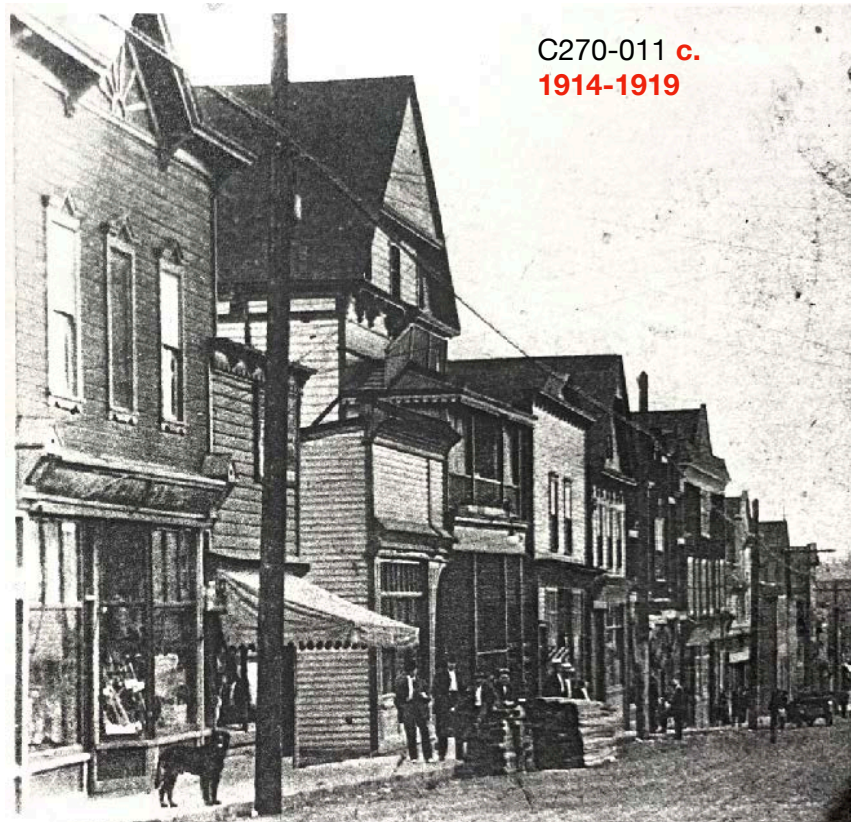
1967: (in response to April 19th fire) removal of the top (third) floor, the relocation of the entrance to the side with a flat-roofed canopy, re-stuccoing of the exterior and replacement of upper floor windows with aluminum sashes. With the cancelation of the front entrance, the two 1936 entrance wood windows on Dunsmuir are relocated closer together.

2015: 1967 flat-roofed canopy above side entrance removed

2019: New two storey building constructed to the east, set back to preserve the Waverley's side entrance



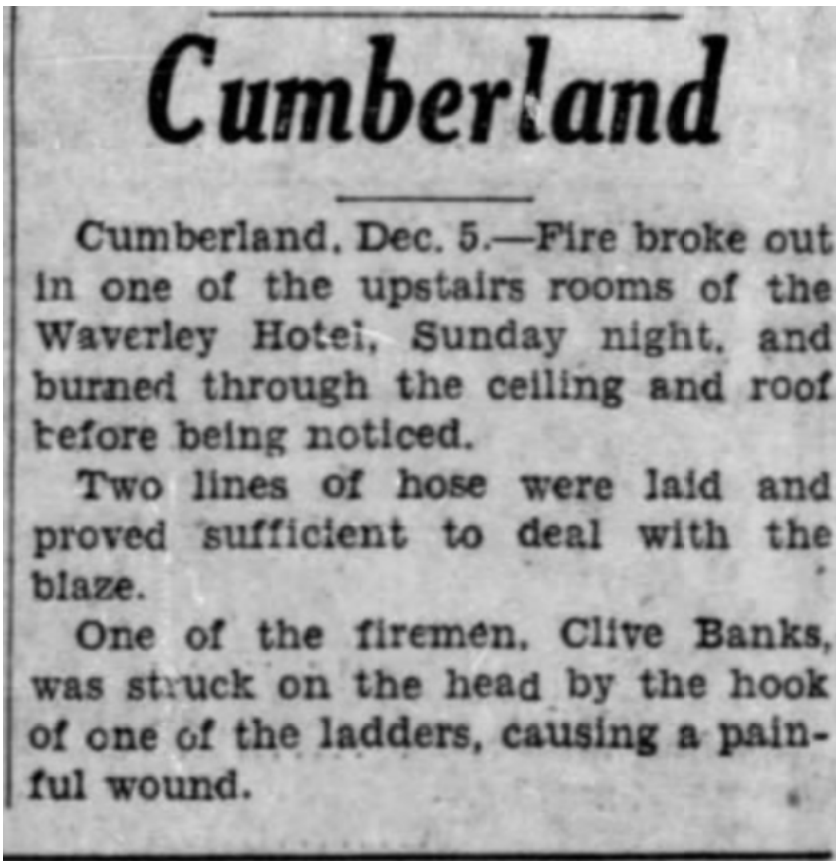
**Right:** This cropped photograph shows the next door flat-roofed extension erected by Frank Dallos in spring 1912, as well as the dentist office building and the corner building (Magnet Cash Store also know as Cheap John) which burned down in 1940.

