

Doesn't the City already have a Heritage Inventory?

Yes, the City does have two Heritage Inventories, but they have no legal status. The inventories are informative but are in a hard copy format and have not been updated since their creation in the 1980s. A Heritage Register has official status and is regularly kept up-to-date. An electronic format allows for the inclusion of all related information for each listing.

If my property is not on the Register, how can I get the property on in the future?

Applications for additions to the register will be considered by the Rossland Heritage Commission at any time.

Are Heritage Homes on the Heritage Registry?

There is a Heritage Home Inventory for the City of Rossland. Homes can be considered for the Registry.



How can I find out more about the Heritage Register and the City's other heritage conservation policies?

For more information, please contact the City of Rossland's Planning Department:

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WHAT IS A HERITAGE REGISTER?



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A Heritage Register is an official list of places (sites and buildings) identified by the City as having heritage value or heritage character.

The Heritage Register is used as a planning tool by the City, as an opportunity to discuss options with the property owner, and as a way to offer guidance and support to property owners.

What does a Register do?

A Heritage Register may:

- Officially list the heritage resources in a community
- Give notice to property owners and potential buyers of heritage factors which may affect development options
- Enable monitoring of proposed changes to properties through the local government licensing and permit application processes.

What are the benefits of having a property listed on the Register?

Buildings listed on the Heritage Register

- can take advantage of special “equivalency” provisions contained in the BC Building Code Heritage Building Supplement and potentially in the new Green Building Code
- can be used as a criterion for non-monetary incentives, such as land use regulations relaxation, tax exemption or development bonuses
- achieve a level of status in the community from being a recognized heritage building

- show the property owner’s pride and appreciation of their building

If my property is on the Heritage Register, does this mean my property is legally designated?

No, having your property listed on the Heritage Register does not constitute heritage designation.

What is the difference between being listed and being designated?

A property that is listed on the Heritage Register offers the City these management tools:

- An opportunity for the Heritage Planner to discuss proposed alterations to the building and the options available to property owners
- The possible temporary withholding of a building or development approval for a maximum of 60 days
- The possibility of ordering an impact assessment if a proposed development might have a negative impact on a heritage resource.

A property that is **designated** is legally protected by the City through a bylaw. It offers long-term protection and allows the City to regulate and even reject alterations and demolition.

Will my insurance cost more if my property is listed?

No, having your property listed on the Heritage Register will not affect your insurance.



Will my property value be negatively affected by being listed on the Register?

Not necessarily, in fact many studies have shown that listed heritage properties perform well and do as well or better than average market trends.

Does this mean I can't demolish my building if I want?

No, the municipality can only prevent demolition if the property is legally designated.

Does being listed on the Register mean I can't alter my building?

No, being listed on the heritage register does not restrict an owner from developing or redeveloping his or her property within the provisions of other City bylaw regulations.