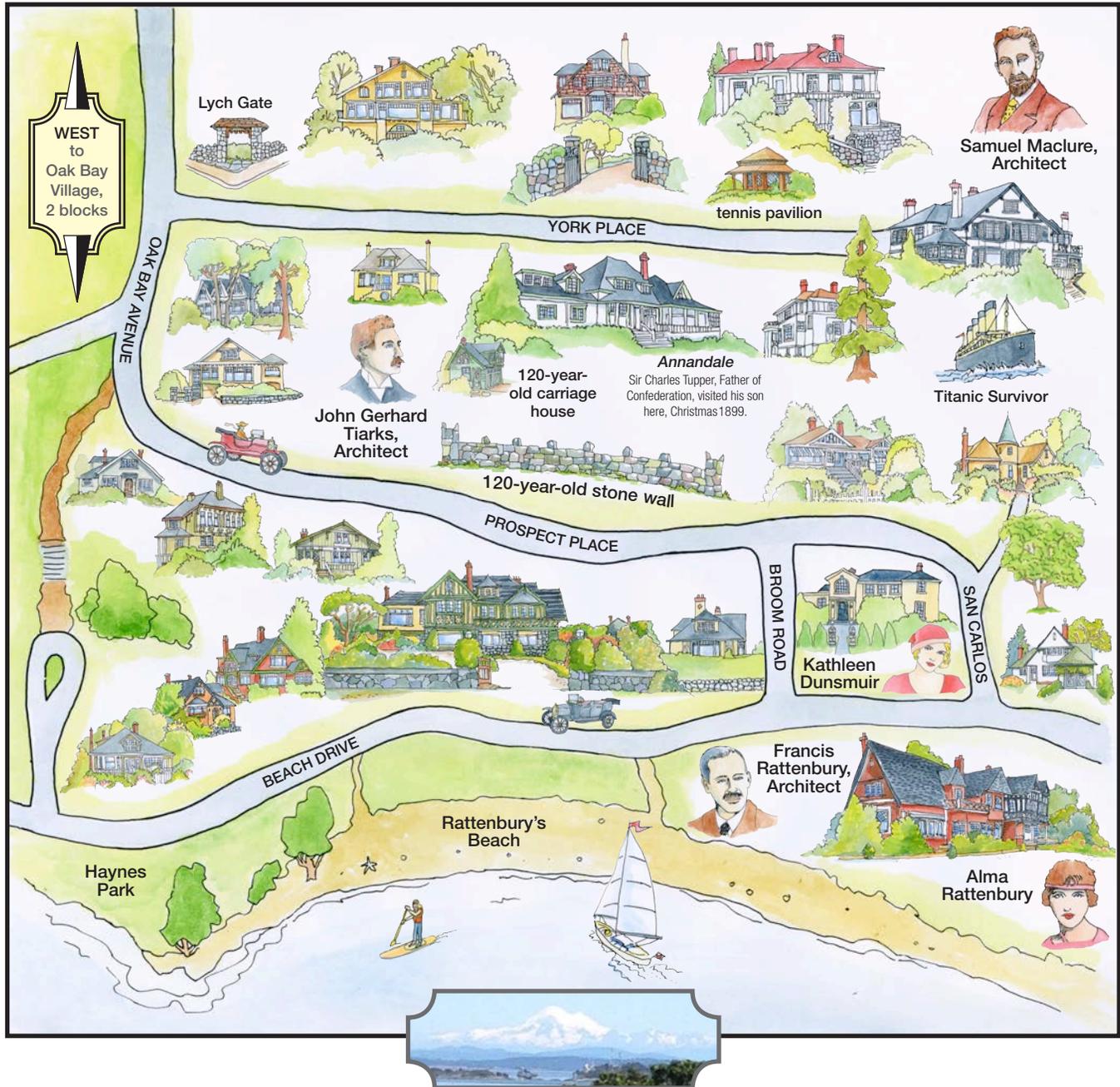


# Welcome to “The Prospect”

## Oak Bay’s first proposed Heritage Conservation Area



Heritage Conservation Areas aim to protect, for the long-term, selected buildings, streetscapes and natural topography.

This area has the highest concentration of heritage houses in Oak Bay— a total of 20 designated or registered homes and structures—and a rich social history, including famous architects and politicians, scandals and survivors.

**Support Oak Bay’s first Heritage Conservation Area**

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# The Prospect

Your Historic Neighbourhood



## The Prospect Heritage Conservation Area

### Where is it?

The proposed Prospect Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) is bordered by York Place, San Carlos Avenue, a portion of Beach Drive and Oak Bay Avenue, and includes both Prospect Place and Broom Road. It also includes the shoreline of Rattenbury's Beach and Haynes Park.

This unique neighbourhood is rich in cultural history. In addition to its streetscape and pedestrian walkways, its treasures include many houses by notable architects, a traditional boathouse and four historic carriage houses.

This will be Oak Bay's first HCA. There are 13 HCAs in Victoria and about 60 in other BC municipalities, with decades of successful experience.

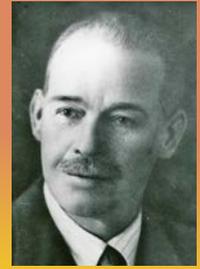
### What is the purpose of this HCA?

In protecting the special sense of place, the conservation of this neighbourhood contributes to Oak Bay's overall character for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

### How does the community benefit?

HCAs help manage development so that the character defining elements of the locality are preserved for the good of both the wider public and the local community. The intent is that future development within The Prospect HCA will celebrate and contribute to existing land patterns to ensure continuity of the history and rural character of this residential neighbourhood. The objective is to

I think that the Oak Bay district is one of the most lovely residential areas that I have ever seen, and it is my desire to retain this beauty as far as possible. . . .  
—F. M. Rattenbury, Architect, 1913



manage change so that features, which make the area special, are maintained for current residents, tourists and future generations.

**This sounds like a worthwhile initiative. How can I support it?**

By signing up as a supporter, you will be kept informed of the progress towards the adoption and implementation of The Prospect HCA.

**Thank you. To learn more, please visit [ProtectOakBayHeritage.ca](http://ProtectOakBayHeritage.ca)**

**BE SURE** to look out for the "Welcome to The Prospect" signs going up soon!



## Social History from our Neighbourhood

### Kathleen Euphemia Dunsmuir

**Kathleen was born on Dec. 22, 1891**, and lived with her parents until the outbreak of World War I in 1914. It was at that time she decided to volunteer to support the war effort, first in England and then in France, to work in a soldiers' canteen. Known as "Miss B.C." because British Columbian soldiers overseas would often recognize her when they met her as she was doing her work, Kat prepared hot drinks and light food for soldiers who were either on their way to or out of the main battlefields.

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