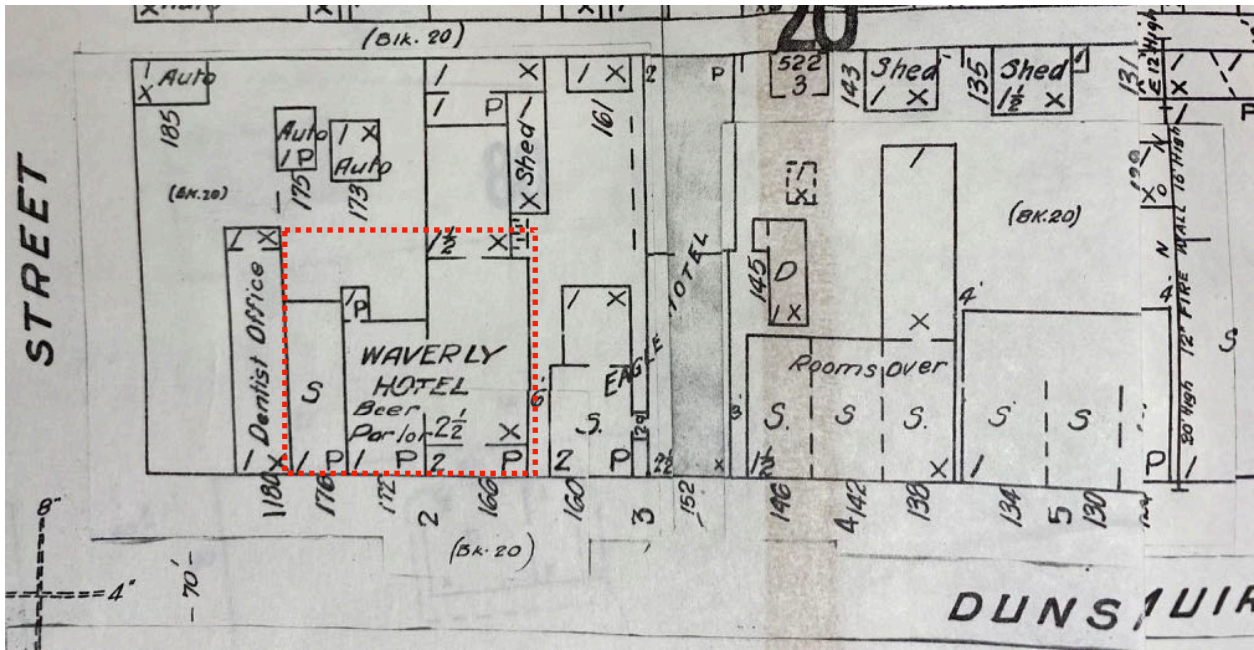


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1914-1919

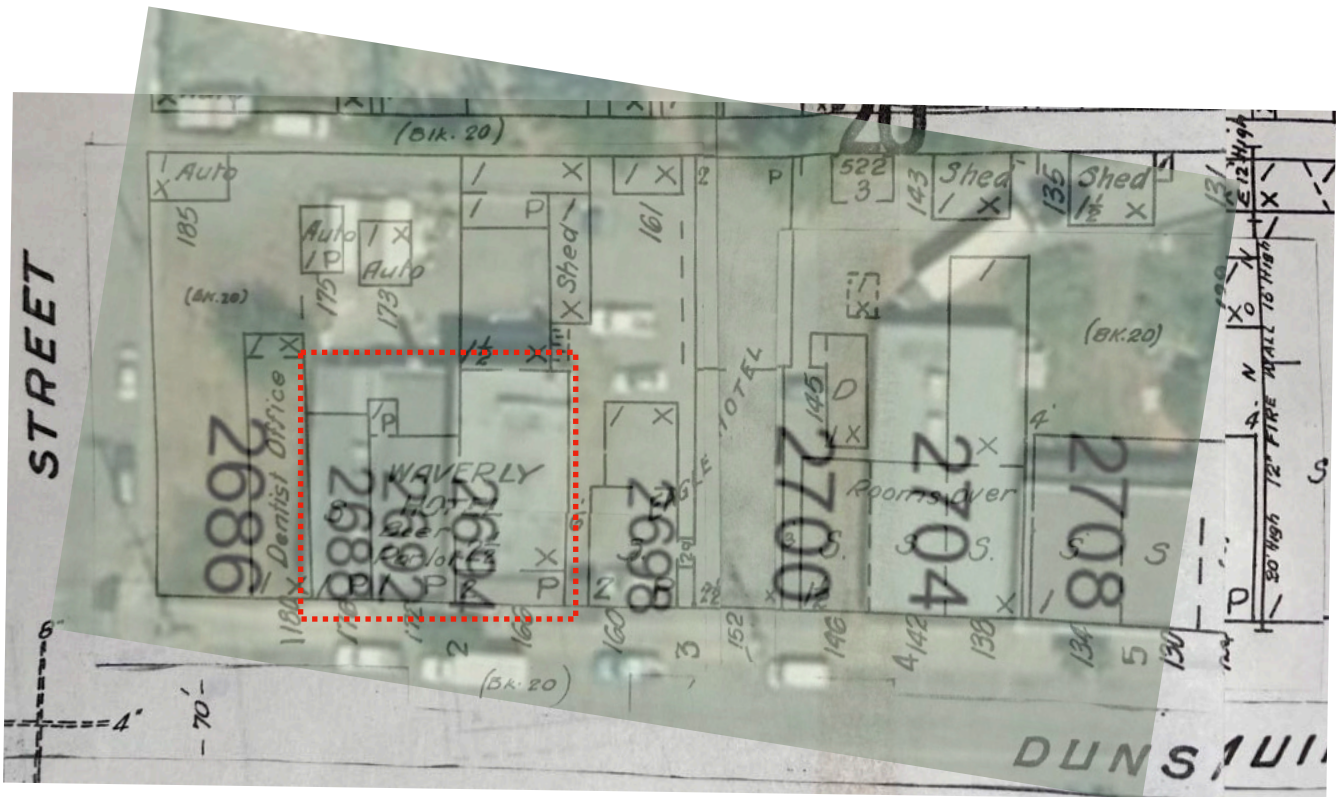


This cropped photograph shows the next door flat-roofed extension erected by Frank Dallos in spring 1912, as well as the shoe store building he erected in 1920 for Cavin's Shoes. The dentist clinic is between the shoe store and Magnet Cash Store.





Fire Insurance Map for Cumberland 1921 (Revised in 1935, 1939 and 1941). The structures that make up the Waverley today are outlined in red, the westernmost store building being today's liquor store. On this map it is marked with an S for Store and was a shoe store. CMA 980.1030.001.



