

# The Prospect

Your Historic Neighbourhood Newsletter

York Place, Prospect Place, San Carlos Avenue, Broom Road, and part of Beach Drive and Oak Bay Avenue



## We're **MOVING ALONG!**

Oak Bay-based **Heritageworks** has been hired by the District to help our historic neighbourhood become Oak Bay's first Heritage Conservation Area (HCA).



**DENISE COOK**—contracted by the District to write a Statement of Significance for the area in 2016—has teamed up with **Gord Macdonald** and **Ben Gourley** of Heritageworks. These professionals will lead us through two community input sessions and make reports and presentations to Oak Bay

Council. Also included in the process will be a public hearing and the creation of a bylaw. Oak Bay Council is very supportive of this grass roots initiative, so important to Oak Bay.

Denise's portfolio of heritage conservation planning work is extensive and includes the successful creation of the Heritage Conservation Area for Steveston Village in the City of Richmond. As well, Denise is president of the BC Association of Heritage Professionals.



**GORD MACDONALD**, president of Heritage BC, is a master carpenter and instructor with the Cultural Resource Management Program at the University of Victoria, where he teaches practical building conservation, and a PhD student (Archaeology

and Ancient History) at the University of Leicester, England.

Gord has a range of award-winning projects under his belt, from the restoration of medieval castles in Europe to the re-creation of a 30-ton Roman war machine for BBC Television. He has worked at many diverse locations, including the equatorial jungles of Suriname and the Ross Sea area of Antarctica.

**BEN GOURLEY**, with a BA in classical archaeology from Queen's University, an MA from the University of British Columbia, and an MA in architectural conservation from the University of York, England, is currently an instructor with the Cultural Resource Management program at the University of Victoria, and a research associate with the Department of Archaeology at the University of York.



For more on all three members of the team, visit [heritageworks.ca](http://heritageworks.ca) and [denisecookdesign.ca](http://denisecookdesign.ca)

## Mark your calendar

### Community Input Sessions:

Thursday, March 8, 3:30–5:00 PM or 5:30–7:00 PM

Oak Bay Municipal Hall

# AN HCA— NOT THE SAME AS A HERITAGE DESIGNATION

IT'S EASY TO CONFUSE a Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) with heritage designation. The two are not the same. Heritage designation applies to a certain feature or building, usually a house. An HCA, on the other hand, applies to an area and all the features and buildings within it. It permits both demolitions and new building, but strives to provide protection of the valued features which define the character of the entire area.

## UPCOMING

Community Input Sessions, March 8

**PLEASE JOIN** the Heritage Conservation Area Working Group (a volunteer citizen body appointed by Council in Oct. 2017) to learn more about what a Heritage Conservation Area might look like, and to explore possible options, policies and guidelines for a proposed HCA in our neighbourhood—**Thursday, March 8, two sessions to choose from: 3:30–5:00 PM or 5:30–7:00 PM, Oak Bay Municipal Hall.** Residents are encouraged to attend and to provide input and feedback.



*Architectural detail of a Prospect Place house  
designed by Francis Rattenbury*



*Stairs to Oak Bay Village from Beach Drive*

*Calm water and tranquil boats near Mary Tod Island—  
the natural, early morning world  
of our neighbourhood*

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