



# NEW WEST'S HERITAGE PROGRAM

Community Heritage Commission Orientation, February 2023



NEW WESTMINSTER

New Westminster's Community Heritage Commission (CHC) sits  
at the pleasure of Council.

The purpose of the CHC is to advise Council on heritage issues.

# WHAT IS HERITAGE?



“...the legacy from the past, what we live with today, and what we pass on to future generations. Our cultural and natural heritage are both irreplaceable sources of life and inspiration.”

# WHAT IS HERITAGE?

## **Tangible:**

- Buildings
- Structures
- Places
- Spaces
- Landscapes
- Objects/artifacts

## **Intangible:**

- Oral traditions and expressions
- Performing arts
- Social practices, rituals and festive events
- Knowledge and practices
- Traditional craftsmanship

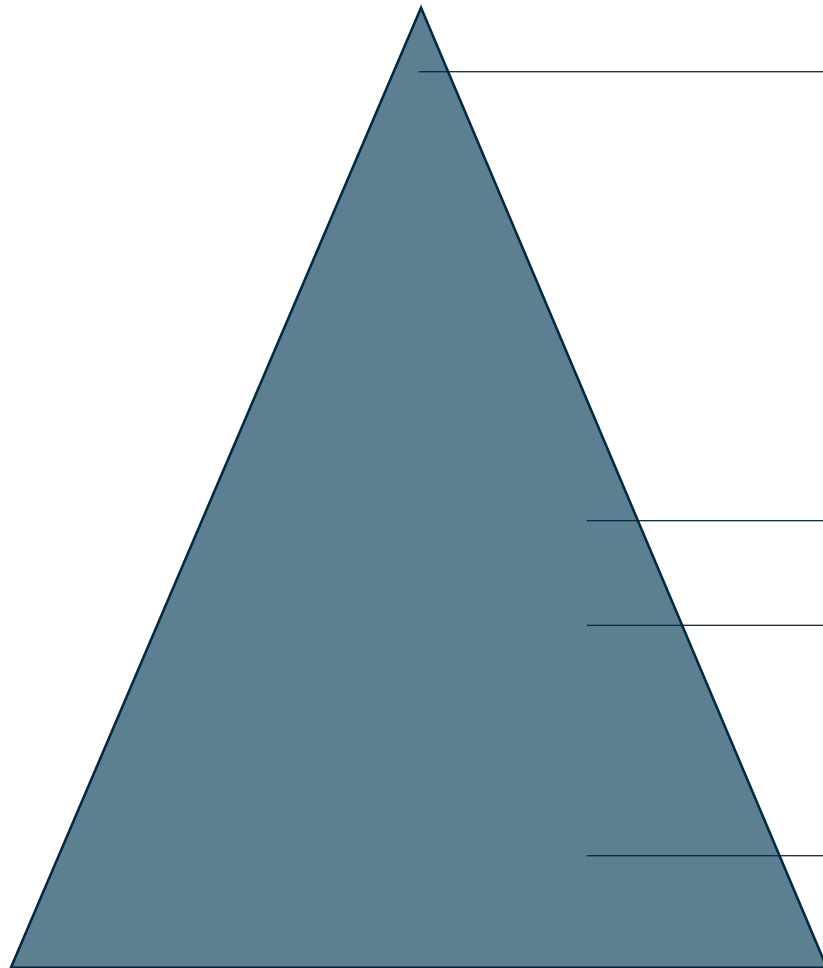


# WHAT IS HERITAGE VALUE?

1. Aesthetic
2. Historic
3. Scientific
4. Cultural
5. Social
6. Spiritual



# WHAT IS HERITAGE VALUE?



UNESCO/ ICOMOS:

