

**Protection:**

There are two levels of Heritage property protection:

1. **Registered** Heritage sites or buildings are identified as having heritage value and significance to the community, but are not protected by a Heritage Designation Bylaw.
2. **Designated** Heritage sites or buildings are identified as having heritage value and significance to the community and are protected by Heritage Designation Bylaw. This form of protection requires that any alteration to the site or building must be authorized by Municipal Council through a Heritage Alteration Permit

**The Register:**

The inclusion of a building in the Heritage Register does not impose restrictions on the use of the building or on the rights of the owner. It should not affect the value or restrict the sale of the property, and it does not permit the public to invade privacy or trespass on property to view the building. If an owner applies to:

- rezone or subdivide the property,
- demolish the building or structure, or
- alter the exterior of the building or structure,

the application will be referred to the Heritage Foundation for comment as part of the review process.

**Restoration Funding Assistance:**

Owners of Designated Heritage structures have the opportunity to apply for a Heritage Restoration Grant for assistance in the repair and maintenance of a Designated Heritage Structure. Heritage Restoration Grants are administered by the Saanich Heritage Foundation.

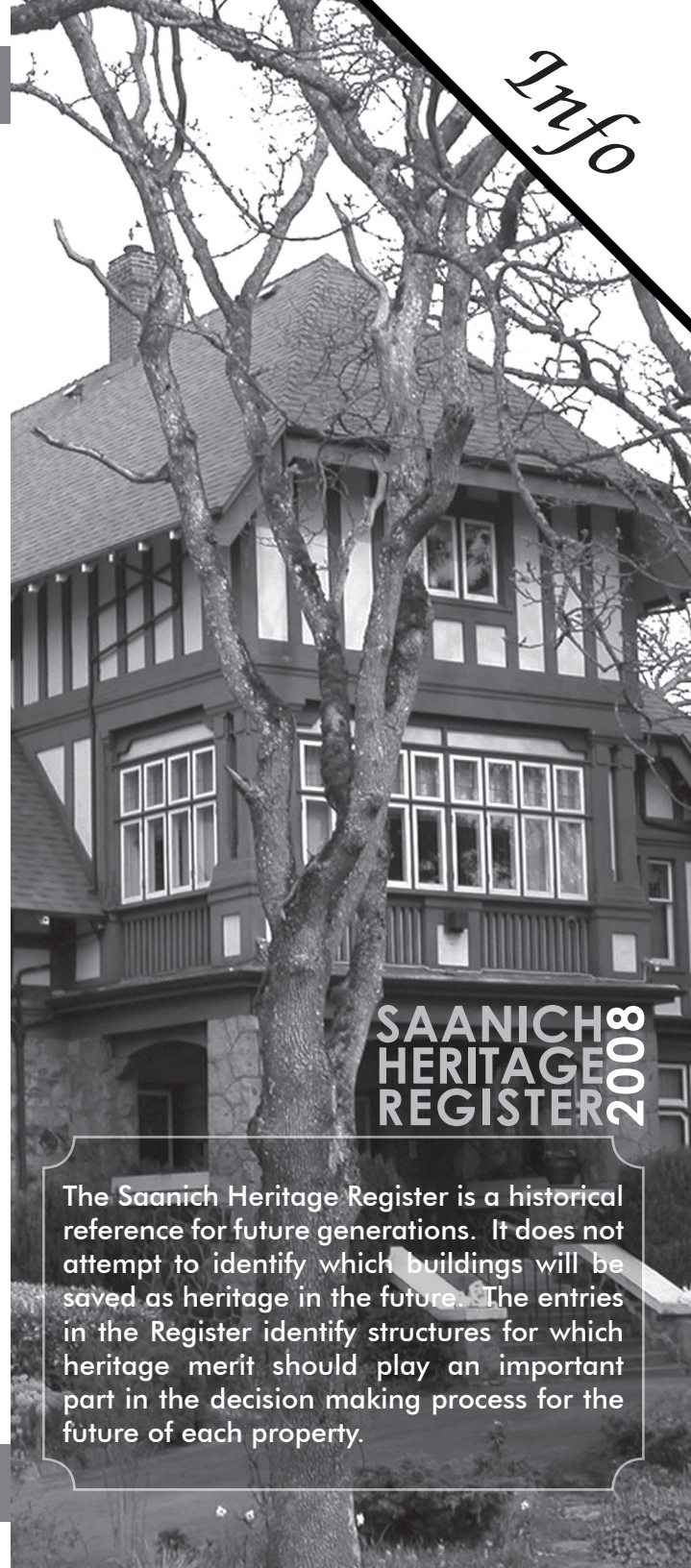
**Discover Saanich Heritage Structures**  
(The Saanich Heritage Register)

