



2026 Business Plan Heritage Conservation (1670)

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Working in partnership with communities large and small to offer local, sub-regional, and regional services to ensure that the Cariboo Chilcotin is a socially, economically, and environmentally desirable region.

Department/Function Service

The Heritage Conservation service was established in 2005 by Bylaw No. 4070. The participating areas for this service include all of the electoral areas. There is no requisition limit for this service. Principally, the service supports the activities of the CRD's Heritage Steering Committee. As the current requisition is minimal, staff provide a supporting role in the activities which are driven by committee members.

All Electoral Area Directors are responsible for the governance of this service.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2026 Goals

1. **Goal:** Complete Statements of Significance (SOS) and Increase Registry Properties. *(Ongoing)*
Rationale: The primary goal of the committee is to support recognition of heritage properties and expand the heritage registry. A Statement of Significance is a requirement to meet provincial heritage registry standards.
Strategy: Committee continues to make progress on developing Statements of Significance.
2. **Goal:** Continue to host regional heritage tourism network meetings.
Rationale: These meetings continue to be successful to support the sharing of knowledge among heritage tourism operators in the region.

- Strategy:** The Committee will continue to support City of Quesnel staff in holding ongoing meetings.
3. **Goal:** Liaise with Economic Development to continue Heritage Driving Brochure.
Rationale: Management and distribution of the Heritage Driving Brochure was transferred to the Economic Development department in 2023 as part of the objective to expand and support regional heritage tourism.
Strategy: The Heritage Committee will continue to support the ongoing update and expansion of the guide. Distribution is planned to increase from 5,000 to 6,000 copies for 2026.
 4. **Goal:** Add an insert to the Historic Driving Guide & Map listing events at heritage sites.
Rationale: Many heritage organizations and community groups hold heritage events at their sites. These events offer increased tourism and business opportunities for rural areas.
Strategy: Economic Development is leading, with Heritage Committee supporting.
 5. **Goal:** Initiate a Regional Heritage Plaque Program.
Rationale: Provide an opportunity for heritage community groups to recognize significant heritage sites within the region. The CRD Community Heritage Register is a planning tool that provides formal recognition for historic places.
Strategy: Plaques will be made available to community organizations who wish to recognize a site with a heritage plaque. This is a joint project with Economic Development.
 6. **Goal:** Continue to support Indigenous inclusion and recognition. *(Ongoing)*
Rationale: Recognizing that heritage committees throughout BC have historically been rooted in colonial history, the committee intends to increase inclusion and recognition of Indigenous heritage throughout our region.
Strategy: Continue working to increase Indigenous inclusion and representation on the committee.



150 Mile Courthouse

7. **Goal:** Review 150 Mile Courthouse. *(2024 Goal – Carried Forward)*
Rationale: The 150 Mile Courthouse is in a state of significant disrepair and is located on a property without access.
Strategy: Liaise with Economic Development Department, Electoral Area F Director to ensure orderly demolition of the structure.



Heritage Committee on location at Cottonwood House

Overall Financial Impact

In the five-year financial plan, the requisition is projected to remain at \$10,000 per year.

Significant Issues & Trends

The committee continues to remain active and is working to gain capacity in writing Statements of Significance and registering heritage properties. The committee also remains interested in building out relationships to support Indigenous recognition and representation.

Measuring Previous Years' Performance

1. **Goal:** Complete Statements of Significance (SOS) and Increase Registry Properties. *(2024 Goal – Ongoing)*
 The committee completed a draft SOS for the Big Lake Heritage Site in 2024 and staff will help prepare it for submission in 2025. The committee has worked to prioritize next properties for the Heritage Registry.
2. **Goal:** Establish a plan to utilize accumulated operating surplus. *(2022 Goal – Carried Forward)*

The committee continues to work on this goal. The committee committed to utilizing more funds on training opportunities and will continue to monitor expenditures going forward.

3. **Goal:** Continue to host regional heritage networking meetings. *(2020 Goal – Ongoing)*
Successful meetings were held in April and October 2025.
4. **Goal:** Liaise with Economic Development to continue Heritage Driving Brochure. *(2024 Goal – Ongoing)*
5,000 brochures were printed and distributed in 2025.
5. **Goal:** Continue to support Indigenous inclusion and recognition. *(Ongoing)*
Consistent Indigenous membership has been challenging, however the committee is committed to moving this goal forward. In 2025, the committee valued participation from TNG staff.
6. **Goal:** Review 150 Mile Courthouse. *(2024 Goal – Carried Forward)*
The property was removed from the Heritage Registry in 2025.