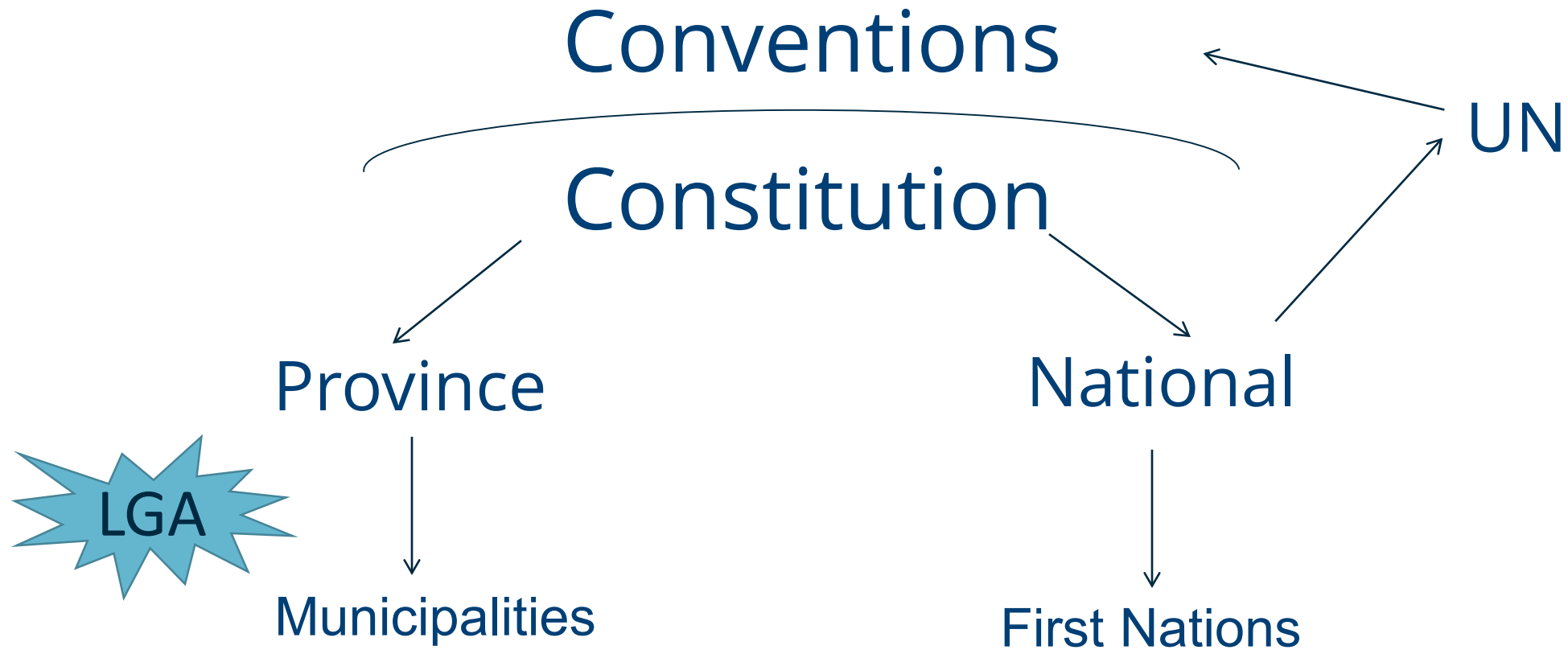
- Charters and Conventions
- World Heritage Sites

Canada's National Historic Sites

Provincial Historic Sites

Municipal Heritage

# HERITAGE LEGISLATION



## KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- The City must not work against international treaties
- The City is not subject to federal regulation but may opt into it
- The City must work within the parameters of the provincial legislation
- The City is not able to create or change provincial or federal legislation
- The City may create policy



