

Preliminary Conference Program

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2017

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Friday - Sunday, June 16-18, 2017



The Empress Hotel at Victoria's Inner Harbour (Photo by Brandon Godfrey, 2009).

THEME

This year's conference theme is *Commemorations*. According to the National Park Service, a commemorative property is important not for association with the event or person it memorializes, but for the significance it has acquired after its creation through age, tradition, or symbolic value. Please join us in Victoria, B.C., June 16-18, 2017, to celebrate commemorations, especially the Canada 150 celebrations (1867-2017), the 100th anniversary of the US National Park System (2016), the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act (2016), and the Parks Canada's Centennial (2011). We will also be recognizing Victoria's Centennial (1962) by reflecting on the on-going significance of Victoria's 1965 Centennial Square.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

- **Friday Afternoon:** Architectural tour of Old Town and Chinatown
- **Friday Evening:** Reception, University of Victoria Legacy Art Gallery
- **Saturday Morning:** Paper presentations, Wentworth Villa
- **Saturday Afternoon:** Architectural tour of Rockland
- **Saturday Evening:** Banquet and tour, Union Club
- **Sunday Morning:** Boat tour of Inner Harbour and Gorge Waterway

DETAILED PROGRAM

Friday, June 16th

5:00 – 6:00pm Architectural Tour of Old Town
The walking tour starts at the [Union Club](#) at [805 Gordon Street](#), passes through Old Town and Chinatown, downtown past the historic Rogers Chocolate Shop (National Historic Site), Morris Tobacconist, and Munro's Books, to the Masonic Temple and Odd Fellows Hall (historic interiors). The tour ends at the University of Victoria Legacy Art Gallery.



Munro's Books (Thomas Hooper, 1909)

6:00 – 7:30pm Evening Reception
Our Friday evening reception will be in the [University of Victoria Legacy Art Gallery](#) at [630 Yates Street](#), a former bank in Old Town. The architectural exhibition, *Survival by Design: Use, Abuse and Rescue of Early Contemporary Architecture in Downtown Victoria* will be on display. Appetizers will be served. A keynote speaker is currently in the works.



U of V Legacy Art Gallery (William F. Gardiner, 1950).

Saturday, June 17th

8:00 – 8:30am Registration and Continental Breakfast
Early morning registration with coffee and muffins will be waiting for you at the [Wentworth Villa](#) at [1156 Fort Street](#), about a 20-minute walk from the Union Club. There is parking nearby and there are good taxi and bus connections.

We prefer that you register for the conference beforehand, but if you have not, you may register at this time; however, we will only be able to accept cash and checks.

8:30 – 9:00am Welcome and Announcements
We will kick off the meeting with an overview of conference activities. Introduction and tour of the Wentworth Villa [restoration project](#) by Ben Schweitzer, Managing Director.



Wentworth Villa (1863).

9:00 – 10:30am Paper Session I

10:30 – 10:45am Break

10:45 – 12:30pm Paper Session II

12:30 – 1:30pm Catered Lunch and Annual General Meeting (lunch included with registration)

1:30 – 3:30pm Architectural Walking Tour of Rockland

The walking tour starts and ends at [Wentworth Villa](#) at [1156 Fort Street](#). The tour will include late Victorian and Edwardian upper-class homes, including a visit to [Craigdarroch Castle](#) (built as the residence of coal baron Robert Dunsmuir) and tea at Government House (official residence of the Lt. Gov. of British Columbia). Many interesting houses along the way, including work of architects F.M. Rattenbury, Samuel Maclure, E.E.Green, and P.L. James.



Craigdarroch Castle (Warren Heywood Williams, 1887-90).

3:30 – 6:00pm Break

6:00 – 8:00pm Banquet at the Union Club

The annual banquet will be at the [Union Club](#) at [805 Gordon Street](#). A tour of the club and a presentation by Martin Segger on the building's history and recent restoration will conclude the banquet.



Union Club (L.P. Rixford, 1911).

Sunday, June 18th

8:30 – 10:00am Board Meeting

Board meeting for board members and regional representatives. At the Union Club, private meeting room. Light breakfast provided.

11:00 – 1:00pm Boat Tour of Victoria's Inner Harbour and Gorge Waterway

A two-hour boat tour on the Gorge Waterway reveals Victoria's institutional harbour setting, up through the historic commercial core of the City, the industrial neighbourhoods, early suburbia, and the rural hinterland...subject to the cooperation of the tides. The boat will leave from the [docks in front of the Empress Hotel](#).

