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TAKING STOCK : HERITAGE RESOURCE MAPPING PROJECT

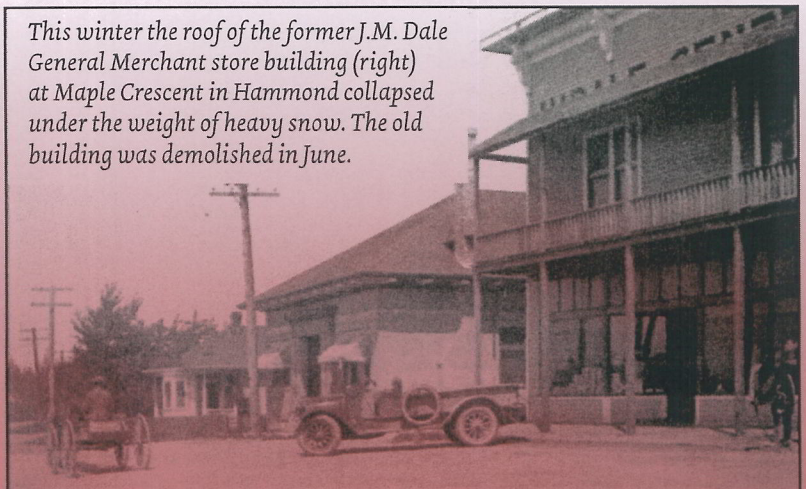
The Maple Ridge Heritage Commission and the District of Maple Ridge are working on mapping the location of all heritage resources in Maple Ridge. The Maple Ridge Heritage Resources Map shows the historic communities of Maple Ridge and where heritage sites are located within each. Heritage sites in Maple Ridge are identified with one or more of the following:

- A listing on the Maple Ridge Heritage Inventory;
- A listing on the Maple Ridge Heritage Register;
- Protection through a Municipal Heritage Designation; and/or
- A plaque placed on the site

The mapping project is intended to enable CHC members and the community to see where heritage resources are located, how heritage sites have been identified, whether they are protected, and where gaps in the identification of heritage resources may exist. The maps will be a significant asset in the CHC's heritage management program and long-term planning. It will also be a great tool for spreading heritage awareness throughout the community.

—Lisa Zosiak

This winter the roof of the former J.M. Dale General Merchant store building (right) at Maple Crescent in Hammond collapsed under the weight of heavy snow. The old building was demolished in June.



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HERITAGE FOR SALE !



Helmi Braches

Whonnock United Church is for sale. In the face of a dwindling congregation the 1914 building and the adjacent community house are now up for sale.

Fifteen years ago a heritage plaque was attached to the church showing the following text and a drawing by Harry Blackwell.

Built in 1914 on land donated by John Brodie, Mr. Robert A. Hamilton's plan was utilized for the church building. It was constructed by carpenter Olaus Lee who was assisted by voluntary labour.

The church was dedicated on the second Sabbath of September, 1914. The minister of the congregation was the Reverend George Fisher. Following the union of Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches in 1925, Whonnock Presbyterian Church became the Whonnock United Church.

The church hall addition was built in 1933 and the belfry was attached to the church building roof.

This church building has been maintained by the faithful congregation and has been a house of worship from 1914 to the present time.



MAPLE RIDGE HERITAGE CONTEXT STUDY

COMMUNITY INPUT NEEDED

The Community Heritage Commission and the District of Maple Ridge have initiated a Heritage Context Study project that will involve participation and input from a broad range of community interests. A contract for undertaking the project was awarded to the heritage consulting team of Denise Cook Design, Birmingham & Wood Architects and Planners, Cory Hemminger & Tina Rafter, Dr. Kathy Dunster of Unfolding Landscapes, and Amber Kostuchenko.

The first step in the process will be for the consultants to undertake some historical research and draft a historical context of Maple Ridge for public discussion. The process is expected to involve at least two public workshops, wherein participants will help identify key historical themes that are important to the community's history, evolution, and values. This information will contribute to the existing heritage data for Maple Ridge and will be mapped to provide a comprehensive visual perspective on the community's heritage resources.

The goals that the Community Heritage Commission intends to achieve through this process include:

1. Increasing public awareness and understanding of Maple Ridge heritage;
2. Integrating community input into the Maple Ridge Heritage Context Study that will lay a foundation for the future direction of heritage conservation in Maple Ridge;

3. Creating avenues for identifying heritage assets that are valued but not yet identified;
4. Cultivating community and political support for municipal heritage conservation policies;
5. Establishing a link between the conservation of heritage assets and sustainable development;
6. Provide opportunities for community partnerships.

