

# PROPOSED ANNUAL 2023 WORK PLAN

#### **BACKGROUND**

Annual Work Plans are required for Advisory Bodies that are authorized (through their Terms of Reference or Establishing Bylaw) to undertake special projects or initiatives in support of their respective mandate.

The development of a Commission Work Plan is authorized in Heritage Commission Establishment Bylaw 4770:

- 8.3 The Commission may develop and submit an Annual Work Plan to Council for approval, in accordance with the Committee and Commission Policy.
  - a. Proposed projects, initiatives and volunteer development activities (conferences, workshops) contained within the Annual Work Plan should align with Council's current strategic priorities and other District plans and strategies, including the Oak Bay Heritage Plan and the Official Community Plan.
  - b. Council approval is required prior to implementation of the Annual Work Plan.
  - c. The Annual Work Plan may be amended, as required, with the approval of Council.

Bylaw 4770 further requires that the Commission prepare an Annual Report to Council:

8.4 If the Commission chooses to submit an Annual Work Plan to Council for approval, the Commission must also submit an Annual Report to Council in accordance with the Committee and Commission Policy. The Annual Report shall be completed in the form prescribed by the Corporate Officer, as may be amended from time to time, and shall include a description of the Commission's progress and achievements with respect to the activities proposed by the Commission and approved by Council in the Annual Work Plan.

These projects and initiatives are in addition to the Advisory Body's core duties as outlined in the Terms of Reference or Establishing Bylaw, and therefore require approval from Council. Inclusion of a project or initiative in an Annual Work Plan does not guarantee approval by Council - each proposed initiative will be evaluated within the context of the current Corporate

Plan and Council's strategic priorities, as well as operational and budgetary implications, organizational capacity, and available staff.

Heritage Commission Annual Work Plan planning workshop held (Oct 28, 2022)

Heritage Commission finalized the draft 2023 Work Plan (Nov 15, 2022) Council considers the draft Heritage Commission's 2023 Work Plan (Nov 28, 2022) All council endorsed Heritage Commission Work Plan projects are included in the 2023 Corporate Work Plan (2023)

Projects implemented in accordance with the 2023 Work Plan

### PROPOSED PROJECTS / INITIATIVES

The Heritage Commission 2023 Annual Work Plan mostly renews, extends, and expands upon the 2022 Annual Work Plan projects. A few of the identified 2022 initiatives are intended to be ongoing/annual projects (such as volunteer training), and several of the other projects were started in 2022 and will be completed in the 2023 year.

The Commission is respectfully requesting Council approval of a \$22,600 budget for its 2023 Work Plan projects, allocated as outlined under each specific initiative below. Approximately 482 staff hours (which is equivalent to roughly a 0.3 full time employee or approximately \$28,920 worth of staff time) would be required (between Building & Planning, Archives and Communications) to support the projects identified in the 2023 Annual Work Plan. This is in addition to the Heritage Commission members' volunteer time and effort, as well as 150 hours for a paid heritage consultant.

Most of the \$11,000 budget set aside for the 2022 Work Plan was not spent.

SPECIAL PROJECT / INITIATIVE #1	
Title of Special Project	Heritage Best Practices Review
Brief Description	Through this initiative, Staff and the Commission will engage a contractor to assist in reviewing best practices in heritage stewardship in other BC Local governments, conduct a gap analysis for Oak Bay, and develop a tool kit and recommendations for heritage stewardship in Oak Bay. Areas of possible exploration include: <ul> <li>Identification and monitoring</li> <li>Heritage protocols for demolition &amp; redevelopment</li> </ul>