# HERITAGE TOOLS

## Singular Protection:

- Covenant
- Designation
- Heritage Revitalization Agreement

## Collective Protection:

- Heritage Conservation Area

## Recognition:

- Heritage Register
- Historic District

## Interpretive:

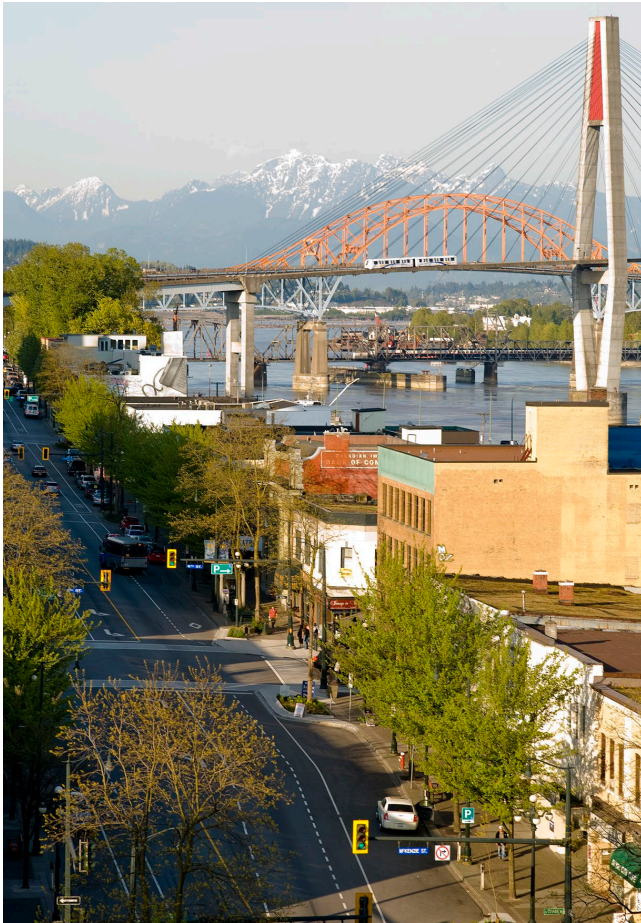
- Commemoration
- Interpretation
- Collection

# RECOGNITION: HERITAGE REGISTER





# RECOGNITION: HISTORIC DISTRICT





# PROTECTION: COVENANT



# PROTECTION: DESIGNATION






# PROTECTION: HERITAGE REVITALIZATION AGREEMENT






# PROTECTION: HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREA



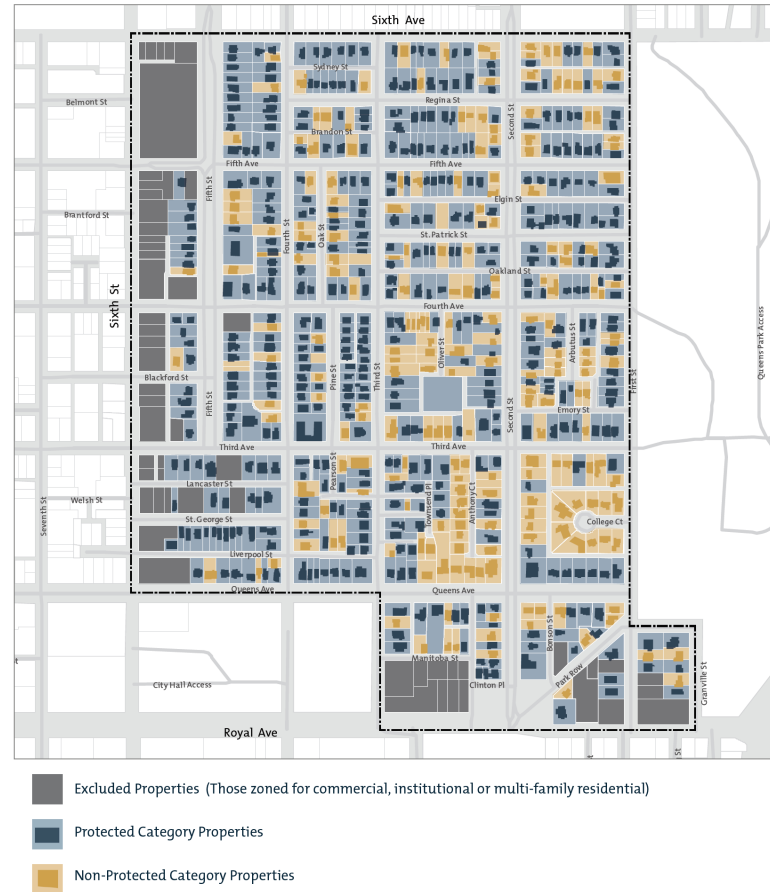
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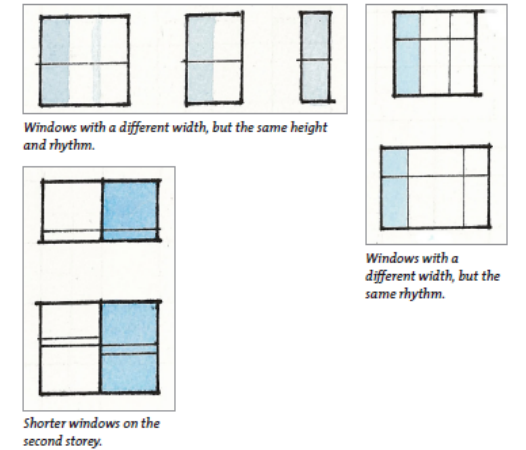
## Queen's Park