Fire Insurance Map for Cumberland 1941 with a 2014 aerial photograph overlaid by author. The building that was the 'dentist office' is not standing today.

CMA 2015.193.002 c.1958



C030-209 1950

# Island hotel damaged

Special to The Province

CUMBERLAND—Two volunteer firemen were overcome by smoke in a three-hour fight against a blaze that swept the attic area of the Waverley Hotel Wednesday.

The three-storey stucco structure, built in the 1890's, is the oldest hotel and one of the oldest buildings in this Vancouver Island community.

The town's 25 volunteer firemen managed to save the build-

ing after Mrs. Hazel Jordan, wife of the hotel owner, roused her husband when she smelled smoke. He turned in the alarm.

Recently the 30-odd room hotel has accommodated elderly people at a nominal rent. Of the eight guests, only one was present and had to be evacuated when the fire broke out.

Damage was extensive although no estimate was given. The building was insured.

Province Apr 20, 1967

Nanaimo Daily News Apr 21, 1967

## POLICE SUSPECT ARSON IN CUMBERLAND FIRE

CUMBERLAND — Police Thursday were seeking two suspects who endangered lives of 10 persons when they set fire to an old wooden hotel in this Vancouver Island community earlier this week.

Police said the suspects, believed to be young men, set fire to the back and front of the 30-room Waverley Hotel.

"There's no doubt the fire was deliberately set," an RCMP spokesman said Thursday.

"An inflammable fluid was used."

The fire was first noticed by Mrs. Hazel Jordan, wife of hotel owner Claude Jordan. She woke her husband and they then alerted the hotel's eight elderly guests.

Two firemen were overcome by smoke battling the flames, which damaged five rooms of the hotel.

# Fire Destroys Hotel Landmark In Cumberland

CUMBERLAND (Special)—A blaze in Cumberland early this morning has left the Waverley Hotel a gutted, water-soaked ruin, with gaping holes in roof and walls, and broken windows.

The building, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jordan, is believed to have been built in the late 1890s, and is situated on the corner of Dunsmuir Avenue and First Street. Besides the beer parlor, it was used as a rooming house by about eight men.

All residents left the fire safely, but one unidentified man was brought down by ladder from a second storey window.

The building is a landmark and the third hotel to burn in

Cumberland in about 17 years, the other two being the Union, owned by Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir Ltd.), and more recently the Victory Hotel.

Reports from the scene of the blaze indicate that two young men were chased from the area prior to the fire.

One was at the front of the building and the other at the rear, the areas where the fire broke out simultaneously.

Dense smoke hampered firemen who battled until dawn to control the blaze.

The spectacular fire attracted many residents from the surrounding area who jammed the vicinity.

Nanaimo Daily News May 10, 1967

## Cumberland Man Charged Inciting Arson

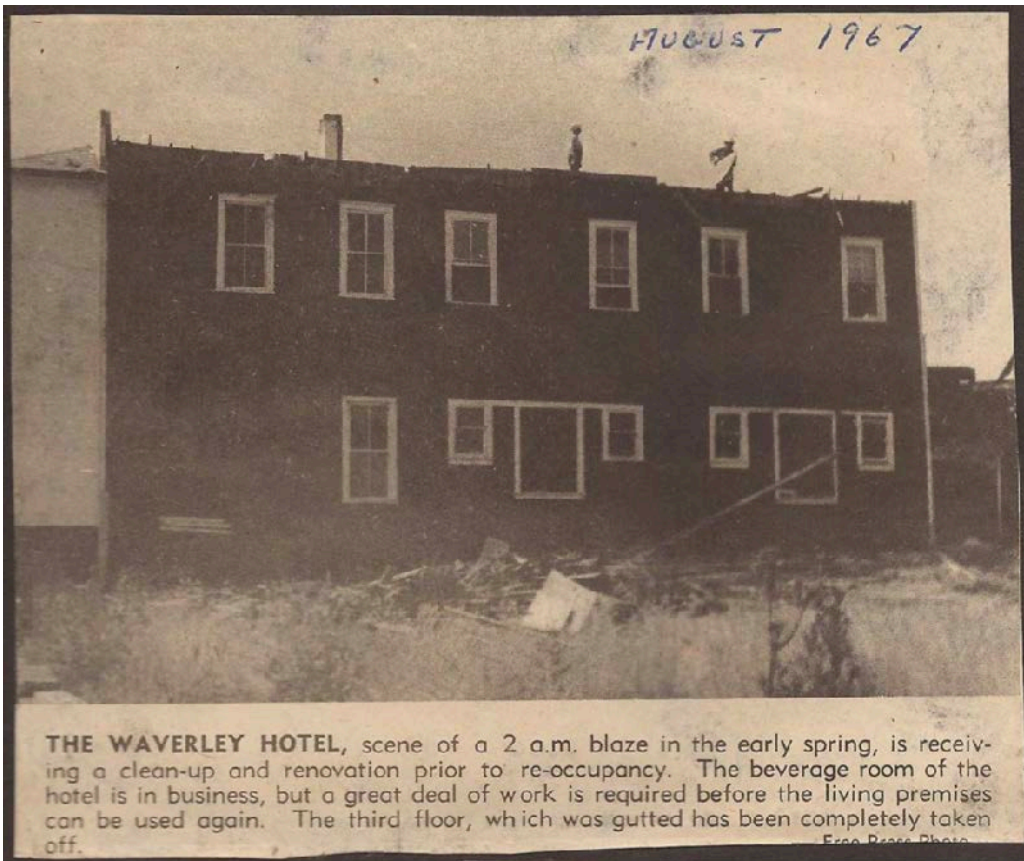
COURTENAY—A Cumberland hotel owner has been charged here with two counts of inciting others to commit arson.

The man, Leonard Robert Wilson, who is part-owner of the King George Hotel in Cumberland, was remanded without plea to May 16 after being charged in magistrate's court in Courtenay yesterday.

The alleged charges he faces are inciting one man to commit arson and inciting another to commit arson by setting fire to the Waverley Hotel.