On the return leg, there will be an optional stop at [Point Ellice House](#). There we can have a tour of the historic house and garden along with a late lunch at the adjacent [O'Reilly's Restaurant](#). For those wanting to stop at Point Ellice, the last leg of the return trip can be done on your own by water taxi (\$10.00 per person).



Point Ellice House (1867).

TRAVEL TO VICTORIA

Victoria, the capital city of British Columbia, is situated at the southern end of Vancouver Island, not far from Seattle and Vancouver. It is connected to both cities by airlines, ferries, and buses.

Air Travel:

Air Canada

Flights connecting Canadian and international destinations. <http://aircanada.com>

West Jet

Flights connecting Canadian and international destinations. <http://westjet.com>

Alaska Air

Flights from Vancouver, Seattle, and other cities to Victoria International Airport (YYJ). www.alaskaair.com

Kenmore Air

Float-plane service between Seattle Lake Union and downtown Victoria, with shuttle from SeaTac International Airport to Lake Union. www.kenmoreair.com

Harbour Air

Frequent float-plane service between downtown Vancouver and downtown Victoria. www.harbourair.com

*Ferries:***B.C. Ferries**

Frequent car ferry service between Tsawwassen (south of Vancouver) and Swartz Bay (north of Victoria), with bus connections to/from Vancouver International Airport and downtown Victoria if required. Reservations are available and advisable during peak travel times – unless you have a good book and don't mind if you miss a sailing or two. www.bcferries.com

Blackball Ferries

Twice-a-day car ferry service between Port Angeles, Washington, and downtown Victoria. www.cohoferry.com

Washington State Ferries

Car ferry service between Anacortes, Washington, and Sidney, BC, north of Victoria. www.wsdot.com

Clipper Navigation

Twice-a-day passenger ferry service between downtown Seattle and downtown Victoria. www.clippervacations.com

*Taxis and buses:***Airport to Downtown**

YYJ Airport Shuttle. One-way ticket to Downtown Victoria \$25.00. Average taxi fare is \$54. <https://yyjairportshuttle.com/rates/>

Taxis

Three main taxi cab companies: victoriataxi.com, www.yellowcabvictoria.com, www.taxicab.com

Buses

Between Victoria and Vancouver, Wilson's Transport: www.wilsonstransportation.com
Canadian and International locations, Greyhound Bus Service: www.greyhound.ca

Local Buses

BC Transit Cash fare \$2.50 for one trip; day pass \$5.00. From Downtown to Wentworth Villa is either a 20-minute walk or take one of several buses that run between Douglas St & Fort St to Linden Ave & Fort St. bctransit.com/victoria

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels:

Victoria is a major tourist destination; therefore, dozens of hotels of all types and price ranges are clustered around the central core. Prices quoted are in **Canadian dollars** and may not be current. Taxes (15%) are not included. All have parking on the site or nearby, usually for an additional fee. Here are some suggestions:

Union Club of British Columbia

The Union Club is the conference hotel. Located centrally, next to the Empress Hotel. A National Historic Site. A limited number of rooms has been reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Location for the banquet and the meeting point for tours. \$189-\$289. www.unionclub.com

Fairmont Empress Hotel

This historic Château Style railway/steamship hotel is a National Historic Site. It is a landmark that dominates Victoria's Inner Harbour. Begun in 1908 with many additions and renovations. Designed by F.M. Rattenbury, architect of the British Columbia Legislative Building across the harbour. From \$366 (third night free). www.fairmont.com/empress

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel and Suites

Older, recently renovated high-rise (formerly the Executive House Hotel), adjacent to the Empress Hotel and Inner Harbour. From \$250. www.doubletree3.hilton.com

Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour Hotel

Recently constructed high-rise, next to the Doubletree and close to the Inner Harbour. From \$230 and up, \$429 for a two-bedroom suite. www.marriottvictoria.com

Magnolia Hotel & Spa

Contemporary boutique hotel located centrally, near the Union Club. From \$202. www.magnoliahotel.com

Bedford Regency Hotel

Rehabilitated 19th-century hotel in the heart of Old Town. www.bedfordregency.com

Rialto Hotel

Rehabilitated Edwardian Hotel in downtown Victoria. From \$189. www.hotelrialto.ca

Helm's Inn

Casual, suburban-style hotel in James Bay, near the Inner Harbour and Beacon Hill Park, a 10 minute walk from Union Club. From \$135. www.helmsinn.com