Heritage Conservation Area

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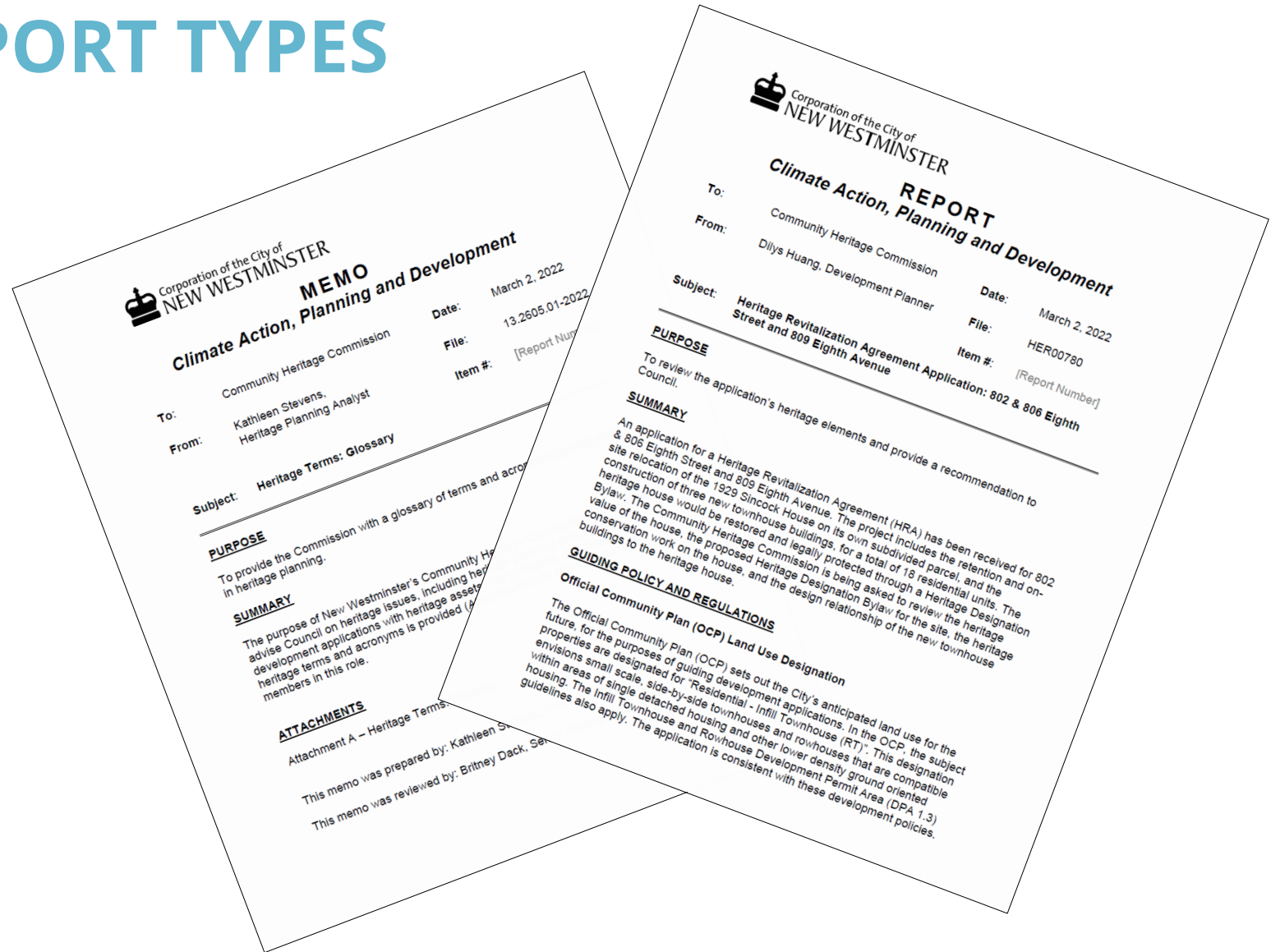


