

Surrey's Heritage Campus Tour



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Acknowledging the Land

With respect and gratitude,
we acknowledge that the Heritage Campus
is built on the traditional unceded territories of the
Semiahmoo, Kwantlen and Katzie First Nations.

We are honored to work and learn on land they have stewarded since time immemorial.

We recognize their enduring presence on this ancient land.

Surrey's Heritage Campus

Growing. Changing. Evolving.

Most people wouldn't use words like this to describe heritage, but the Heritage Campus is different.

The buildings in the Heritage Campus offer relevant exhibits, opportunities for learning, and high tech solutions to preserving Surrey's past for the future.

The campus is a Surrey gem worth exploring, so let's go.

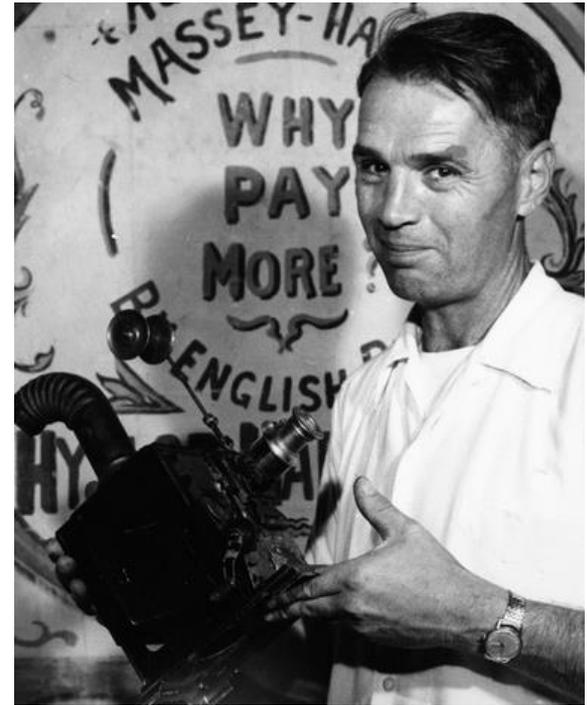


Cloverdale in 1912. Notice the municipal hall on the right. The campus will eventually grow around this building. Photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 180.1.95.

Museum of Surrey

What do an axe, a gilded mirror, and a milking stool have in common? They are all objects found around town by Surrey municipal works crews in the 1920s and 1930s. It is these and almost a thousand other objects that began Surrey's expansive artifact collection.

If you've ever visited and enjoyed yourself at the museum, you have the Friends of the Surrey Museum and Archives Society to thank. This group pushed for a new museum to be built (twice!), fundraised almost 1.5 million dollars towards construction, and continue to sponsor admission to make the museum accessible for all. Thank you, Friends!



Doug Hooser, the museum's first paid curator, holds up a vintage camera in 1962. Basil King photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 2003.0100.915.

Claude Harvey looking around the newly expanded Surrey Museum in 1979. Craig Hodge photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 2003.0100.153.



Surrey Museum foundation laying ceremony in 2004.

Surrey Museum in 2015. This photo shows the west side of the building. The upper floors are home to the Textile Centre and Surrey Stories Gallery, while the downstairs windows look into the program rooms and staff kitchen. Notice the cenotaph on the far left.



Museum of Surrey under construction in 2018. The existing building located at 17710 – 56A Avenue was built in two phases: phase one was completed in October 2005 (24,000 sqft) and phase two was completed in September 2018 (adding 12,000 sqft). The renovations added a reception area, feature gallery, TD Explore Zone, collections storage and fabrication shop.

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Surrey Archives

This beautiful brick building has had a long and exciting life.

It has been given an expansion and had it taken away. It has been the home of Surrey's municipal hall and RCMP headquarters. It has been a quiet space as a library and a lively space as a seniors' centre. Today, it safely stores Surrey's documented historical treasures as the Surrey Archives.



Surrey's second municipal hall in 1919. The municipal hall cost \$13,285 to build and included the municipality's council chambers, clerks, police, and school board. There was even a jail in the basement! Notice today's Highway 10 is still just a dirt road. Photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 91.2.17.