Swans Hotel

"Cozy all-suite hotel" in adapted multi-storey warehouse on the harbour in Old Town. Owned by the University of Victoria and famous for its brew pub. From \$269. www.swanshotel.com

B&Bs:

Several bed & breakfasts are located in the Fairfield/Rockland area, near Wentworth Villa. A selection of upscale B&Bs is listed below; several less expensive ones are also available:

Beaconsfield Inn

Upscale B&B between downtown and Wentworth Villa. Restored house (1905) designed by the noted architect, Samuel Maclure. From \$219. www.beaconsfieldinn.com

Abbeymoore Manor

Upscale B&B in restored Edwardian House (1912). From \$209. www.abbeymoore.com

Craigmyle B&B

Restored Maclure home in the shadow of Craigdarroch Castle, near Wentworth Villa. \$169; \$175 for the Castle Suite. www.thecraigmyle.com

REGISTRATION

Registration will be available once the final conference program is published (planned for April).

ON YOUR OWN

There are **many** things available to do on your own in Victoria. We hope conference attendees can spend several additional days in Victoria exploring this wonderful city.

Whale Watching

A popular activity operated by several firms. Vessels range from Zodiac inflatables to 40-person boats. www.tourismvictoria.com/things-to-do/whale-watching

Bus Tours

Several operators offer tours. Some begin in front of the Empress Hotel. sightseeingvictoria.com

Fisherman's Wharf

On the south side of the Inner Harbour. Noted for the fish and chips. fishermanswharfvictoria.com

Butchart Gardens

Popular gardens designed in the early 20th century. About 40 minutes from downtown Victoria. The attraction offers a bus shuttle. www.butchartgardens.com

British Columbia Legislative Buildings

Late 19th-century building on the Inner Harbour, designed by F.M. Rattenbury. Tours are available. Security prohibits wandering unchaperoned. www.leg.bc.ca/content-peo/Pages/Tour-Information.aspx

Royal British Columbia Museum

The provincial museum, with fine collections featuring natural and human history. Located next to the Empress Hotel. royalbcmuseum.bc.ca

St. Ann's Academy

Former convent school preserved as government offices. Visitors may see the grounds, chapel, and museum. Located five minutes from the Empress Hotel. www.stannsacademy.com

Historical Walking Tours of Victoria

High-quality tours offered by a firm founded by historian John Adams. discoverthepast.com

Craigdarroch Castle

A large Victorian castle, begun in 1889 by Robert Dunsmuir, a wealthy coal baron. Close to Wentworth Villa. A National Historic Site. thecastle.ca

Ross Bay Villa

The Ross Bay Villa is a historic house museum, at 1490 Fairfield Road in Victoria, British Columbia, owned and operated by the Ross Bay Villa Society. The single-family home, built in 1865 is one of only about 10 residences in Victoria known to survive from before 1870. rossbayvilla.org

Hatley Park National Historic Site

A large house and estate built by James Dunsmuir, the son of Robert Dunsmuir. A National Historic Site. Located in Colwood, about a 30-minute drive from downtown Victoria. hatleypark.ca/visit-us

Brew Pub Tour

Join West Coast Brewery Tours for a unique behind the scenes look into Victoria's finest craft breweries. westcoastbrewerytours.ca

Munro's Books

A business landmark, operated in a former bank building on Government Street. www.munrobooks.com

Russell's Books

A large store selling both new and used books. Located on Fort Street. www.russellbooks.com

Cycling and walking trails

Many are operated and well maintained by the Capital Regional District, the regional government. Some are level, others mountainous. Bicycles can be rented at various locations.

www.crd.bc.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-trails/crd-regional-parks

Galloping Goose Trail

An extensive trail, operated by the CRD, which follows the right-of-way of a former railway, known as the Galloping Goose. www.crd.bc.ca/search-results?searchQuery=galloping+goose

Westsong Walkway

Westsong Walkway begins just across Victoria's iconic Blue Bridge (aka, the Johnson Street Bridge) near the Inner Harbour, at the Songhees totems, and follows the contours of the harbour up to the float homes at West Bay. <http://walkinginvictoria.com/westsong-walkway/>

Beacon Hill Park/Dallas Road Promenade

Good for walking or cycling. Beacon Hill Park is a historic urban park, laid out in the 19th century. It extends south to Dallas Road, which follows the Strait of Juan da Fuca, with views across the water to the Olympic Mountains of Washington. www.exploreancouverisland.com/Dallas_Road_Walkway_Victoria_BC.htm

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