Neither act was committed in respect to the charges being heard although RCMP are at present investigating several fires in Cumberland in recent months, including one which broke out recently at the Waverley Hotel.

The maximum sentence for each charge is 14 years. Wilson was released until May 16 on cash bail of \$1,000 plus surety of \$1,500.



Ancestry Hunter Old Cumberland Facebook group



Ancestry Hunter Old Cumberland Facebook group - 1971 photo. The white stucco treatment of the former shoe store suggest that by this date, 1971, the third building was already being used as storage for the Waverley Hotel.



1996. Colin Barr photo. Cumberland Museum and Archives building folder



2001. Waverley during and after 'makeover'. Cumberland Museum and Archives building folder



Alexander Cunningham flickr 2011



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On this spot 2020



[waverleyhotel.ca](http://waverleyhotel.ca) 2020





Waverley wall of gig posters

# Village of Cumberland Statement of Significance



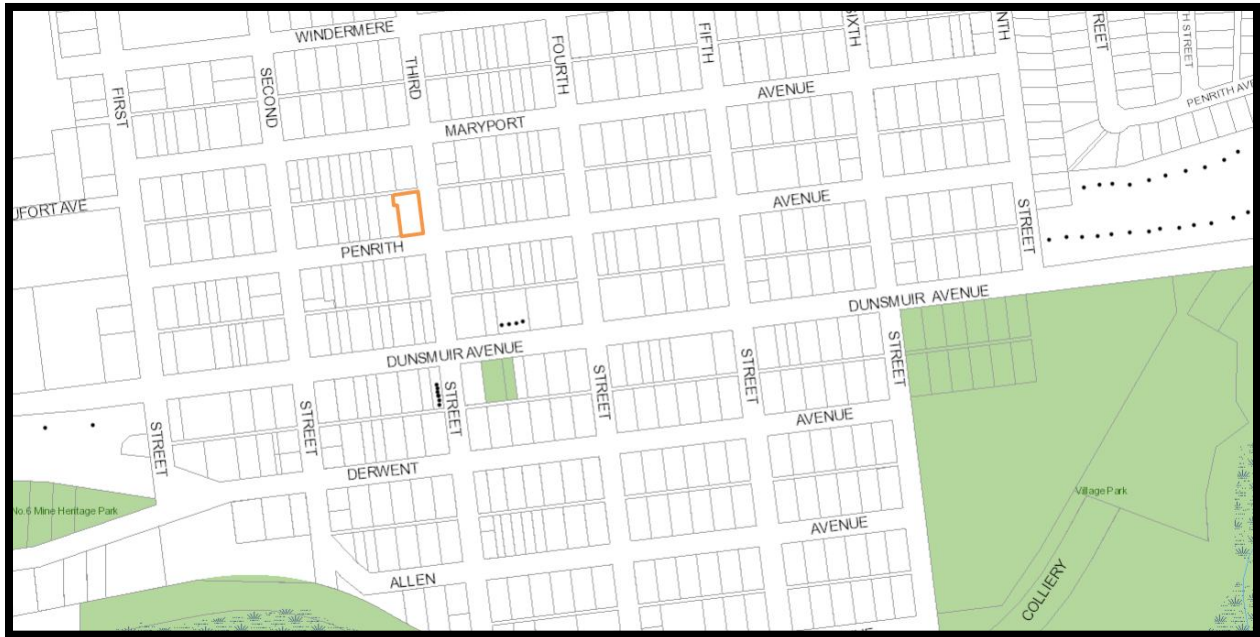
## Cumberland Community Church

2732 Penrith Avenue and 3287 Third Street, Cumberland BC  
Established 1895 and 1920



Prepared by Elana Zysblat, CAHP - Ance Building Services  
Funded in part by Heritage BC through the Heritage Legacy Fund - February 2022





### Description of Historic place

The Cumberland Community Church (1895) is a one-storey church building with gothic windows, angular east end and bell tower at the southwest corner. To the north, attached via a covered passageway, is a large one-storey (with mezzanine) gabled church hall (1920). These wood-framed buildings are located on the corner of Penrith Avenue and Third Street in Cumberland, British Columbia.

### Heritage Values

Completed and consecrated in 1895, the Cumberland Community Church, formerly the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, is an important component of Cumberland's 'Church Row' which was established between 1894 and 1895 along the 2600-2700 blocks of Penrith Avenue. Lots were donated to each congregation of the community by the mine owners, Union Colliery Co., for the purpose of building churches, which is why all four churches in Cumberland were concentrated on this one stretch. Together and individually, these church buildings represent the initial settlement of Union townsite in the 1890s, to be renamed Cumberland in 1893; the predominance of the Christian faith of its early European-born settlers; and the location of the first townsite lots to be developed between Allen and Ulverston Avenues and First and Third Streets.

The addition of the gabled church hall building in 1920 stands testament to the growing size and activities of the Anglican congregation in the years after World War I. This historic place is further important as one of only three of the original Cumberland church

buildings still standing<sup>1</sup> in Church Row, and as only one of the two still functioning<sup>2</sup> as places of worship.

The church design is an important representation of the Gothic Revival architectural style, which was popular in the 1890s and obviously well-loved in Cumberland, as it was implemented in different versions by all four of Cumberland original churches. Of all four designs, three survive in modified states, with this historic place, notwithstanding its own alterations, being the most integral example of the Gothic Revival style on Church Row. The rectangular building features an angled apse facing east with a feature coloured glass window. Other Gothic features are the tall, gothic windows (with pointed arch tops), the bell tower with its gothic, louvered lanterns, and the decorative brackets under the eaves. The most striking surviving feature is the elaborate, unpainted wood interior boasting fine-grain boards laid in horizontal, vertical and angled patterns, and ceiling panels connected by a network of wood rosettes. This historic place stands as a testament to the Cumberland Anglican congregation that prospered or remained stable for 80 years after which key members were aging and membership began to dwindle quickly. In 1981 the Anglican congregation of Cumberland joined the larger congregation in Courtenay, leaving this landmark church building mostly vacant, until it closed its doors in 1986.

