

Heritage Review Panel

The Heritage Review Panel is established as a sub-committee of HAC. It provides more technical input on heritage-related development applications, with a focus Heritage Alteration Permits within the Fort Langley and Murrayville Heritage Conservation Areas. The Panel is comprised of three HAC members, and four community representatives (two from Fort Langley and two from Murrayville).

The Panel also provides advice on the Township's Heritage Building Incentive Program (BHIP), including formal review of grant applications. It meets on an as-needed basis, including periodic site visits.

Task Forces

Since 2009, a number of Task Forces have been established to address specific heritage issues or support key initiatives; for example:

- To develop Committee Terms of Reference
- To explore and develop a Heritage Building Recognition Program to promote and recognize heritage conservation and preservation efforts in the Township of Langley
- To consider the need for a Heritage Strategy
- To function as a steering committee for development of the Heritage Strategy
- To explore ways of supporting the long-term retention and ongoing function of the Township's Heritage Halls
- To guide the development of an Historic Context Statement and Thematic Framework

Other "Work Groups" have been convened for: (1) Fraser Highway mile markers (in 2016); and (2) to undertake research on Langley's Rural Heritage, as a basis for exploring heritage issues in rural Langley and investigating ways of providing incentives for historic farms with significant heritage buildings (continuing work).

Heritage Conservation/Protection Tools

HAC has supported the Township's transition to values-based heritage conservation, as evidenced by the:

- preparation of the Heritage Strategy;
- adoption of Parks Canada's Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada;
- development of the Heritage Context Statement and Thematic Framework; and
- the use of Statements of Significance for interpreting heritage value and character-defining elements of recognized heritage resources.

HAC members have also gained practical experience with a range of tools for heritage review, recognition, and protection (temporary and ongoing) – e.g., Heritage Inventory, Community Heritage Register, Heritage Covenant, Heritage Conservation Area, Heritage Alteration Permit, Municipal Heritage Designation, etc.