## RECOMMENDED:



# APPLICATION/REPORT TYPES

1. Information
2. Comment
3. Recommendation

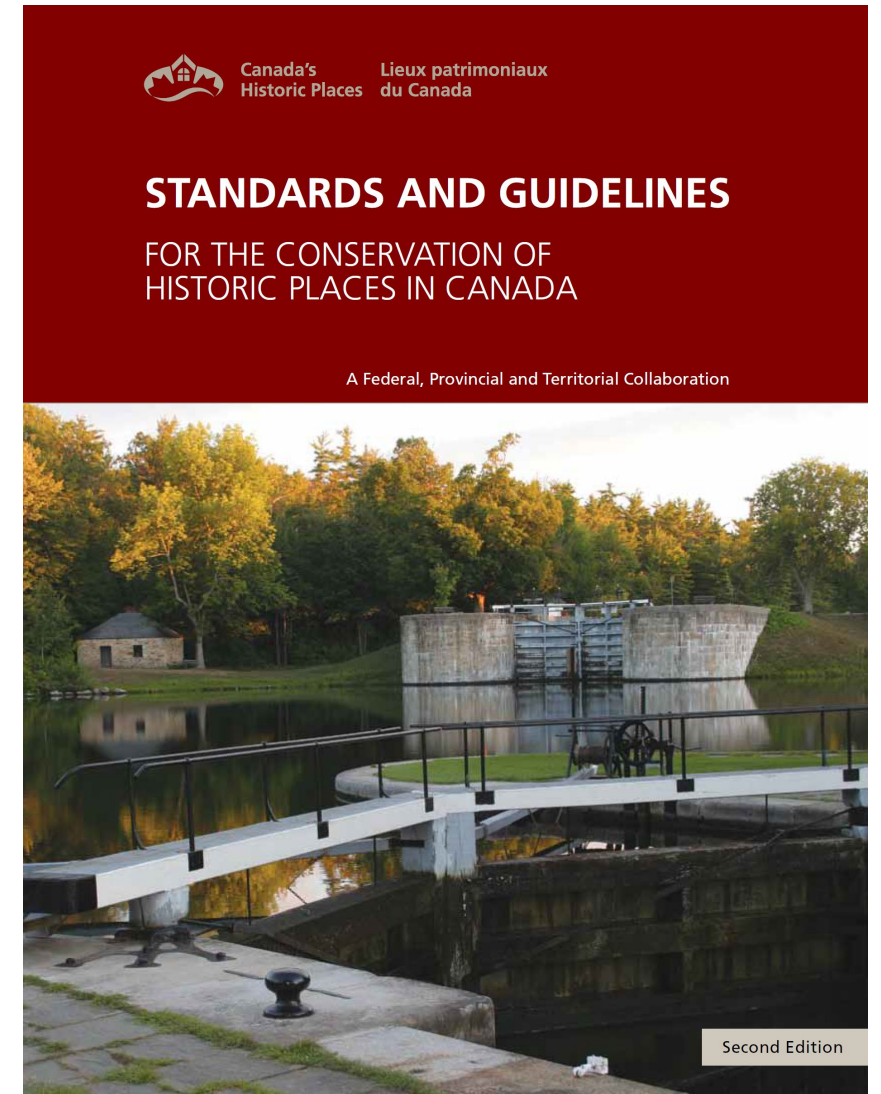


# TO THINK ABOUT

1. What are the heritage elements of this project?
2. Is information provided appropriate based on the tool they are using? Do I have enough to make a determination?
3. Based on my knowledge, is the proposed change appropriate and respectful of the heritage elements?
4. Is it within the scope of the Commission to comment?

# RESOURCES AVAILABLE

1. Staff Expertise
2. Standards and Guidelines  
*available online at [www.historicplaces.ca](http://www.historicplaces.ca)  
(under heritage conservation tab)*
3. Statement of Significance or  
Conditions Assessment







Questions?