The building's vacancy between 1986 and 1989 served as a catalyst for heritage advocacy in Cumberland. The run-down state of both the church and hall became the focus of conversations around conservation incentives, responsibilities and tools in the village, which only recently opened its museum (run by the Cumberland District Historical Society) and struck a Heritage Committee to advise Council. With many important old buildings and even districts already lost to demolition in Cumberland at the time, the Holy Trinity Anglican Church building is significant for being the first to spark community, civic and media discussions about built heritage conservation in the village.

The taking over of the building by the Cumberland Community Church in 1989 (departed from the United Church and now a member of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in BC & Yukon), and their ongoing efforts since to repair, restore and revitalize both buildings and uses on this important historic corner, illustrate not only the evolution and adaptation of spiritual ideologies in society but also the strong ties and commitments Comox Valley residents have to their historic buildings and traditions.

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<sup>1</sup> The Grace Methodist Church had been used as an athletic club after the Methodist Church joined the United Church in 1925 and was sold to the CCF in 1940. The church was demolished in 1970 and today there is a house on that site.

<sup>2</sup> The Catholic Church (St. John the Evangelist) is now a private residence.

## Character Defining Elements

- Church use since 1895
- Original corner location at Penrith and Third, along Cumberland's 'Church Row'
- Church building facing Penrith Avenue and church hall facing Third Street
- One-storey covered breezeway connected church and hall buildings
- Church and next door manse (2728 Penrith) in line with each other, set further back than the rest of the houses along Penrith Avenue
- Formally landscaped property outlined by a low concrete edge
- Association with next door house (2728 Penrith) - the manse constructed in 1909

### Church

- Church use since 1895
- Wood frame construction with wood corner boards
- Institutional design and form as expressed in its larger scale relative to the single family homes in the area, public gabled entrance with double doors, square bell tower with pyramidal and cross, bellcast roof, and large church windows on all four elevations.
- Shingle cladding on bell tower; in west side gable, and lower level (base)
- Gothic Revival style as expressed in its tall, pointed arch wood-sash windows (with archival and on-site evidence that many windows were enclosed), its cathedral form with angled apse facing east, its decorative eave brackets and its steeply pitched roof with contrasting forms: front gable on west side and half hipped form on apse side.

### Interior Elements:

- Gothic Revival interior elements include the decorative wood-clad walls, ceiling and window surrounds, carved bishop chair, fir pews
- Large open sanctuary space
- Removable altar memorials and plaques throughout, recognizing individual congregation members overtime
- Inscribed 1895 church bell donated by Samuel C. Davis<sup>3</sup>, hung and functional in the bell tower.

### Hall

- Institutional and community use since 1920
- Wood frame construction, clad in cedar shingles
- Steeply-pitched gable roof with exposed rafter tails and carved fascia ends
- Institutional design and form as expressed in its larger scale relative to the single family homes in the area punctuated by a recurring single, large, vertical divided-light wood window at the same height on three sides

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<sup>3</sup> Manager of the Union Hotel, who also donated a bell to the Anglican Chinese Mission in Chinatown and to the Presbyterian Church

## Research Findings

**Address:** 2732 Penrith Avenue (church) and 3287 Third Street (hall) - historically 90 and 96 Third Street

**Legal:** LOT B, DL 21, NELSON DISTRICT, PLAN 43397

**Names:** English Church, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Cumberland Community Church

**Architects:** Kendrick Sharp (church) W.A. Owen (Hall)

## Brief history and interesting facts

The Church of England was the last congregation to form in Cumberland in 1894 under Reverend Jules Xavier Willemar. Before the construction of the church building they held services in the school house.

The church building was designed by building committee member Kendrick Sharp who came to Cumberland in 1894 to work as builder and architect. The church had a seating capacity of 170. The baptismal font, built by Thomas Edward Banks, was installed on September 29, 1900, purchased with money raised by a concert given by Mrs. Lucy Little (mine superintendents wife, lived in Beaufort Manor). Bell tower added c. 1910. New church lights donated in memory of George Wilt Clinton (Cumberland Electric Light Co.) in 1929. The building was shingled over the original drop siding in the early 1930s and a small gabled porch was added where the bell tower meets the church. An organ was donated by congregation member Kathleen Bell in 1959 but removed in 1986 when the Anglican church closed. The majority of the building exterior was stuccoed in 1977.

Manse was built in 1909, badly damaged by a fire in 1942 after which it may have been altered to its current look.

Church hall designed by W.A. Owen and built in 1919-1920. Hall entrance gabled and enclosed by the early 1930s.

A mid-20th-century covered breezeway connecting both buildings

Dry rot in both hall and church foundations were repaired in 1963.

In 1981 the dwindling Anglican congregation of Cumberland prompted them joining the larger congregation in Courtenay. They stopped using Cumberland Anglican church building in the early 1980s and closed its doors in 1986. The pews were loaned to a church in Campbell River and the altar memorials removed for safekeeping.

In 1988, the Cumberland Community Church congregation was formed after a disagreement over national church policy at the Cumberland United Church (2688 Penrith Avenue) regarding sexual orientation as a criteria for membership and ordination. All but six members of the United Church congregation left the United Church over this disagreement. In 1989 the Cumberland Community Church took over the Anglican church building and managed to purchase it in 1993. The building was added to inventory of heritage resources in the Village in 1993 after which the new congregation began to restore it.

Heritage building advocacy

- Cumberland and District Historical Society (1981) became museum
- Cumberland Heritage Society/Committee (Doug Baird chair in 1987, Harvie Brown Council rep)
- Heritage Advisory Committee (early 1990s? - Leslie Baird)

Both buildings were reroofed through a grant from BC Heritage Trust in the early 1990s

Grocer Thomas Mumford was a life-long congregation member who rung the bell. Johnny Leung family who attended the Anglican Chinese Mission in Chinatown later joined the Holy Trinity congregation in Cumberland and ran a store across the street from the church. Catherine Finch, the organist until 1959 who taught at the Chinese mission as well. Gordon Bell, organ player from 1959 and on, and congregation member Chris Bramwell, both involved in trying to save the building.



