

Museums and Heritage Services



Heritage Services

History is what has been left to us from earlier times while heritage is those features from the past that are valued and acknowledged by society today - things that give us a sense of pride and belonging (Logan, 2005). Heritage is also those things that we may not be proud of, but still value as they provide insight into who we are and can contribute to the correction of past mistakes or atonement for past injustices.





Museum and Archives Mission and Mandate

Mission

The New Westminster Museum and Archives strive to enhance knowledge and deepen understanding of the City and its diverse peoples – from the First Nations cultures to the multicultural community of today – by illuminating past events, exploring current issues and facilitating conversations around future possibilities.



Mandate

- collect, preserve and house the objects, archival materials, natural history specimens and collective memories that best serve to illustrate the first peoples, environment, founding, settlement, relationships and development of the New Westminster area
- research, make available, interpret and exhibit its collections for the use and benefit of the public;
- engage with all peoples and organisations that can inform and support the narratives of the New Westminster area

Heritage Collections



Archives





Museum Artefacts



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Exhibitions and Programs



Hair Apparent



Bottoms Up



Vibe - Half Cut



Chocolati

Exhibitions and Programs



Reconciling



You Are What You Eat



Neon Reconciliation Explosion Interactive



Heritage Garden

Exhibitions and Programs



Culinary Heritage



Restoration of Maquabeak Totem



National Day For Truth and Reconciliation



Black History Month Tessellation and Portraiture

Current Activities and Projects



New Westminster Heritage Services Projects:

- Komagata Maru Ferry Dock and river walk naming and apology
- Research and analysis into actions of the City of New Westminster relative to Indigenous People 1860-2020
- Decolonizing municipal monuments and Landmarks initiative. Development of new commemorative framework for the City
- Development of Reconciliation Framework and relationship building activities with local First Nations