		<ul> <li>Conservation</li> <li>Promotion and information</li> <li>District owned</li> </ul>	d education, in on sharing	guideline development clude signage, mapping, t management
Is this	project: (please check)		<u> </u>	
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Key T	asks & Timelines List each key task and amount of time required for completion (# of weeks or months)	planner) to resear BC local governm to practices in Oa	rch heritage-re nents, conduct lk Bay, and dev s to support sta	a professional heritage lated best practices in other a gap analysis with respect relop a tool kit and iff, the Commission and
Exped	ted Completion			ere unable to engage
•	When does the Advisory Body expect to complete this project?	proposed. The project	t funds from 20	in Q3 2022 as originally 022 are being reallocated to ct could be completed by
Finan	cial Impact	\$15,000 for the hired	heritage exper	t / consultant to conduct
•	How much funding is the Advisory Body requesting to complete this project?	research (review existing policies, interview staff, heritage commission, and Council members, review legislation, research other municipal practices), draft report with staff liaison, and present to Commission and Council. The consultant time for the project is anticipated to be approximately 150 hours total.		
Opera	tional Impact	There is a large operational impact to deliver this project, as		
•	Type and amount of staff support required. (Also see Staff Input and Analysis below)	staff will need to be involved in both guiding the project and providing information about current practices/process, etc. However, this project could significantly improve the District's heritage stewardship and have long lasting impacts on the organization by developing new and streamlined processes.		
		Director/Manager	40 hours	Review project scope, consultant selection process, review reports, provide direction.
		Staff Liaison (Planner)	100 hours	Develop scope of work, work with consultant to provide direction and assist in research and report writing.

Admin/other staff	30 hours	Support research by providing information about current practices.
Total	170 hours sta volunteer time =\$10.200	ff time + additional

## Alignment with Council's Strategic Priorities

 Indicate the Strategic Priorities that are supported by the project/initiative and include a brief explanation.

## **Enhance and Promote Quality of Life and Sense of Place:**

Council is committed to "stewarding the community's history, landscape, culture and amenities..."; this initiative supports stewarding the community's history by providing a framework and tools to guide Oak Bay's heritage stewardship planning and practices.

**Provide Service Excellence:** The Best Practices Review will help identify opportunities to improve the District's heritage practices, policies and procedures which aligns with improving organizational operations. The report will identify ways the District can increase the effectiveness of heritage planning and stewardship.

## Alignment with Advisory Body Mandate

 Indicate and briefly explain the ways in which the proposed project/initiative is aligned with the Advisory Body's mandate. Bylaw 4770, the Commission's establishing bylaw, specifically states that the Commission shall "... advise Council on a range of community heritage matters, including:

3 c) Reviewing existing and proposed District plans, strategies or other regulatory initiatives for input and advice to Council pertaining to heritage conservation, including any planning initiatives related to Heritage Conservation Areas and the Oak Bay Heritage Plan

This project would also support several goals/actions identified in the 2013 Heritage Strategic Plan, including:

- Identify development control tools to protect streetscapes
- Continue to evaluate, register, and protect Heritage Buildings & Structures
- Review Heritage Protection policies
- Investigate enhanced conservation incentives for heritage building owners
- Develop stewardship policies and conservation plans for municipally owned heritage resources
- Continue to encourage inventory, research, and good conservation management

SPECIAL PROJECT / INITIATI	VE #2
Title of Special Project Brief Description  Is this project: (please check)  □ New for the Coming Now Continued/Ongoing from Other (please specify)	∕ear rom Previous Year(s)
Key Tasks & Timelines  • List each key task and amount of time required for completion (# of weeks or months)	Training would be ongoing throughout the year, with opportunities identified and determined by the Commission with reference to available funding.  Professional Development will be a standing agenda item for Heritage Commission meetings. When time permits, or there are no referrals from Council or applications to consider, the Commission will take part in a Heritage BC webinar or other similar training activity.  Two members of the Commission would be selected (by resolution) to attend the annual Heritage BC Conference, which is usually two-day event. The Commission has also asked that the Staff Liaison and the Council Liaison attend the conference, funded out of their own respective operating budgets.
When does the     Advisory Body     expect to complete     this project?	Project is ongoing throughout the year.
Financial Impact  • How much funding is the Advisory Body requesting to complete this project?	\$2,000.00 is being requested to cover the cost of two Commission members attending the annual Heritage BC conference (\$350 per person for registration fee, and \$650 per person for accommodations).  The District has access to free webinar training sessions provided through the Heritage BC membership.
Operational Impact  • Type and amount of staff support	<b>Staff Liaison:</b> Limited involvement. The staff liaison helps identify and book training opportunities, in collaboration with the Heritage Commission. The staff liaison also usually

