

# Report on Results of the Heritage Branch Annual Survey: 2006-2015

## Building Capacity for Heritage Conservation Survey

This report summarizes information gathered from local governments (municipalities and regional districts) to assess the current capacity of B.C. communities to conserve and use their heritage resources. It provides an overview of heritage conservation activity from 2006 to 2015, as reported to the Heritage Branch by local government staff through the Building Capacity for Heritage Conservation (BCHC) survey. This report enables the Heritage Branch to assess heritage conservation capacity across the province and supplies information to support Branch policy planning.

The data in the table below are the results of each survey done for the calendar years 2006 through 2015. **It is important to note that each year's results should be seen as a baseline of information for that year, and that the results for all years are not an indication of growth or change over time.** The survey is sent out to all local governments each year, and each year the number of respondents and the set of local governments responding to the survey changes. We do not have all of the information for all local governments in the province, but the information we do have allows us to know the minimum number of heritage planning tools implemented and the total amount spent by participating local governments on heritage conservation in a calendar year.

The BCHC survey is a tool that continues to evolve each year. Changes have been made to the wording of the questions each year, but basic content has remained consistent throughout. Key changes are noted in the table below.

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<b># of Local Government Respondents</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>Heritage Content in Official Community Plan (OCP)</b>	42	80	86	97	96	93	103	97	102	102
<b>Community Heritage Commission (CHC)</b>	28	46	49	53	45	37	43	43	52	38
<b>Similar entity to CHCs</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	22
<b>Heritage Planning Documents</b>										
Heritage Strategic Plan (HSP)	17	30	28	30	27	30	5 <sup>2</sup>	1	4	5
HSP updated in last 5 years	9	n/a <sup>1</sup>	18	22	17	19	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Statement of community values in HSP	15	23	12	25	19	23	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Recent HSPs with Community Values Statement	n/a	n/a	n/a	19	14	15	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Heritage Conservation Plan	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	7
Heritage Tourism Plan	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	3
Heritage Context Studies	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	4
Heritage Feasibility Studies	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	2
Heritage Values Workshops	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	5

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Heritage Design Guidelines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8
Other heritage-related planning document	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	25	18
<b>Community Heritage Register (CHR)</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>
CHR updated within last 5 years	24	36	38	38	36	38	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total number of CHR listings reported	4,481	5,249	5,445	5,518	5,055	5,263	5,351	4,787	5,837	4,710
Number of CHR listings reported as being documented to BCRHP standards	1,127	1,318	1,709	1,932	1,545	1,562	1,653	1,728	1,894	1,513
<b>Standards and Guidelines (S&amp;Gs) in use</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Heritage Promotion/Interpretation</b>										
Heritage Content on Website	20	36	45	47	39	44	53	57	56	54
Information about CHR listings on Website	7	18	24	28	20	20	29	36	36	28
Heritage Signs or Plaques installed in last calendar year	22	33	28	25	30	29	33	37	35	30
Heritage Brochures published in last calendar year	17	28	31	24	27	30	30	30	31	33
Hosted event, festival etc. that celebrated historic places	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	37	41	35	44	36
Number of events, festivals etc hosted	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	88	105
Annual expenditure on recognition activities	\$278,193	n/a	\$405,854	\$415,045	\$411,753	\$597,905	\$563,665	\$496,992	\$963,969	\$865,429
<b>Heritage Protection</b>										
Heritage Designations in place	1,198	1396	1,573	1,702	1,689	1,431	1,523	1,006	1,299	1,741
Heritage Designations in current year	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	36	34	42	36
Heritage Revitalization Agreements <sup>3</sup>	127	188	30	24	20	17	24	17	22	10
Heritage Covenants <sup>3</sup>	118	147	16	13	8	4	5	4	3	2
Heritage Conservation Areas	79	38	35	37	37	41	35	30	52	20
Other special permit areas used to manage heritage values	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	16
Heritage Alteration Permits (HAPs) <sup>3</sup>	402	307	92	130	93	67	89	108	115	13
HAPs with zoning relaxations or development controls	23	35	21	8	18	5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Revenue from HAP applications	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$43,700	\$42,462	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Construction value of all HAP applications	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$25,670,500	\$12,153,050	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Heritage Conservation Incentives (per calendar year)</b>										
Tax incentives – tax forgiven for tax incentive projects	\$21,018,743	\$2,338,994	\$1,606,576	\$817,393	\$776,421	\$1,674,253	\$474,311	\$473,558	\$132,820	\$1,946,790
Private investment resulting from tax incentive projects	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$21,525,703	\$4,107,891	\$2,072,238	\$564,133	\$50,000
Loans or Loan Guarantees	0	\$5,000	0	\$50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	\$628,525	\$1,031,626	\$1,322,674	\$1,236,555	\$1,452,410	\$1,106,013	\$700,893	\$288,767	\$494,388	\$1,213,775
Private investment resulting from grant program	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$1,887,260	\$3,888,370
Other incentives	\$66,029,380	\$51,015,220	\$11,413,288	\$32,909	\$57,200	\$409,000	\$56,500	\$47,323	Not reported	\$105,000
Private investment resulting from other incentives	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Not reported	\$102,000
<b>Heritage Investment (per calendar year)</b>										
Conservation of publicly-owned historic places	\$2,779,800	\$7,503,843	\$8,389,014	\$8,486,642	\$9,794,867	\$15,340,921	\$12,753,406	\$5,430,821	\$7,694,688	\$4,275,610
Number of publicly-owned historic places	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	494	482
Generated revenue from publicly-owned historic places	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$1,777,597	\$662,084
Uses of publicly-owned historic places <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Residential</li> <li>• Number of Commercial</li> <li>• Number of Non-Profit</li> <li>• Number of Public Spaces</li> <li>• Number of Other use</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7</li> <li>• 9</li> <li>• 20</li> <li>• 44</li> <li>• 16</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9</li> <li>• 12</li> <li>• 37</li> <li>• 50</li> <li>• 18</li> </ul>
Staff person-days	6,134	6,267	7,819	7,736	5,687	5,850	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cost of staff time	\$610,315	\$1,429,050	\$1,989,435	\$1,756,847	\$1,575,732	\$1,322,255	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Staff persons	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	88	102	82
Staff person time spent on heritage matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number at 100%</li> <li>• Average % of other</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10</li> <li>• 8%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11</li> <li>• 17%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12</li> <li>• 14%</li> </ul>
Volunteer persons working on heritage matters	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	677

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<b>Heritage and Sustainability</b>										
Awareness of environmental benefits of historic place conservation										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number Extremely aware</li> <li>• Number Very aware</li> <li>• Number Moderately aware</li> <li>• Number Slightly aware</li> <li>• Number Not at all aware</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7</li> <li>• 28</li> <li>• 41</li> <li>• 29</li> <li>• 14</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7</li> <li>• 30</li> <li>• 31</li> <li>• 21</li> <li>• 8</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5</li> <li>• 35</li> <li>• 38</li> <li>• 27</li> <li>• 19</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> n/a = Not Applicable; indicates that information was not requested for this question in this year.

<sup>2</sup> In previous years, the question about Heritage Strategic Plans referred to total number in existence. The 2012 question asked only for Heritage Strategic Plans created in the calendar year.

<sup>3</sup> In 2006 and 2007, these questions for heritage protection referred to total number of each tool implemented by the local government. Since then, the questions have asked the number of each tool implemented in the calendar year.

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