Grandview Heights NCP #4
Neighbourhood Heritage Context

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Purpose of the study

- Synthesize existing information for use in the Neighbourhood Plan
- Document heritage places that are valued by the community
- Understand why those places are significant
- Find ways in which heritage values can be incorporated into neighbourhood development

Values-based community heritage planning

- Value is what makes a place significant for a community of people
- Using community input answers the question "what is the neighbourood's heritage and why is it important to the community?"
- Identifies the aesthetic, historic, scientific, cultural, social or spiritual significance of heritage places
- Identifies layers of heritage which go beyond the physical aspects of a place

Heritage values and community character

- Understanding heritage values allows communities to understand why a place looks the way it does
- Reveals the character-defining elements of a community or neighbourhood
- Can provide direction for neighbourhood planning, design, interpretation or commemoration

Using the study

- Community consultation will ensure the document reflects the neighbourhood
- Heritage values and neighbourhood character-defining elements considered during public realm development
- Conservation of neighbourhood character
- Design guidelines that respond to heritage values
- Signage and interpretive programs

Community consultation

- Define and document community heritage values
- Focus on what the community values giving a fresh take on the heritage of the neighbourhood
- Identify information gaps
- Identify places, features, traditions and stories that are important to the community

Some historical themes associated with Grandview Heights

- Settlement
- Early industry and agriculture
- Transportation and communication
- Suburban development
- Cultural diversity
- Post World War II transformation
- Others?

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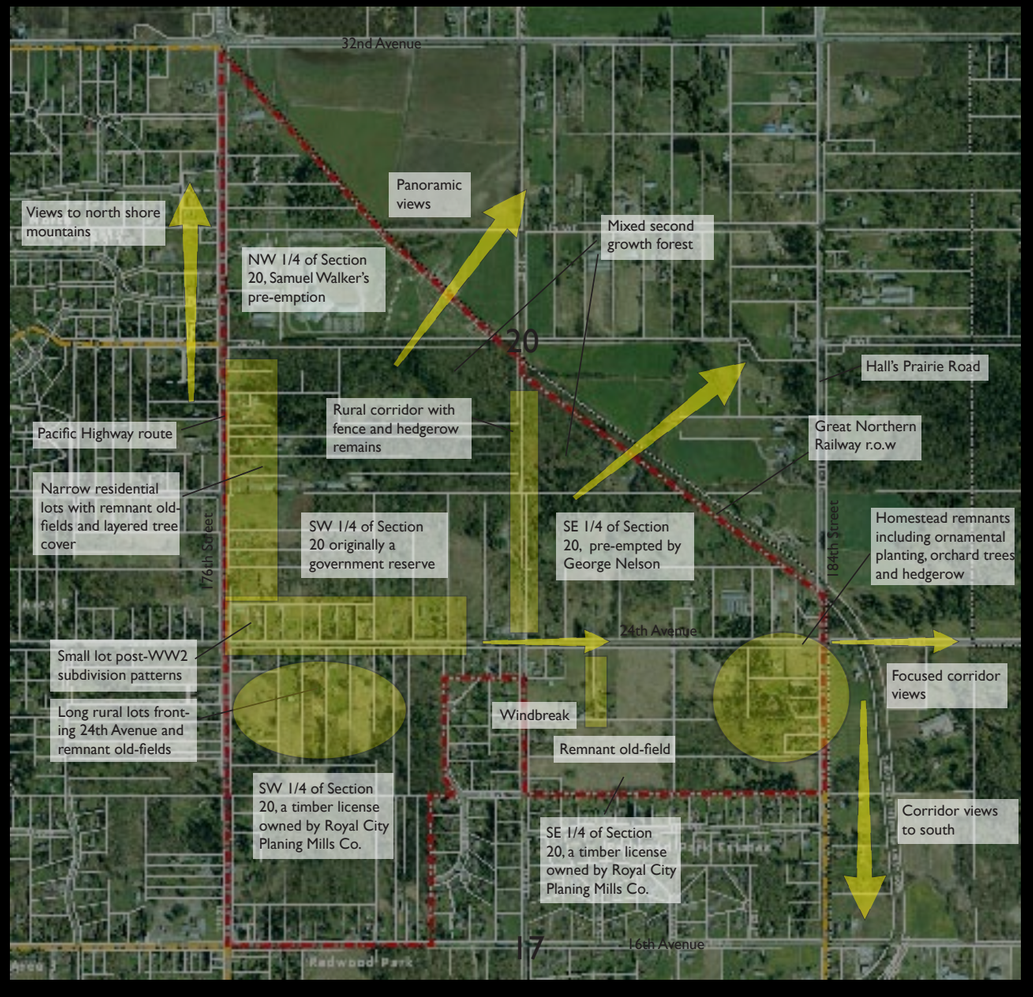
Cultural landscape features



Heritage values and places

… any place the community considers to haveheritage value …

What is important to you about Grandview Heights? Why?

- This can encompass things, places, stories, memories and events found in the place

What is special about the community and its history? Why do people want to live here?

What are some of the places that have heritage value? Where are they located?

- Heritage places can be landscapes, streetscapes, trees, industrial sites, trails, gardens, artifacts, natural features, spiritual places, archaeological sites …

What are some challenges or concerns about changes to the neighbourhood?

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Any other comments or input?

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