

City of Salmon Arm  
Community Heritage Commission

Monday, April 7, 2025, 1:00 p.m.  
Room 100  
500 2 Avenue NE, Salmon Arm, BC

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Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME
3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY  
*We acknowledge that we are gathering here on the traditional territory of the Secwepemc people, with whom we share these lands and where we live and work together.*
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA  
Motion for Consideration  
THAT: the Agenda be adopted as presented.
5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST
6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
  - 6.1 Community Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2025 2 - 3  
Motion for Consideration  
THAT: the Community Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2025 be adopted as circulated.
7. PRESENTATIONS
8. NEW BUSINESS
9. OTHER BUSINESS
  - 9.1 Heritage Plaque Program 4 - 4  
Program Criteria, Public Relations Strategy.
  - 9.2 Wright/Lund Pond  
(verbal update from staff)
  - 9.3 Heritage Register - New Statements of Significance  
(verbal update from staff)
  - 9.4 Heritage Register - Edits to #34 W.K. Smith House 5 - 6
  - 9.5 Heritage Conservation Awards Procedures Document
10. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES
11. NEXT MEETING
12. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF SALMON ARM**

Minutes of the **Community Heritage Commission** Meeting held by in-person means on **Monday, March 3, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Cindy Malinowski	R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum
Deborah Chapman	R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum
Linda Painchaud	Member at Large
Lorne Reimer	Member at Large
Mary Landers, Acting Chair	Member at Large
Morgan Paiement	City of Salmon Arm, Recorder

**ABSENT:**

Councillor David Gonella, Chair	City of Salmon Arm
Pat Kassa	R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**1. Introductions and Welcome**

Mary Landers will be acting as Chair in the absence of Councillor David Gonella.

**2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory**

*We acknowledge that we are gathering here on the traditional territory of the Secwepemc people, with whom we share these lands and where we live and work together.*

**3. Approval / changes / additions to Agenda**

Moved: Linda Painchaud

Seconded: Cindy Malinowski

THAT: the Agenda for the March 3, 2025, Community Heritage Commission Meeting be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Approval of Minutes of February 3, 2025 Community Heritage Commission Meeting**

Moved: Cindy Malinowski

Seconded: Linda Painchaud

THAT: the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Meeting of February 3, 2025, be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Old Business from Minutes**

**a) Heritage Plaque Program – Program Criteria, Public Relations Strategy**

Deferred to next meeting.

**b) Wright/Lund Pond – Council Meeting Update**

Deferred to next meeting.

Lorne Reimer arrived at 1:02 p.m.

**c) Heritage Register – New Statements of Significance (verbal update from staff)**  
City Staff provided an update that the staff report and 10 proposed additions to the Heritage Register were presented to Council at the Development and Planning Services Committee Meeting this morning and will be going to the Council Meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> for final decision. It was discussed that after the additions are adopted to the Heritage Register, City Staff will upload them to the BC Heritage Register and send a formal letter to R.J. Haney Heritage Village and Museum.

**d) Heritage Conservation Awards 2025 – Debrief**  
The committee reviewed the recent Heritage Conservation Awards ceremony. Suggestions were provided for the event next year.

**e) Historic Route Signs – Missing Signs**  
Linda provided an update on the list of missing signs. CHC members agreed that it would be easiest to set up a meeting with City Staff and Linda, including someone from the City’s Roads Department, to discuss. City Staff will try to set up a meeting.

**6. New Business**

**a) Heritage Register – Edits to #34 W.K. Smith House (Deborah)**  
Deferred to next meeting.

**7. Other Business &/or Roundtable Updates**

**8. Next Meeting**  
Monday April 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

**9. Adjournment**  
Moved: Cindy Malinowski  
Seconded: Linda Painchaud  
THAT: the Community Heritage Commission Meeting of March 3, 2025, adjourn at 1:31 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Mary Landers, Acting Chair

Received for information by Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Date

INSERT

Homeowner's address

Dear HOMEOWNER,

The City of Salmon Arm's Community Heritage Commission (CHC) has launched a new program. The initiative recognizes owners of commercial, institutional, or residential structures with known historical or cultural significance.

The CHC has commissioned small bronze plaques. The tasteful commemorative signage is oval, measures 8.5 x 5.25 inches, and is designed to be installed on the exterior of heritage buildings. Please see the attached image.

The members of the CHC have nominated **INSERT the building's address** to receive this plaque.

We sincerely hope you will accept this plaque as a recognition of your building's historical merit and ask you to respond to us by **INSERT date**, by contacting Morgan Paiement by e-mail at [mpaiement@salmonarm.ca](mailto:mpaiement@salmonarm.ca) or by phone at (250) 803-4021.

We appreciate your significant commitment and effort to preserve built heritage.

Yours,

David Gonella,  
Community Heritage Commission Chairperson

# 34

**W.K. Smith House**  
**681 Okanagan Avenue NE**  
**Salmon Arm, B.C.**  
**1938**

**Description**

W.K. Smith House is a one-and-a-half storey, wood frame house located on its original lot fronting the north side of Okanagan Avenue at the base of what was historically referred to as 'Merton Hill Road' in Salmon Arm, British Columbia. The house is identified as a relatively small, blue-grey coloured residential structure that is clearly visible from the road. The historic place includes the site and the building.



City of Salmon Arm photo

**Values**

Constructed in 1938, W.K. Smith House is valued by the community for its historic, cultural and aesthetic significance, particularly for its association with William Reader and William Kirkwood (W.K.) Smith.

W.K. Smith House is valued for its historic association with its builder William Reader, a local and well known contractor. William Reader also built the current Salmon Arm Arts Centre (historically the Post Office), the Old Courthouse, and the original Municipal Hall along Hudson Avenue NE downtown, all of which are considered important historic buildings in the community and are listed on the Community Heritage Register.

The house is a good example of the low, pre-World War II style bungalow commonly constructed in British Columbia during this era. The house is significant for its siting on one of the original lots of the Lyman Addition to the 'McGuide Annex', one of the early subdivisions that contributed to the development of the Salmon Arm townsite near the downtown. The house plays an important role in contributing to the heritage character of the subdivision extending north and northeast along 2 Avenue NE (historically Harris Street) and adds to the reputation of this area as a valued piece of Salmon Arm's heritage.

W.K. Smith House is valued for its association with its first owner, and the person to whom it owes its name, W.K. Smith. William and his wife Jean Bisset Smith were well known and influential community members during their tenure in Salmon Arm. Upon their arrival to Salmon Arm, the Smiths opened and operated a bakery on Lakeshore Drive (historically called Front Street) from 1938 to 1944. W.K. Smith served in a civic capacity for nearly 15 years, representing the community as an Alderman from 1940 to 1951 and as Mayor from 1952 to 1955. Smith also played a part in the community's acquisition of its first fire truck and served on the Fire Brigade. As the unofficial ambassador for Salmon Arm, Smith would often place welcome cards on the windshields of tourists.

### **Character Defining Elements**

Key elements that define the heritage character of the W.K. Smith House include:

#### Site:

- One of the original lots of the subdivision referred to as the Lyman Addition
- Located directly south of a series of heritage homes along 2 Avenue NE (Harris Street)
- Fronts the north side of Okanagan Avenue, one of the key transportation corridors in the history of Salmon Arm (located at the base of what was historically referred to as Merton Hill Road)

#### Building:

- Association with its builder William Reader
- Association with its first owner and occupant William Kirkwood Smith
- Representative of the low, bungalow form of residential construction occurring in the pre-World War II era
- Cross-gable roof form with gable dormer on north side of the house
- Setback from the road and surrounded by mature trees