required. (Also see Staff Input and Analysis below)	watched the webinars. Approximately 2 hours a month or 24 hours total annually (\$1,440).  If the Staff Liaison is to attend the Heritage BC Conference in 2023, the Commission has asked that this be funded out of the department's operating budget.
Alignment with Council's Strategic Priorities  Indicate the Strategic Priorities that are supported by the project/initiative and include a brief explanation.	Enhance and Promote Quality of Life and Sense of Place: This will support Commission members to fulfill their mandate related to Oak Bay's heritage, as outlined in Bylaw 4770.  Provide Service Excellence: Professional Development increases volunteers' engagement and increases their effectiveness in carrying out their mandate.
Alignment with Advisory Body Mandate  • Indicate and briefly explain the ways in which the proposed project/initiative is aligned with the Advisory Body's mandate.	Heritage Commission Establishment Bylaw 4770, s. 8.3 a) permits volunteer development activities (conferences, workshops) to be included in the annual Commission Work Plan.  Increased knowledge will assist the members to better fulfill their mandate in providing advice to Council, reviewing applications, and advancing other Heritage related projects.

SPECIAL PROJECT / INITIATIVE #3		
Title of Special Project	Update and Expand the Community Heritage Register	
Brief Description	This project involves identifying additional properties to be included in the Heritage Register.	
	This project was initiated in 2022. To date, staff have identified properties with remaining heritage potential from Stark's book: Oak Bay's Heritage Buildings: More Than Just Bricks and Boards. Staff have also drafted a letter to reach out to potential heritage properties inviting their voluntary inclusion in the Community Heritage Register (CHR).	
	In 2023, staff will proceed with reaching out to the identified properties and other opportunities to encourage property owners to volunteer for inclusion in the CHR. Then staff and the Heritage Commission will bring forward properties for Council's consideration.	

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• List each key task and amount of time required for completion (# of weeks or months)	<ul> <li>Send out letter to property owners, and undertake promotion of the CHR through newspapers ads.</li> <li>In addition to any properties that volunteer inclusion on the CHR, identify 10 high-priority properties for inclusion in the CHR.</li> <li>Conduct research and produce draft write-ups for all potential CHR properties.</li> <li>Provide recommendations to Council (by September 2023) and seek direction from Council as to preferences and process.</li> <li>Final write-ups for all approved properties (by end of 2023)</li> </ul>		
• When does the Advisory Body expect to complete this project?		e fall of 2023,	to identify 10 additional and complete write-ups for
<ul> <li>How much funding         is the Advisory Body         requesting to         complete this         project?</li> </ul>	No additional funding is required for this initiative, beyond the required staff time.		
Operational Impact			
<ul> <li>Type and amount of staff support required. (Also see</li> </ul>	Director/Manager	10 hours	Review materials, reports, and provide direction.
Staff Input and Analysis below)	Staff Liaison (planner)	100 hours	Finalize research of known Stark properties. Send out letter to Stark parcels. Conduct research for selected parcels. Draft property write ups. Write Council reports.
	Admin staff (clerk)	10 hours	Send letters to property owners, and other support with research.
	Archives	25 hours	Support property research.
	Communications	8 hours	Support other outreach

	Note: Heritage Commission members will provide their own time and support for researching the 10 selected potential CHR parcels in 2023 and will help review the draft write-ups outside of regular meeting hours.  Note: The initial supporting research of the Stark properties	
		ne support of a summer student in 2022.
Alignment with Council's Strategic Priorities  • Indicate the Strategic Priorities that are supported by the project/initiative and include a brief explanation.	Enhance and Promo Council is committed landscape, culture an	to "stewarding the community's history, and amenities"; this initiative supports nunity's history by helping to enhance Oak
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• Indicate and briefly explain the ways in which the proposed project/initiative is aligned with the Advisory Body's mandate.	of community heritag  (a) Reviewing an the content a	nission shall " advise Council on a range le matters, including:  d making recommendations to Council on and maintenance of the Community ister" (S. 3.1(a))

SPECIAL PROJECT / INITIATIVE #4		
Title of Special Project	Heritage-Related District Website Updates	
Brief Description	Review existing heritage-related content on the District of Oak Bay website to identify outdated or missing information.  Develop corrections and updates to the website to ensure accurate and effective information is provided.	
Is this project: (please check)  New for the Coming Y  Continued/Ongoing fr	'ear	
☐ Other (please specify:	<b>`</b>	
<ul> <li>Key Tasks &amp; Timelines</li> <li>List each key task and amount of time required for completion (# of weeks or months)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review heritage-related pages on the District website and inventory the information (completed in 2022)</li> <li>Identify possible outdated and missing information in collaboration with the Heritage Commission and Oak Bay</li> </ul>	

