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Dear Board of Directors:

I am writing to inform you of the results of the Japanese Canadian Historic Places Project, a heritage awareness and recognition project that was undertaken by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations, and the Ministry of International Trade and Multiculturalism over the past year.

Public nominations were sought from July 7 to November 30, 2016, resulting in 264 nominations for 176 places to be considered for recognition under s. 18 of the Heritage Conservation Act (Appendix A). Following a thorough evaluation by sector and community experts, 56 historic places were chosen to receive formal provincial recognition for their significance to the Japanese Canadian community in British Columbia (Appendix B).

Acknowledgement of the heritage values associated with these places strengthens our understanding and appreciation of the diversity of cultures that are part of British Columbia's heritage. Heritage values articulated by the Japanese Canadian community relate to several themes including immigration, fighting for equality and justice, service to community, and celebrating cultural diversity. Of particular importance was the profound impact of internment during World War II, and its lasting effects in the years following, on over 22,000 Japanese Canadians and Canadians of Japanese ancestry.

Sites chosen for formal recognition will be included on the BC Register of Historic Places, and will be put forward for inclusion on the Canadian Register of Historic Places. The promotion of heritage values under this piece of legislation is purely commemorative, and does not confer any form of legal protection nor does it register any interest in land. Property rights and title are also not affected by this formal acknowledgment of heritage values.

The 176 nominated places are located in 60 local governments and regional districts throughout B.C., including in your municipality. The historic places within your jurisdiction are listed below. Provincially recognized places are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

- 1. Calhoun Farm, near Tappen\*
2. Eagle Pass - Revelstoke-Sicamous Highway Road Camp\*
3. Nitobe's Rock, Glacier National Park
4. Roger's Pass Avalanche Memorial

While not all of the places identified by the public are *provincially* significant, this project brings to light the fact that these places are important at a regional or local level. I am therefore inviting your local government to consider using the heritage conservation tools found in Part 15 of the *Local Government Act* to formally recognize or protect these places at the local level.

Recognition of these historic places by all levels of government strengthens our collective understanding and appreciation of the many layers of heritage values that make British Columbia the place it is today

If your local government does not already have a Community Heritage Register or other heritage conservation tools in place, may I suggest contacting Heritage BC at [www.heritagebc.ca](http://www.heritagebc.ca), or at 604.428.7243 or 1.855.349.7243, to learn more about their resources and services for developing community heritage planning programs. Heritage BC is also the fund administrator for the Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia, which provides opportunities to interpret or celebrate aspects of community heritage through their Heritage Awareness Program.

If you would like more information on this project, or any of the places that were nominated or formally recognized, please contact Judith Cook, Heritage Planner, at [judith.cook@gov.bc.ca](mailto:judith.cook@gov.bc.ca), or at 250-356-1038. Information about each place will also be available on an online interactive map, hosted by Heritage BC.

I hope that you will join the Province of British Columbia in honouring this important part of our provincial heritage.

Yours truly,

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Richard Linzey  
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## Appendix A - Japanese Canadian Historic Places Project - List of nominated places

