

## News Release

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### **CVRD Community Heritage Register is Expanding**

**Duncan, B.C.** - In recognition of the Cowichan Valley's rich and diverse heritage, the CVRD is embarking on a mission to expand its Community Heritage Register – an official list of heritage resources in the region's electoral areas.

The Register includes the Kinsol Trestle, the highest and largest surviving timber rail trestle in Canada, also recorded on the Canadian Register of Historic Places; the Mill Bay Church, a Gothic Revival style building constructed in 1898; and the Old Koksilah School, built in the early 1900s in the historic village of Koksilah. Other significant places in the region include the South Cowichan Lawn Tennis Courts and Fairbridge Farm Chapel and Schoolhouse, both recorded on the BC Heritage Register, and the Cowichan River, recognized as a Provincial and Canadian Heritage River. According to CVRD Board Chair, Jon Lefebure, "These are the treasured places in Cowichan that mean so much to us. Stewardship of our heritage and cultural assets will support and encourage tourism development and contribute to building a healthy and vibrant region".

The CVRD Board established heritage conservation as a service for electoral areas in 1999 and subsequently created the Community Heritage Register in 2009. The Community Heritage Register is intended to promote public awareness of community heritage values and to support heritage conservation and heritage tourism initiatives. To find out more about the CVRD Heritage program or to nominate a historic place to the CVRD Community Heritage Register, visit [www.cvrld.bc.ca/heritage](http://www.cvrld.bc.ca/heritage).

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