Expected Completion  • When does the Advisory Body expect to complete this project?  Financial Impact  • How much funding is the Advisory Body requesting to complete	early 2023)  Develop new/corn determine long to website content ( Develop additional inform heritage promaintaining insuruplement change Include a definition indigenous peoplement District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District we incorporated with a website updated the current District District District District District D	rect content, uperm changes to 2023) al educational iroperty owners ance les to the Distribution of heritage the es will be partial ebpage. Future yebsite overhaud for this initiatiplanning, arch	Ily completed in 2023, to e updates will be ul, at a later date.  Ive, as the project can be ives, and communications
this project?			
<ul> <li>Operational Impact</li> <li>Type and amount of staff support required. (Also see Staff Input and Analysis below)</li> </ul>	While the scope of this project was initially anticipated to have minimal operational impact, upon further review of current website content the project will have a moderate operational impact.		
	Director/Manager	5 hours	Review project and provide direction.
	Staff liaison (Planner)	30 hours	Work with Commission members, archives, and communications to update content and modernize heritage websites on District page.
	Archives	20 hours	Support updating content, with help for researching corrections.
	Communications	30 hours	Support content review, website updates, and provide expertise on mid-long term solutions.
	Total	85 hours + vo =\$5,100	olunteer time
Alignment with Council's Strategic Priorities		elping ensure t	initiative supports Council's hat the website information and up to date.

<ul> <li>Indicate the Strategic Priorities that are supported by the project/initiative and include a brief explanation.</li> </ul>	
Alignment with Advisory Body Mandate	This initiative supports Goal 5 of the Oak Bay Heritage Plan:
<ul> <li>Indicate and briefly explain the ways in which the proposed project/initiative is aligned with the Advisory Body's mandate.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Goal 5: Celebrate Oak Bay's Unique History Actions:</li> <li>Continue and enhance support for the Oak Bay Archives</li> <li>Continue and enhance support for the Oak Bay Heritage Commission and Heritage Foundation</li> <li>Continue to celebrate Oak Bay's unique sense of place and the promotion of local heritage themes</li> </ul>
	Although this initiative is not directly specified in the Commission's mandate, it is important to assisting Council achieve the goals of the <i>Heritage Strategic Plan</i> .

SPECIAL PROJECT / INITIATIVE #5			
Title of Special Project Brief Description	Oak Bay Heritage News Stories  Heritage Commission members would create information articles for the Oak Bay newspaper (using a paid spot). The articles would cover Oak Bay related heritage stewardship stories to help advance discussion and education about different heritage topics, themes, and projects.		
Is this project: (please check)  X New for the Coming Y  ☐ Continued/Ongoing from Other (please specify:	/ear om Previous Year(s)		
Key Tasks & Timelines  List each key task and amount of time required for completion (# of weeks or months)	<ul> <li>Heritage Commission members would decide upon topics during scheduled commission meetings. Outside of regular meetings the volunteer members would draft and review articles.</li> <li>Drafted articles would be reviewed and approved by staff.</li> <li>Communications staff would help coordinate the posting in the new paper, and cross posting online through social media channels.</li> </ul>		
Expected Completion	A few articles would be developed throughout the year and published, no more than one (1) article per quarter.		

