

Woodlands heritage plaque

Heritage Wall Alteration at McBride Boulevard and East Columbia Street

July 6, 2022





Overview: Heritage alteration permit and the revitalized plaza

 Summer 2021: Initial consultation regarding the relocation of the Woodlands wall

- Fall 2021: Approval of the heritage alteration permit by the City of New Westminster

- Winter 2021: Further engagement regarding the development of interpretation panels

Winter 2021-Summer 2022:
Working Group meetings to develop
the interpretation panel content /
development of the heritage plaque





Development timeline





Heritage plaque: Objective and location

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- **Objective:** Plaque will convey a brief history and description of the Woodlands Wall and note past alterations to it as well.
- **Location:** The plaque is expected to be installed on one of the two new concrete columns at the entrance of the new plaza.



Heritage plaque: Proposed text

Replacing an earlier solid wood fence, the Woodlands Wall was constructed in 1909 along the Columbia Street frontage of the former Woodlands institution, and included a short return along McBride Boulevard where the main entrance to the grounds was located. Designated and protected in 2003, the wall is over 300 metres long, and consists of a short concrete base surmounted with wrought iron fencing which was manufactured locally by Westminster Iron Works. The historic entrance at this location included two square concrete columns which supported a large vehicular gate and two small pedestrian gates, though these components were removed between 1948 and 1951. Construction of the Pattullo Bridge replacement necessitated a realignment of a portion of the Woodlands Wall, allowing for a reinterpretation and redress of the wall, entrance, and the former Woodlands institution. The location of the original gate columns are marked in the boulevard several metres to the south.



Heritage plaque: Material and design

- To ensure longevity and durability, a bronze plaque will be utilized.
- Bronze plaques can be sand casted (traditional method) or CNC machine routers can be used for better precision.
- Due to the dimensions of the columns, the plaque will be restricted to approximately 25cm in width. Height will be dependent on content.
- The viability of including a detailed, raised image is unknown until further discussion with a manufacturer is undertaken.
- Colours can be included on *any* feature of the plaque.
- Text height must be a minimum of ³/₄" (0.635cm)



Heritage plaque: Preview

 Note: Unknown if the fine details of the proposed raised image can be engraved on the plaque.





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Width: 25cm Height: 54cm

Raised text, image, and border finished in natural brushed bronze.

Background is painted black.



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