

**Notes**  
**Cowichan Station Conversation #1**  
**Heritage and Cultural Places We Value**  
 June 3, 2008

**Introduction**

At the Cowichan Station Area Association AGM over 40 people participated in a workshop to identify heritage and cultural places in the Cowichan Station area that people most value. We discussed ideas about restoration, enhancement and protection of these places. We concluded by ranking the relative importance of all the places identified. The results of the discussions are summarized below and will be used to guide future plans of the Cowichan Station Area Association.

Place (in order of ranking)	General Comments	Suggestions Related to:		
		Protection	Restoration	Enhancement
<b>Cowichan Station School</b> (36)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to explore opportunities; be prepared to develop business plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remain vigilant against rezoning</li> <li>- Maintain availability for school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintenance, safety of premises</li> <li>- Bus stop and notice board</li> <li>- Enhance for cultural purposes e.g., summer theatre, Saturday market, daycare, community events, gym for groups, community garde/greenhouses</li> </ul>
<b>River and Creeks</b> (25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suggest stream keepers program</li> <li>- Encourage scientific monitoring hydrology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From upriver contamination, degradation, erosion, from bridge paint</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- sign for Koksilah R.</li> </ul>
<b>Cowichan Station Village</b> (22)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintain character and safety</li> <li>- Concerns – vandalism, speeding traffic (one lane helps slow traffic), new housing development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Heritage homes and sites: Fleetwoods Home, Gem O'Isle, Old Post Office, 1896 cottage, water tower, old store front (on 1<sup>st</sup>), home corner of Bench and Koksilah,</li> <li>- Beech tree</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safe streets</li> <li>- Adequate shoulders and ditching</li> <li>- Preserve traffic calming (one lane on bridge)</li> <li>- Limit large trucks</li> <li>- Enforce speed limit</li> <li>- Speed bumps before bridge</li> <li>- Noise by-law – industrial vehicles - no jake brakes in residential areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community bulletin board</li> <li>- Local map with walking route</li> <li>- Benches</li> <li>- Signage to identify historical features, reflect rural area (farm vehicles, pedestrians, horses)</li> <li>- Painted scenes on corners</li> <li>- Parks at corners</li> <li>- School bus shelters</li> <li>- Ensure Galaxy development has community services that will benefit the community</li> </ul>

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<b>Wood bridges</b> (21)	- One lane slows traffic on Koksilah Bridge which is good	- Keep heritage designation of Koksilah Bridge		- Heritage signs
<b>Train Station</b> (19)		- historical structure	- New foundation - Maple tree	- Signs – interpretive/history - Organize up keep of area
<b>Bright Angel Park</b> (16)		- Hanging bridge	- general upgrades needs - eroded paths	- Signs in Park for facilities - Enhance playground - Land acquisition to enlarge the park
<b>Farmland &amp; Heritage Farms (Keating &amp; Fairburn)</b> (15)	- Respect Usage	- Need to monitor applications to ALR - Large Farms please post spray days		
<b>Forests and Natural Slopes</b> (15)	- Keep single residences, low density	- Involve local groups such as streamkeepers, Cowichan Valley Naturalists		- Develop trail/road system for walking, biking, riding.
<b>Jack Fleetwood Park</b> (15)		- Protect from erosion	- Fleetwood trail restoration	- Change rooms, - outhouses, - picnic tables - clean up - dogs on leash
<b>Stone Railway Overpass</b> (13)	- One lane helps slow traffic	- Keep heritage designation	-	- Heritage sign - Bypass signs - Corridor foot/bike path
<b>Church</b> (9)	- Maintain/support all-purpose uses	- Cemetary - Is there a heritage designation? Should there be?		- Signs – more in common theme
<b>Kinsol Trestle (and Trans Canada trail)</b> (9)	- Concerns – parking, vandalism, garbage - Encourage walk up, bicycles, dogs		- Support restoration	- Directional signage -
<b>Camp Creina</b>		- chapel		