When does the Advisory     Body expect to     complete this project?				
Financial Impact	Up to \$2000 in total for 4 full size paid articles in Oak Bay news			
How much funding is	(\$250 - \$500 per paid space in newspaper). A link to the			
the Advisory Body	online articles would be cross posted on social media by the			
requesting to complete	District and Heritage Commission members, to help generate			
this project?	and track discussion.			
Operational Impact	Minimal operational i	mpact. as most	of the article research and	
Type and amount of staff support required.	writing would be completed by the commission members.			
(Also see Staff Input	Staff liaison	20 hours	Review each article,	
and Analysis below)	(Planner)		provide limited research	
			support and	
	Archives	10 hours	information.  Provide research	
	Archives	TOTIOUIS	support and	
			information.	
	Communications	20 hours	Review and approve all	
			content for publishing,	
			help coordinate paid	
			news articles with Oak	
		50.1	Bay news.	
	Total	50 hours + vo	olunteer time	
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Alignment with Council's Strategic Priorities	<b>Provide Service Excellence</b> : This initiative supports Council's strategic priority by helping to foster public engagement.			
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supported by the				
project/initiative and				
include a brief				
explanation.				
Alignment with Advisory	This initiative is not d	lirectly specified	d in the Commission's	
Body Mandate	This initiative is not directly specified in the Commission's mandate. However, this initiative supports aspects of Goal 5 of			
Indicate and briefly	the Oak Bay Heritage Plan (2013):			
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project/initiative is	Continue and enhance support for the Oak Bay			
aligned with the	Heritage Commission and Heritage Foundation			
Advisory Body's mandate.	<ul> <li>Continue to celebrate Oak Bay's unique sense of place and the promotion of local heritage themes</li> </ul>			
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SPECIAL PROJECT / INITIATIVE #6				
Title of Special Project	Partner on the Oak Bay Heritage Lecture Series			
Brief Description	The Heritage Commission would like to help support the Heritage Foundation's planned 6-part lecture series in 2023. The objective of this project is not to play a lead organizing role, but instead is to help share the cost of rentals and honorariums, and to help provide some staff administrative support when needed for logistics, billing, and promotion.			
Is this project: (please check)				
X New for the Coming Year  ☐ Continued/Ongoing from Previous Year(s)  ☐ Other (please specify:)				
Key Tasks & Timelines  • List each key task and amount of time required for completion (# of weeks or months)	<ul> <li>A total of 6 lectures are planned for 2023 - three lectures in the spring and three lectures in the fall.</li> <li>Staff and volunteer commission members would offer support with room booking (logistics and payment) in advance of each lecture.</li> <li>Staff would provide support on poster printing and promoting each event.</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Expected Completion</li> <li>When does the Advisory         Body expect to         complete this project?</li> </ul>	The six lectures would happen throughout the year and would conclude before December 2023.			
Financial Impact  How much funding is the Advisory Body requesting to complete this project?	Up to \$400 for the room and AVE equipment rentals (through Oak Bay Parks and Rec) and approximately \$200 honorarium for speakers, per each event.  This would equal to \$3,600 for cost-sharing all six events.			
Type and amount of staff support required.     (Also see Staff Input and Analysis below)	Minimal operational impact, as the lecture series are mostly coordinated by the Heritage Foundation volunteers.  Administrative staff support would be requested from time to time to help print posters, promote the lectures, book spaces, and process the cost for room rentals.			
Alignment with Council's Strategic Priorities  Indicate the Strategic Priorities that are supported by the project/initiative and include a brief explanation.	Provide Service Excellence: This initiative supports Council's strategic priority by helping to foster public engagement.			

## Alignment with Advisory Body Mandate

 Indicate and briefly explain the ways in which the proposed project/initiative is aligned with the Advisory Body's mandate. This initiative is not directly specified in the Commission's mandate. However, this initiative supports aspects of Goal 5 of the *Oak Bay Heritage Plan (2013)*:

Goal 5: Celebrate Oak Bay's Unique History Actions:

 Continue and enhance support for the Oak Bay Heritage Commission and Heritage Foundation.

In addition to the projects/initiatives proposed above for the 2023 Work Plan, members of the Commission expressed interest in inviting presentations to the Commission about heritage stewardship projects. For example, designating heritage trees or establishing new heritage conservation areas were identified as possible topics of discussion. Staff have not included a project related to this request because it is addressed in the <a href="Committee and Commission Policy">Commission Policy</a> and the <a href="Heritage Commission Bylaw">Heritage Commission Bylaw</a>, which gives the Commission the ability to entertain presentations from subject matter experts or to receive other presentations:

### **Committee and Commission Policy:**

17. Presentations to Committees or Commissions At the discretion of the Chair, a Committee or Commission may invite other persons to participate in making presentations to the Committee or Commission in order to benefit from additional knowledge or expertise, as 13 provided for in the Terms of Reference or Establishing Bylaw. Presentations must be scheduled in advance, prior to the agenda deadline and must not pertain to land use applications.

### **Heritage Commission Bylaw:**

6.9 In accordance with the Committee and Commission Policy, the Commission may invite subject matter experts to a Commission meeting, to make presentations on specific matters under consideration by the Commission. In accordance with Section 10 of this Bylaw, any related fees or honorariums must be approved in advance by the by the Director of Building and Planning or by the Director of Financial Services.

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Respectfully submitted,

**Heritage Commission**