is available for purchase at the Municipal Hall, 770 Vernon Avenue and at Saanich Archives in the Saanich Centennial Library, 3100 Tillicum Road. An online version of the document is also available for viewing at:

[www.saanich.ca/resident/gis/index.html](http://www.saanich.ca/resident/gis/index.html)  
on the Saanich web site through the Saanich GIS Mapping.

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The Saanich Heritage Register is a historical reference for future generations. It does not attempt to identify which buildings will be saved as heritage in the future. The entries in the Register identify structures for which heritage merit should play an important part in the decision making process for the future of each property.

**What is considered when determining whether a building or site is to be included on the Saanich Heritage Register or to be Designated as a Heritage property?**

Considerations for Heritage Registration and Designation are as follows:

**Architectural Value:** Measure of the quality of a building as an example of a certain style or period. The quality of architectural design and the craftsmanship are determining factors in the assessment. In addition, a building may be significant as an example of a common type, or as a rare example of a particular style or period design.

**Historic Value:** Historic value is determined by what extent a building symbolizes or is closely associated with a historical period, event or person.

**Contextual Value:** A measure of the contribution a building makes to the community's sense of time and place, and the importance of a building to a streetscape or neighbourhood as a local landmark.

**How Do I Know If My Home Is a Registered Heritage Property?**

Registered and Designated Heritage property is flagged in the Municipality's property filing systems. Planning staff can advise you of the heritage status and significance of the property and any special restrictions or procedures that may apply.

**Does Inclusion of My Property on the Community Heritage Register Affect the Value of the Property or Restrict the Sale of the Property?**

There are no restrictions on the sale of the property and the public is not permitted to invade your privacy or trespass on your property to view the heritage structure. There is evidence that the heritage character may enhance the value of the property.

**How Do I Apply for Heritage Designation?**

Application forms are available from Legislative Services at the Saanich Municipal Hall. As an owner, you have the option of designating only the house or the house and all/part of the grounds. Significant interior features may also be designated. There are no fees involved with the designation process.

**Are There Benefits to Heritage Designation?**

As the owner of a heritage designated residence in the Municipality, you may be eligible for assistance with the cost of preserving or restoring the exterior of your heritage house. **The House Grants Program**, administered by the Saanich Heritage Foundation (SHF), currently funds 35% of exterior restoration projects, subject to SHF priorities and the availability of funds. Information about the Grants Program is available from the Saanich Heritage Foundation c/o Legislative Services or the Saanich web-site.

Non-monetary support may be provided in the form of regulatory relaxations, additional density, and technical advice. Protected heritage property is identified by a bronze plaque.

**Can Heritage Property Be Altered or Demolished?**

All applications for changes to heritage property are referred to the Planning Department for review by the Heritage Foundation and possibly for a report to Council. The Foundation encourages that alterations, where required, are sympathetic to the heritage character and value. Changes to Designated Heritage buildings or structures require a Heritage Alteration Permit issued by Council. Registered buildings may be altered without referral to Council if the Heritage Foundation considers that the alterations will not harm the heritage character and value.

**How Do I Apply to Alter or Demolish Heritage Property?**

If you apply for a building permit to alter the exterior or demolish heritage property, the Building Department will initiate the heritage review process by referring the application to the Planning Department. Rezoning, Development Permit, Development Variance Permit, and Subdivision Applications for heritage property or sites containing heritage property may also be referred for heritage review.