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|----|--|----|--|-----|---|
| 1  | Protected Area   | 38 | The Gulf Islands   | 78  | Fraser Mills Japanese Language School                 |
| 2  | Lillooet/East Lillooet Self-Supporting Internment Camp | 39 | Sunrise Sawmill and Koyama's Fish Camp                   | 79  | Annieville Slough                                     |
| 3  | McGillivray Falls                                      | 40 | Galiano Island Charcoal Pit Kiln                         | 80  | Canoe Pass  |
| 4  | Minto Mine   | 41 | Galiano Island Cemetery                                  | 81  | New Westminster Berth for Ocean Vessels               |
| 5  | Miyazaki House   | 42 | Galiano Island North End Hall                            | 82  | Douglas Road Cemetery                                 |
| 6  | Bridge River Internment Site                           | 43 | Mayne Island Japanese Garden                             | 83  | New Westminster Japanese Language School              |
| 7  | Taylor Lake  | 44 | Kadonaga Bay   | 84  | Japanese Teahouse, North Vancouver                    |
| 8  | Mount Manzo Nagano                                     | 45 | Mayne Island   | 85  | Seymour Valley (McKenzie Creek) Japanese Camp         |
| 9  | Mine at Ikeda Bay on Moresby Island                    | 46 | Salt Spring Island Charcoal Pit Kilns                    | 86  | Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site            |
| 10 | Ocean Falls  | 47 | Ganges   | 87  | Don and Lion Islands                                  |
| 11 | North Pacific Cannery National Historic Site           | 48 | Salt Spring Island                                       | 88  | G.S. Mukai Boat Works                                 |
| 12 | Port Essington   | 49 | Mikuni Point   | 89  | Garry Point Park Boatyard                             |
| 13 | Skeena Buddhist Temple                                 | 50 | Saint Christopher's Church                               | 90  | Japanese Fishermen's Hospital                         |
| 14 | Cow Bay  | 51 | Christina Lake & Japanese Language School                | 91  | Kuno Garden   |
| 15 | Kazu Maru Shinto Shrine                                | 52 | Greenwood  | 92  | Murakami House and Boatworks                          |
| 16 | Morimoto Boat Shop & Claxton Cannery                   | 53 | Kaslo Internment Site                                    | 93  | Nikkei Fishermen's Statue, Steveston                  |
| 17 | Prince Rupert Japanese Language School                 | 54 | Langham Cultural Centre                                  | 94  | Steveston Buddhist Temple                             |
| 18 | St. Andrew's Anglican Church                           | 55 | St Andrew's United Church                                | 95  | Steveston Japanese Language School                    |
| 19 | Calhoun Farm   | 56 | Midway   | 96  | Steveston   |
| 20 | Eagle Pass/Revelstoke-Sicamous Highway Road Camp       | 57 | 1505 Nasookin Road, Nelson                               | 97  | Woodfibre Japanese Language School                    |
| 21 | Nitobe's Rock  | 58 | Rosebery Internment Camp                                 | 98  | Strawberry Hill, Surrey                               |
| 22 | Rogers Pass Avalanche Memorial                         | 59 | Kohan Reflection Garden                                  | 99  | Campbell Creek Hop Farm                               |
| 23 | Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple                          | 60 | New Denver and Area Internment Camps                     | 100 | Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association                |
| 24 | Mount Lehman Japanese Language School                  | 61 | New Denver Church  | 101 | Kamloops Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple                 |
| 25 | Hammond Buddhist Temple                                | 62 | New Denver Orchard                                       | 102 | Kamloops Judo Club                                    |
| 26 | Haney Japanese Kindergarten                            | 63 | Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre National Historic Site | 103 | Monte Lake  |
| 27 | Haney Japanese Language School                         | 64 | Yasutaro Mitsunaga grave marker                          | 104 | North Kamloops Motors                                 |
| 28 | Haney Nokai  | 65 | Sandon Internment Camp                                   | 105 | Kelowna Buddhist Temple                               |
| 29 | Haney, Maple Ridge                                     | 66 | 520 Springer Street, Slocan                              | 106 | Kelowna Japanese Language School                      |
| 30 | Whonnock Japanese Language School                      | 67 | Bay Farm Internment Camp                                 | 107 | Summerland Japanese Language School                   |
| 31 | East Mission Japanese Language School                  | 68 | Lemon creek Internment Camp                              | 108 | Bella Vista Road & Old Kamloops Road                  |
| 32 | Mission Japanese Language School                       | 69 | Popoff Internment Camp                                   | 109 | Vernon Japanese Hall/Buddhist Temple                  |
| 33 | Westminster Abbey, Mission                             | 70 | Slocan Extension Internment Camps                        | 110 | Westwold  |
| 34 | Pitt Meadows Japanese Canadian Meeting Hall            | 71 | Silvery Slocan Social Centre                             | 111 | Yellowhead-Blue River Highway Road Camp (Robson Park) |
| 35 | Fraser Valley  | 72 | Slocan Cemetery Monument                                 |     |   |
| 36 | Tashme Internment Camp                                 | 73 | Slocan City Internment Camp                              |     |   |
| 37 | Hope-Princeton Highway Road Camp                       | 74 | Slocan Village Market                                    |     |   |
|    |  | 75 | CPR Railway disaster                                     |     |   |
|    |  | 76 | Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre                 |     |   |
|    |  | 77 | Ocean View Burial Park                                   |     |   |