Municipal hall during the 1930s with Surrey's fleet of five Fageol Flyer Model 130 trucks parked out front. Photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 91.1.40.



Municipal hall in the mid-1960s. Now that the 3rd municipal hall was built up Hwy 10, the 1912 building served as Surrey's police station and courthouse. Notice the expansion to its right, which was added in 1953. The expansion annex only lasted 20 years; it was demolished in 1973. Surrey Leader photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, SA1992.036.404.

Staff outside municipal hall on the front steps in 1946. Photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 91.3.19.



Crowds gather to watch the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly opened Surrey Archives in 2006. The ceremony occurs in the same spot as the staff picture from 1946.



Surrey Archives, 2020



Cloverdale Library

What was once old becomes new. In 2019, the Cloverdale Library was one of the older libraries in Surrey and had not had any significant renovations since 1988.

However, a \$1.2 million renovation reinvigorated the space. Now, the library has more social spaces, display areas, a teen lounge and a large quiet study space. Most importantly, structural upgrades to the second floor mean they can bring in more books.



Storytime at the old Cloverdale Library in 1954. Stan McKinnon photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, SM.324A.

The newly built Cloverdale Library in 1954. It was located at 17651 - 58 Avenue. It wasn't until 1988 that the library moved down the street into its current location at 5642 - 176A Street. The building below is currently used as an early years recreation centre. Neville Curtis photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, NC484.



The public works yard during the 1950s, situated behind Surrey Municipal Hall. These buses and tractors sit on the grounds that would house the Justice Building and, eventually, the Cloverdale Library. Photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 91.1.52.

Justice Building opening ceremony in 1970 with Mayor William Vander Zalm cutting the ribbon. Before this building was constructed, the site was busy with staff, trucks and other machines as the municipality's works yard. Surrey Leader photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, SA1992.036.19462



Justice Building in 1971. Notice that the rock wall surrounding it still exists today. After numerous renovations, the Cloverdale Library has taken over the building in 1988. City of Surrey photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, SACR2002.001.537.

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1881 Town Hall

How fitting is it that the building the museum first existed in is now located on the same grounds as the expanded Museum of Surrey?

This small but important building was moved and restored numerous times in its long life, including in the fall of 2018 when it was brought to the Heritage Campus. After months of restoration work, the Hall is ready for use once again.



Surrey's first municipal hall in 1918 in its original location in City Centre. Photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 91.2.01.



1881 Town Hall in City Centre covered in snow, 1937. In January 1881, Surrey Councilor Abraham Huck donated one acre of his land at Surrey Centre for the town hall site. This small building hosted many early community groups. The Farmer's Institute had its first meeting here in 1897 and the Surrey Agriculture Association held the first Fall Fair in 1888 with the Hall as its main building. The Surrey Women's Institute had their start here. Photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 91.2.02.

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The 1881 Town Hall being moved from Surrey Centre to the Cloverdale fairgrounds at 176 St and 60 Ave in 1938. The Cloverdale Junior Chamber of Commerce paid for the Hall's move and restoration. The Hall definitely needed a facelift; it had been used as a poultry barn for a number of years and was not in great shape. Photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 91.2.06.



Municipal hall in place at the Cloverdale fairgrounds in 1938. At this location, the Hall would become the first home of the Surrey Museum from 1938 to 1958. In 1958 it received another restoration thanks to a BC Centennial grant. Photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 91.2.11.



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Cloverdale Cenotaph

Over a thousand people attend the dedication of the cenotaph in 1921.

Over the next hundred years, an untold number of Surrey residents across generations have gathered around the cenotaph in Cloverdale to remember and honor those who have fought for our freedom.



Dedication of the cenotaph in 1921 outside the municipal hall. On the top of the cenotaph is a German gun captured by Canadian soldiers during the Great War. Photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 40.5.20.

Cloverdale Cenotaph in 1921 outside the Surrey Municipal Hall. The cenotaph would stay here until the 1950s when it was moved to the fairgrounds. Photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 40.5.14.



Ex-servicewomen reunion at the cenotaph in 1967 when it was located at the Surrey Museum and Archives at 176 St and 60 Ave. Notice the German gun missing from the top of the cenotaph. It was removed during WW2; the metal was melted down to help with wartime production efforts. Surrey Leader photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, SA1992.036.10534.