Church Row along Penrith Avenue in the **early 1900s**. The Anglican manse is not yet built (1909) nor is the bell tower (circa 1910). BC Archives B-07600

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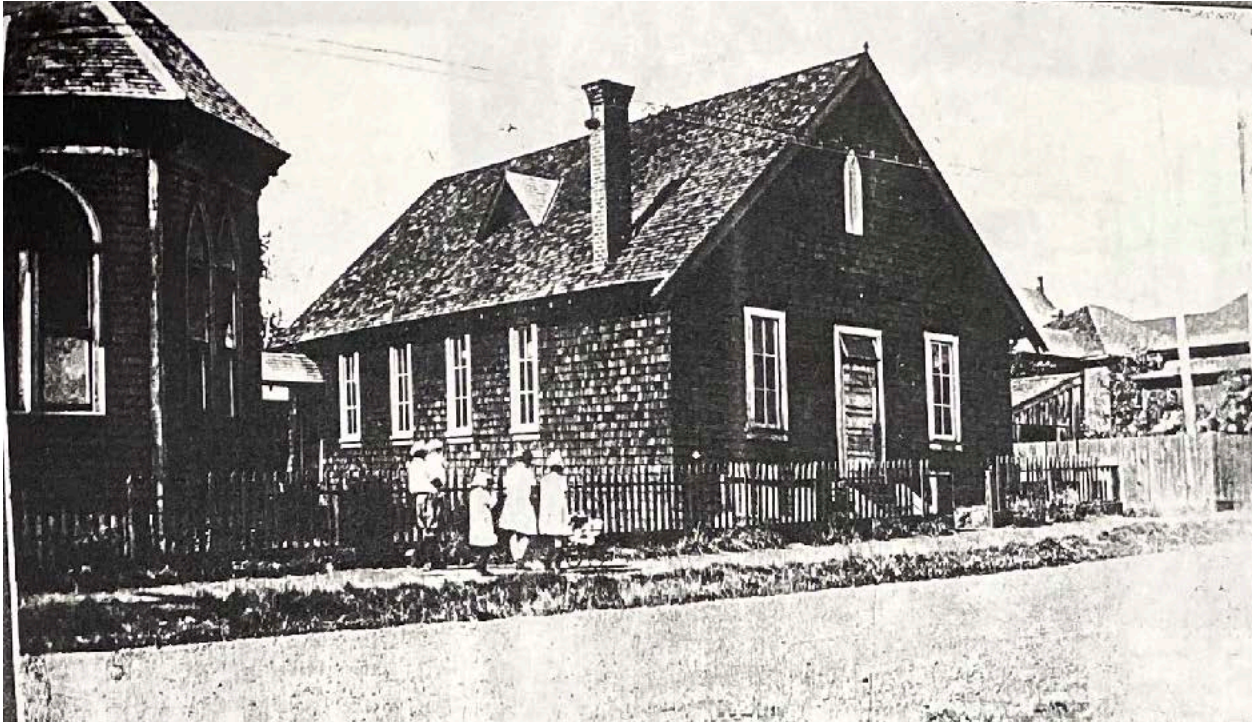




Penrith Avenue in 1909 soon after the manse was built next door but the bell tower not yet erected.



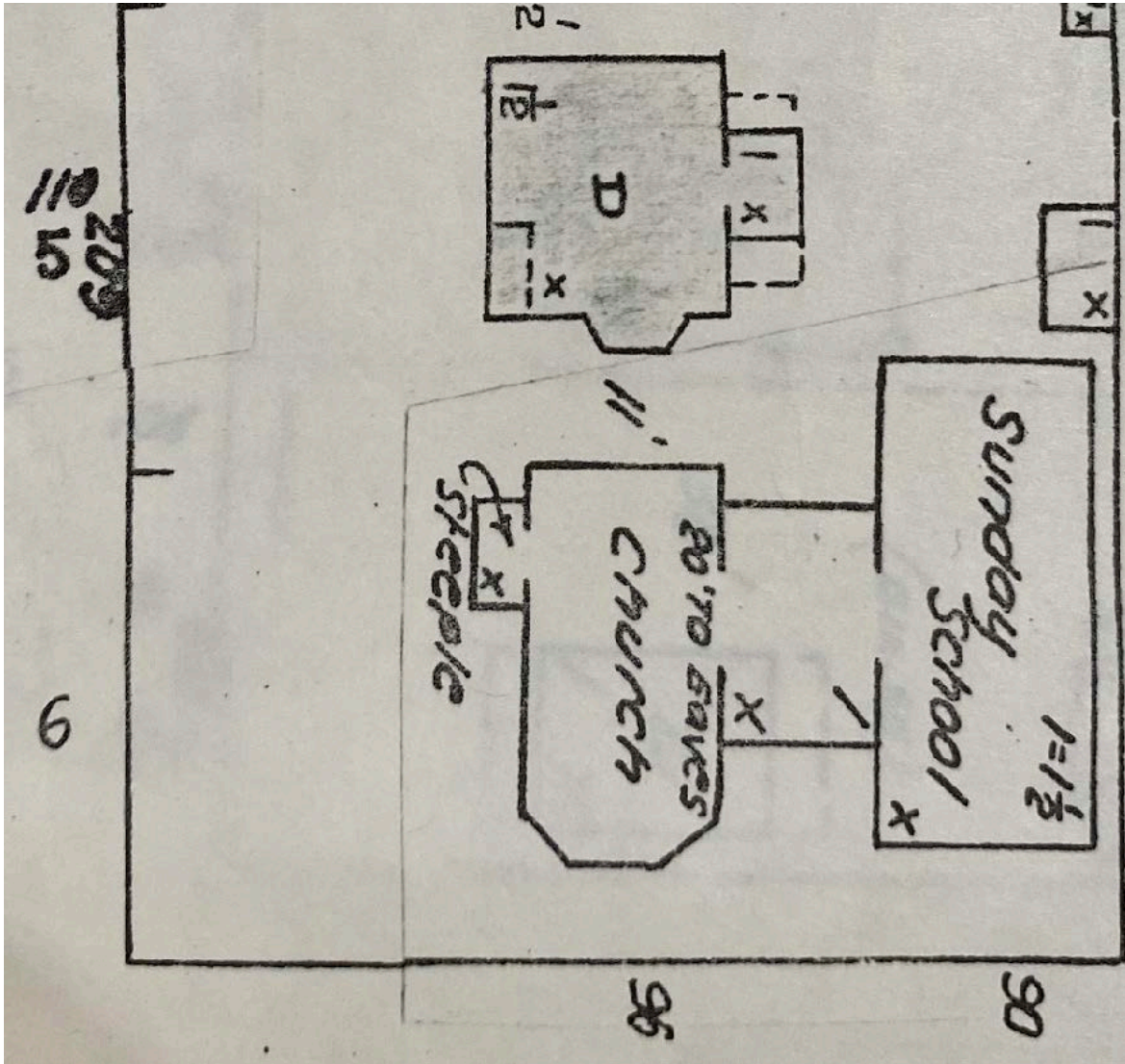
The Anglican manse photographed in 1914. CMA clipping files.