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| 112 | 302 Alexander Street,<br>Vancouver                                       | 134 | Nippon Auto Supply,<br>Vancouver  | 157 | Saito House  |
| 113 | 40th Marpole Boy Scout Hall &<br>Marpole Japanese Language<br>School     | 135 | Nitobe Memorial Garden, UBC   | 158 | Cumberland   |
| 114 | Celtic Cannery & Japanese<br>Language School                             | 136 | Oppenheimer Park  | 159 | Nanaimo Japanese Language<br>School                              |
| 115 | Fairview Japanese Language<br>School                                     | 137 | Powell Street Historic<br>Japanese Canadian<br>Neighbourhood (Paueru-gai/<br>パウエル街) | 160 | Newcastle Island & Nanaimo<br>Shipyards                          |
| 116 | Hastings Park  | 138 | Showa Japanese Language<br>School   | 161 | McLean Mill National Historic<br>Site                            |
| 117 | Hastings Park - PNE Forum  | 139 | Tairiku Building, Cordova<br>Street   | 162 | Port Alberni Cemetery  |
| 118 | Hastings Park - Rollerland   | 140 | Tamura House/Building   | 163 | Royston  |
| 119 | Hastings Park Garden<br>Auditorium                                       | 141 | Tonari Gumi, Vancouver  | 164 | Japanese Bazaar, 1013<br>Government Street, Victoria             |
| 120 | Hastings Park Livestock<br>Building                                      | 142 | University of British Columbia  | 165 | Japanese Methodist Mission<br>Church                             |
| 121 | Hastings Park Momiji Garden  | 143 | Vancouver Buddhist Temple   | 166 | Osawa Hotel, Victoria  |
| 122 | Historic Sites and Monuments<br>Board of Canada Plaque,<br>Hastings Park | 144 | Vancouver Japanese Language<br>School & Japanese Hall                               | 167 | Ross Bay Cemetery -<br>Kakehashi Project and<br>Gravesites       |
| 123 | Holy Cross Japanese Anglican<br>Church                                   | 145 | Wong's Market, Vancouver  | 168 | Victoria Japanese Language<br>School                             |
| 124 | Japanese Canadian real estate  | 146 | Torii Gate  | 169 | Victoria Port of Entry and<br>William Head Quarantine<br>Station |
| 125 | Japanese Canadian War<br>Memorial  | 147 | Chemainus Cemetery and<br>Monument  | 170 | Japanese Garden, Gorge Point<br>Park                             |
| 126 | Japanese Catholic Mission  | 148 | Comox Japantown and<br>Japanese Language School                                     | 171 | West Coast of Vancouver<br>Island (Tofino and Ucluelet)          |
| 127 | Japanese Church of the<br>Ascension                                      | 149 | Deep Bay Logging Company<br>and Kyoritsu Gakko Language<br>School                   | 172 | Clayoquot Island   |
| 128 | Historic Joy Kogawa House  | 150 | Hillcrest Japanese Language<br>School   | 173 | Tofino Japanese Language<br>School                               |
| 129 | Kitsilano Japanese Language<br>School                                    | 151 | Duncan, Paldi, Chemainus  | 174 | Japanese Dock, Ucluelet  |
| 130 | Little Ginza, Vancouver  | 152 | 10 Maple Street, Cumberland   | 175 | Port Albion (Shimizu Bay),<br>Ucluelet                           |
| 131 | Maikawa Building and Store   | 153 | Coal Mine No. 5 and No. 5<br>Japanese Town, Cumberland                              | 176 | Ucluelet   |
| 132 | Mountain View Cemetery   | 154 | Cumberland Japanese<br>Cemetery   |     |  |
| 133 | Myowa Gakuen   | 155 | Nikkei Mountain   |     |  |
|     |  | 156 | No. 1 Japanese Town site,<br>Cumberland   |     |  |

**Appendix B: Recognized places in numerical order**

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| 1. Tashme Internment Camp  | 17. McGillivray Falls                                     | 33. Don and Lion Islands   | 50. Cumberland and Royston                                     |
| 2. Midway  | 18. Calhoun Farm, Tappen                                  | 34. Fraser Valley / Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple                              | 51. University of British Columbia                             |
| 3. Greenwood Internment Camp   | 19. Taylor Lake   | 35. Honey, Maple Ridge   | 52. Fanny Bay  |
| 4. Christina Lake  | 20. Bridge River Internment Site                          | 36. Westminster Abbey, Mission   | 53. Newcastle Island and Nanaimo Shipyards                     |
| 5. Kaslo Internment Site   | 21. Minto Mine  | 37. Pitt Meadows Japanese Canadian Meeting Hall                                | 54. West Coast of Vancouver Island (Tofino and Ucluelet)       |
| 6. Sicouan City / Sicouan Extension Internment Camps                     | 22. Hope-Princeton Highway Road Camp                      | 38. Sleeveston   | 55. Victoria Port of Entry and William Head Quarantine Station |
| 7. Bay Farm Internment Camp  | 23. Eagle Pass (Revelstoke-Sicamous) Highway Road Camp    | 39. Strawberry Hill, Surrey  | 56. Vancouver Buddhist Temple                                  |
| 8. Popoff Internment Camp  | 24. Yellowhead-Blue River Highway Road Camp (Robson Park) | 40. Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association                                     |  |
| 9. Lemon Creek Internment Camp   | 25. Vancouver Japanese Language School and Japanese Hall  | 41. Kelowna Buddhist Temple  |  |
| 10. Nikkel Internment Memorial Centre National Historic Site, New Denver | 26. Mountain View Cemetery                                | 42. Bella Vista Road / Old Kamloops Road, Vernon                               |  |
| 11. Kohan Reflection Garden, New Denver                                  | 27. Ocean Falls   | 43. Seymour Valley (McKenzie Creek) Japanese Camp                              |  |
| 12. New Denver Orchard   | 28. Port Essington  | 44. 40th Marpole Boy Scout Hall & Marpole Japanese Language School             |  |
| 13. New Denver Church  | 29. Protected Area  | 45. Hastings Park  |  |
| 14. Roseberry Internment Camp  | 30. The Gulf Islands                                      | 46. Powell Street Historic Japanese Canadian Neighbourhood (Paueru-gumi/パウエル街) |  |
| 15. Sandon Internment Camp   | 31. Nikkel National Museum & Cultural Centre              | 47. Stanley Park Japanese Canadian War Memorial                                |  |
| 16. Lillooet/East Lillooet Self-Supporting Internment Camp               | 32. Amelville Slough                                      | 48. Tonari Gumi Japanese Canadian Volunteer Association                        |  |
|  |   | 49. Duncan, Paldi and Chemainus  |  |