Remembrance Day ceremonies in 2019 at the Cloverdale cenotaph. The Museum of Surrey, Surrey Archives and Cloverdale Library are open on Remembrance Day each year with activities, presentations and opportunities for reflection before and after the Legion-organized ceremony. Thousands of people attended every year to show their respect and gratitude.

Notice the cenotaph changes. In 2005, when the monument was moved to its current location in Veteran's Square, the kneeling soldier was added. The soldier, who was created by Canadian artist Andre Gauthier, remembers those who participated in the Great War, World War Two, the Korean war and Canadian peacekeepers.





Cloverdale Cenotaph, 2020



Anderson Cabin (1873)

Eric Anderson's Surrey story began in 1863 when he was just 11 years old; his father died and his mother sent him to work on a British whaling ship. Years later, his ship docked in what is now Stanley Park. Tired of life at sea and intrigued by the beauty of the West Coast, Eric and two shipmates decided to jump ship. They ate a large breakfast and put on many layers of clothing, then left under the guise of cutting down timber for ship repairs.

First walking to New Westminster, then crossing the river and walking some more, Eric eventually arrived at what is now 48 Ave and 192 St. Here, he found a stream with fish and a pasture. Here, he decided to stay. Here, he was home.



Eric Anderson with his wife, Sarah and their children Sarah Ann, William and Eric Jr. Photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 170A05.

Anderson Cabin c. 1970 in its original location at W. B. Sweets farm. The cabin took many months to build by hand. The walls were filled with moss and twigs to keep in the heat from the wood burning stove. Surrey Leader photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, SA1992.036. 17457.



Anderson Cabin in front of the Surrey Museum and Archives in 2000. The cedar cabin was relocated to the Museum grounds in 1971 after it was donated to the municipality by the Sweets family who had recognized the importance of the building to Surrey's history. The Cabin was used for many years to teach Surrey residents about settler life. Milton Neto photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, CT021.18.

Anderson Cabin during a Music at the Museum event in 2016. The Anderson Cabin was relocated to the Museum grounds in 2005 when the museum opened. This little wooden structure wasn't finished moving just yet!



Anderson Cabin moves again. Here it is being carefully lifted to its temporary home beside the Museum of Surrey during construction. After construction finished, it is moved one more time to the location it is in now. The cabin is the oldest surviving wood building in Surrey.



Anderson Cabin, 2020



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Anniedale School

Education is a key motivator behind the Heritage Campus. Even before the campus existed, lessons were being learned here. The campus served as the grounds of Clover Valley School between 1906-1908.

Anniedale School opened in 1891 at what is now 96 Ave and 182 St. It was one of the first schools to operate in Surrey. The first teacher, Mr. Duncan Welsh, had only 13 students, who ranged in age from 4 to 15 years.



Anniedale School in 1899. From left to right stand: Teacher Jessie Inglis, Hugh Gillis, Harry Lotta, Fred Williams, H. Hoddes, Fraser Lotta, Margaret Hoddes, Rober Hobbes, Annie Gillis, Agnes Coates, Margaret Gillis and Marry Hoddes. Photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 191.01.



Above: Anniedale School in 1951 at its original location. Constructed in 1891, the school was under budget; \$750 were allocated to its construction but it only cost \$660 in the end. Alfred W. McLeod Collection photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 2013.0050.29.

Left: Relocation of Anniedale in 1975 to 9744 - 176 Street, the grounds of the new Anniedale Elementary. The original schoolhouse closed in 1954 when the new school was built. Craig Hodge photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, SA2004.004.03.

A snow-covered Anniedale School in 1975. Photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 191.03B.



Mayor Don Ross during the ribbon cutting ceremony at the renovated Anniedale School in 1987. The foresight of the Anniedale School PTA, who worked to secure funding for the renovation, allowed the heritage building to live on. Today, it is one of a handful of heritage one-room schools in the Lower Mainland that still exists. Judy Love Collection photo courtesy of the Surrey Archives, 2016.0069.04.



Anniedale School, 2020



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