The Anglican Church hall soon after it was built **c. 1920**. CMA clipping files.

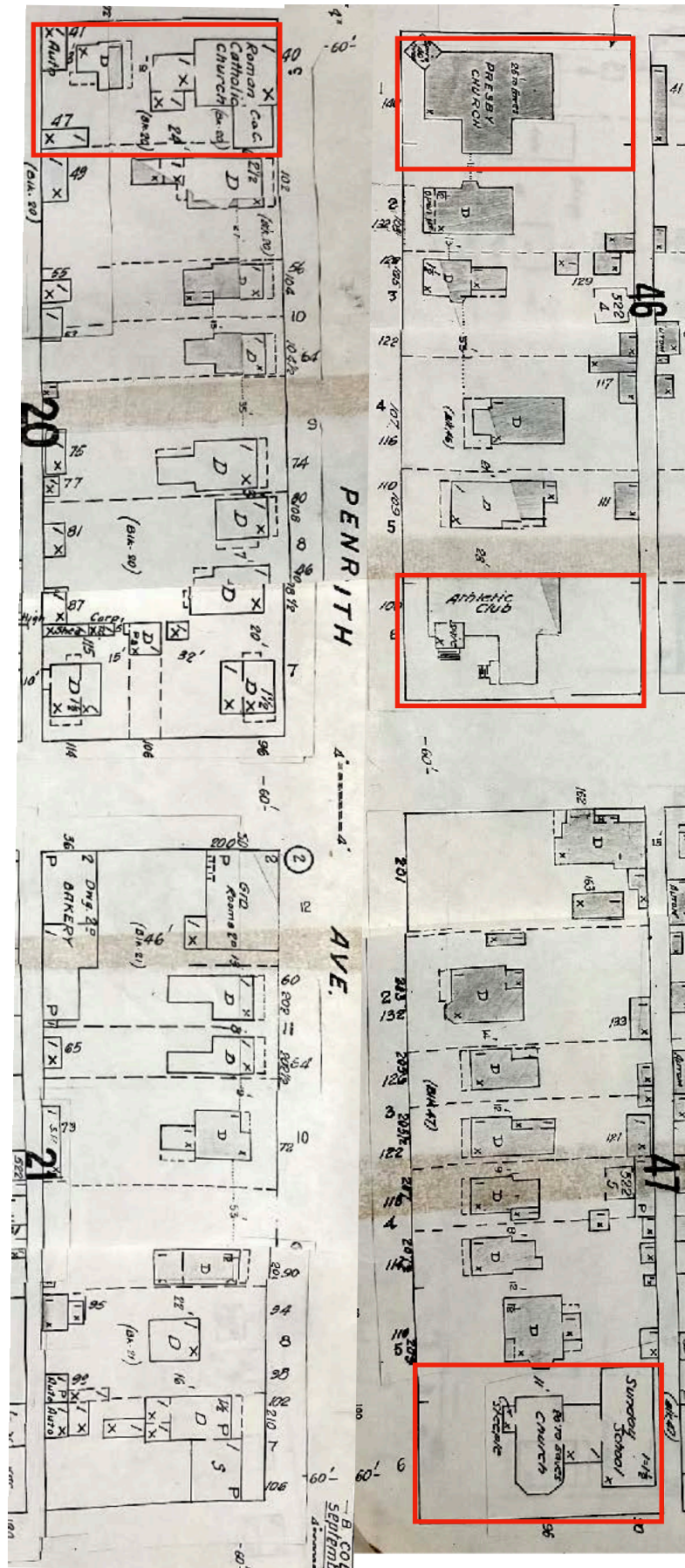


Church and Hall **c. 1934**. The church has been shingled to match the hall and the hall now has a gabled, enclosed entrance. CMA clipping files.



Church, Hall and manse in 1941, as drawn on the 1921 fire insurance plan for Cumberland, revised in 1935, 1939 and 1941. The status of the property reflects the year 1941. A one-storey breezeway connects the hall (noted as Sunday school) and the church buildings. CMA clipping files.

Church Row in 1941. The four church properties are outlined in red, although by this year the Methodist Church is no longer functioning as a church. It is noted on the fire insurance plan as an Athlete Club. CMA clipping files.





Church and hall get reroofed in **1994 or 1995** with the help of a BC heritage Trust grant. The beige stucco cladding had been applied in 1977

CMA clipping files.



C050-039 **1995**



February 7th 2022

Village of Cumberland Council

From: Meaghan Cursons, Chair, Cumberland Heritage Committee

On behalf of the Cumberland Heritage Committee, I am writing to provide you with a 2019-2021 Summary of Activities for the Committee and a 2022/2023 proposed Work Plan

### **2019-2021 Summary of Activities**

In spite of the pandemic, the past three years have been eventful for the Committee. The Committee reviewed and provided comment on 8 referrals from Council. In addition, 6 Statements of Significance (SOS) for the Heritage Registry were initiated, with 3 completed and 2 ready for final approval.