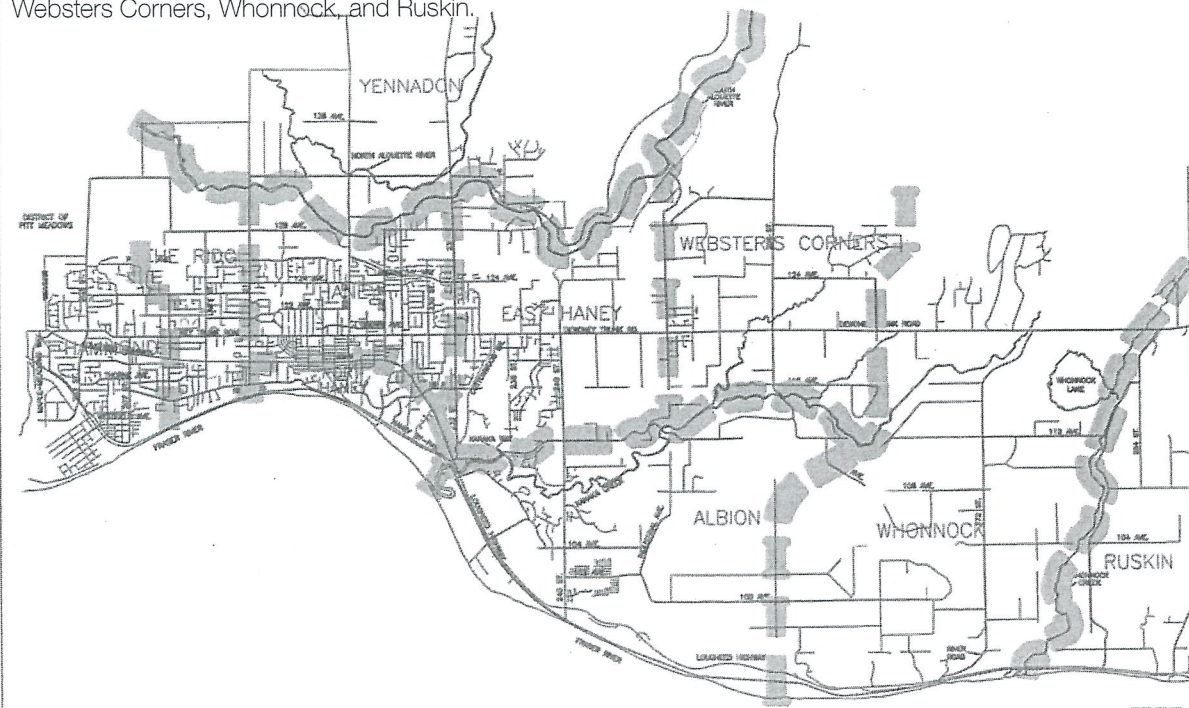
Although a substantial amount of information currently exists on Maple Ridge heritage, the intent of the Context Study is to broaden the scope of heritage within the community and the Community Heritage Commission. The community's input into this project will lay the foundation for a Heritage Strategic Plan that will prioritize and guide the work plan for heritage conservation over the next five years.

The first of the Heritage Context Study community workshops are planned for early fall 2009 and advertisements will be posted in the Maple Ridge News, the Maple Ridge website at <www.mapleridge.ca> and also on the newly created Community Heritage Commission's facebook page.

For more information please contact Lisa Zosiak, Heritage Planner, at <lzosiak@mapleridge.ca> or 604-467-7383.

—Lisa Zosiak

The historical communities of Maple Ridge: Hammond, The Ridge, Yennadon, Port Haney/Haney, Albion, Websters Corners, Whonnock, and Ruskin.



MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL COMMUNITIES

MEET THE COMMISSIONERS



NICOLE READ is President of The History Group (THG) Inc., a company with offices in Vancouver and Ottawa that provides historical research services to public and private sector clients. Nicole has close to a decade of experience proposing, planning and directing major research projects to meet a wide-range of client objectives. Since its inception in 2003, The History Group Inc. has grown to 27 team members with annual sales exceeding \$1.2 million.

Nicole's career achievements are a direct result of striking a balance between her proficiencies in business and her passion for history. After completing an MA in History at Simon Fraser University in 2003, Nicole dedicated herself to assisting clients to leverage history. Simultaneously, Nicole committed herself to creating opportunities for students in research disciplines who were struggling to find careers to match their skill-set.

Nicole joined the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission in February 2009 to apply her acquired knowledge and experience to enhance heritage management within the community she calls home. Nicole is a resident of the historical community of Hammond.



Events + Projects

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Nominations deadline for 2010 **Maple Ridge Heritage Awards** is October 16, 2009. For details check the Maple Ridge website at <www.mapleridge.ca> or phone Lisa Zosiak at 604-467-7383 or e-mail <lzosiak@mapleridge.ca>

Maple Ridge Heritage Context Study: Watch for public workshops planned for this fall.