The completed Statements of Significance include:

- Coal Beach and #4 Mine - with support from VIU Planning student Becky Thiessen
- The Big Store - with support from VIU Planning student Becky Thiessen
- King George Hotel - with support from VIU Planning student Neethu Syam

Thanks to a funding contribution from the BC Heritage Legacy Fund, we are also in the processing of finalizing:

- Cumberland Community Church - through Heritage Planning Consultant Elana Zysblat
- Waverley Hotel - through Heritage Planning Consultant Elana Zysblat
- Perseverance Creek (preliminary work completed, carry over to new work plan)

This leaves only "Little Jerusalem" as incomplete from our 2019 work plan and 2 additional SOS's completed in response to the potential loss of buildings or institutional memory.

The committee has also engaged in several site visits (King George, Coal Beach, Community Church and Waverley Hotel) to support the development of SOS's.

2019 - 2021 has also seen a great deal of membership transition for the Heritage Committee with the retirement of Paul LaRonde and Melissa Roeske and the addition of Hugh McLean, Marianne Bell, Lena McCliesh, Lois Harris, Ocea Hill, Reo Prendergast and Tanis Schulte.

### **2022 - 2023 Cumberland Heritage Committee Work Plan**

1. **The Committee** will continue to support activities of a heritage nature in the Village. As identified in the Terms of Reference for the Heritage Commission, the members will continue to meet once a month, or as requested by council, to advise council on matters referred to the Commission including any matter falling within the scope of Part 27 of the Local Government Act.

2. **Statements of Significance:** For 2022 - 2023 the Committee has identified **X sites** for which they would like to develop statements of significance. All **X sites** are listed in the Village's Heritage Management Plan and were identified by the community as community defining locations.

We also understand that we may not be able to complete all **X sites** but wish to have a good list to draw from when opportunity to further this work is presented. Committee members understand that we may need to play a greater role in the drafting of these documents as we may or may not have consultant support available.

**The X sites proposed for Statements of Significance are: (for discussion by committee)**

- Bevan Houses
- Fernwood Heights
- Jailhouse / Draegermans Building
- Wellington Rail Line
- 'Moons Records' Building
- Cumberland Recreation Institute
- Cumberland Wetlands (agricultural and beaver impacts)
- Perseverance Creek (completion)

These sites have been selected by applying a filter that considers:

- reference in the 2016 Heritage Management Plan inventory
- imminent or recent changes in ownership or management
- threats to built or natural sites, or loss of institutional memory
- ensuring a variety of site 'types'. Eg. one commercial space, one residential area, one historic industrial site and one natural asset.
- efficiency gained from working with 'cluster' heritage sites.
- opportunity to synergy with other initiatives to support research

3. **Commemoration Plans:** In 2021 the Heritage Committee recommended a developer be required to develop a 'commemoration plan' for a property scheduled to be demolished in the Heritage Conservation Area. We are interested in engaging with the Museum to understand what a commemoration plan would entail and how it might be used (recommended) in the future.
4. **Ongoing development of Heritage Conservation Toolkit:** The Heritage Committee recognizes the need to strengthen the Village's toolkit to incentivise heritage conservation. We know Council shares this priority. The committee would like to support staff in the research and collation of a best practices inventory, including specific bylaws and other mechanisms to support heritage conservation in the Village of Cumberland.
5. **Heritage Committee work online:** All Heritage Planning documents and SOS's are now accessible and available to the committee through Sync. We hope to see all

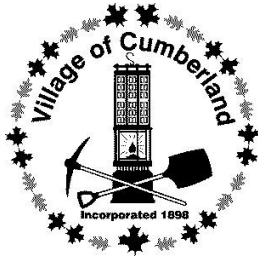
committee minutes also stored here going forward. We hope the Village will be able to complete the digitization of the existing SOS's, Heritage By-Laws and related documents and make these available to the public (summary versions and links to complete documents) via the Village website this year. This will also be a useful tool for recruiting new committee members and engaging the public in Heritage matters. A Heritage Committee IG page would also be an excellent tool to engage the community.

6. **Heritage plaque (or equivalent) project:** The Committee would like to support the Village in exploring possible sources of funding to update and reinstate the heritage plaque program. There are many plaques from the original program in need of updating and high interest from the community and visitors in recognizing (with owner consent) the heritage inventory of the Village.
7. **Street Naming policy:** There has been some preliminary discussion at the Committee table regarding providing input on the Village's street naming policy. This is an excellent opportunity for the Village to decolonize the street naming process but at the same time ensure cohesion, connection to place/placemaking, and the addressing of safety issues and we would be happy to support this work.
8. **Official Community Plan Process:** The Committee would also like to express that we are keen to support the Village's upcoming Official Community Plan process.
9. **Committee Terms of Reference:** The Heritage Committee would be happy to offer feedback to the Village for any updates to the Heritage Committee Terms of Reference. This could include the need for committee code of conduct (attendance etc)
10. **Budget:** Finally, we hope that the Village will consider allocating resources in their budgeting process that will allow for the ongoing implementation of the Heritage Management Plan including the development of Statements of Significance and Committee participation in local, regional and provincial Heritage activities that support the goals of the Village.

The Committee looks forward to working with staff and council in the year ahead. We are a small but enthusiastic group who share a deep passion for Heritage issues and are delighted for the opportunity to serve our community. We are of course at your disposal and available to respond to any matters connected to Heritage in the Village.

Thank you,

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## **Proposed 2022 Heritage Committee Meeting Schedule**

Meetings are typically the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

*\*indicates the meeting date varies from the typical day of the month due to conflicts with Council meetings or holidays*

Monday, February 7

Monday, March 7

Monday, April 4

Monday, May 2

\*Tuesday, June 7

Monday, July 4

\*Monday, August 15

\*Monday, September 12

\*Tuesday, October 4

\*Tuesday, November 8

Monday, December 5