



2019 Year in Review

Where History Comes to Life

2019 saw the Burnaby Village Museum excel in many of the goals outlined in the City's Corporate Strategic Plan.

An Inclusive Community:

Celebrate Diversity: Create more opportunities for the community to celebrate diversity

Serve a Diverse Community: Ensure City services fully meet the needs of our dynamic community

Create a Sense of Community: Provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging

A Healthy Community

Healthy Life: Encourage opportunities for healthy living and well-being

Lifelong Learning: Improve upon and develop programs and services that enable ongoing learning

Community Involvement: Encourage residents and businesses to give back to and invest in the community

A Connected Community

Social Connection: Enhance social connections throughout Burnaby

Partnership: Work collaboratively with businesses, educational institutions, associations, other communities and governments

It was a ground-breaking year for Burnaby Village Museum, in both the literal and figurative sense.

In 2019, we opened the Indigenous Learning House, a place where visitors can learn about həṅḍəmiṅəṁ and Skwxwú7mesh history and culture in Burnaby. Staffed by the museum's Indigenous education team, the creation of the Indigenous Learning House represents a watershed moment in history for Burnaby Village Museum and our commitment to the process of reconciliation.

Burnaby Village Museum continues to be a popular choice for families during spring break and over the holidays. A record number of visitors attended this year's Heritage Christmas event as we expanded the number of lights on display around the village.

Accessibility and inclusivity was a prevalent theme at Burnaby Village Museum this year. Seaforth School was retrofitted with a wheelchair-accessible entry, and we launched a number of programs catered towards French language learners and English as a Second Language (ESL) audiences.

As Burnaby Village Museum continues to grow and evolve, we are lucky to have a dedicated volunteer base whose passion for culture and history fuels the success of our programs. We look forward to working with our volunteers for years to come.

Deborah Tuyttens Cultural Heritage Manager

Curatorial

2019 provided opportunities to collaborate with community partners and volunteers to learn more about the museum's collections and Burnaby's history. This work addressed several components of the City's Corporate Strategic Plan including celebrating diversity, creating an inclusive community and providing a connected community.

Researching Burnaby's Diverse History

Researching and sharing stories that represent Burnaby's diverse history is a priority for the museum, and addresses the City's goal to be an inclusive community.

For the second year in a row, a partnership with the University of British Columbia offered an opportunity to build on research into Burnaby's Chinese Canadian history, and develop interpretive strategies to share the research with museum visitors. Four students participated in an Asian Canadian & Asian Migration Studies (ACAM) course on the history of Chinese migration, travelled to Asia, and then completed a placement at the museum. They researched and developed interpretive experiences to share the history of Chinese migration with museum visitors.

Research into Burnaby's Chinese Canadian communities, Indigenous peoples and the lives of women and working peoples culminated with the publication of the History of Burnaby Resource Guide. The guide acts as a foundational document for staff and the public to learn the history of Burnaby. As staff continue to conduct research into less-represented communities, this guide provides room for the diverse lives that shaped (and continue to shape) life in Burnaby.

Contributing to an Inclusive Community

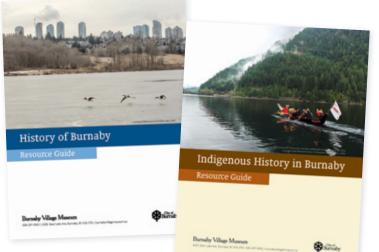
Sharing research in the community helped promote the City's strategic goal to create an inclusive community by welcoming all community members and creating a sense of belonging.

The museum again co-hosted the Neighbourhood History Series with the Burnaby Public Library, featuring three walking tours and four lectures exploring the diverse history of Burnaby. This year's

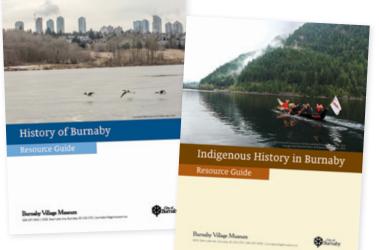
- » Ceperley Estate Walking Tour, September 21
- » History of the Heights: McGill Library, September 25
- » Heritage Bus Tour to the Transit Museum of B.C., September 28
- » Chinese Canadian Stories: Tommy Douglas Library, October 2
- » Al Salaam Mosque & Islamic Education Centre Tour, October 5
- » Songs of Resistance with the Solidarity Choir, Burnaby Village Museum, October 16
- » Unfounded: Discussions in Decolonizing Heritage, Bob Prittie Metrotown Library, October 23

Work concluded on a multi-year research project to develop an Indigenous History in Burnaby Resource Guide in consultation with Kwantlen, x^wməθk^wəýəm, Skwxwú7mesh, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. The 27-page illustrated educational guide provides an overview of handaminam and Skwxwú7mesh history in Burnaby from the time of the ancestors to the present day. The guide should be considered a living document that will be updated as we continue ongoing conversations with all First Nations who share territory in Burnaby.

A Connected Community







Rubberized raincoat which belonged to Frank Eshelby of North Fell Avenue, Burnaby, circa 1920s, BV998,57.1

Protecting the City's assets, information and services helps the City meet its goal to be a connected community through digital connections. The museum provides access to its large collection of historical assets on HeritageBurnaby.ca that provide a record of the history of Burnaby.

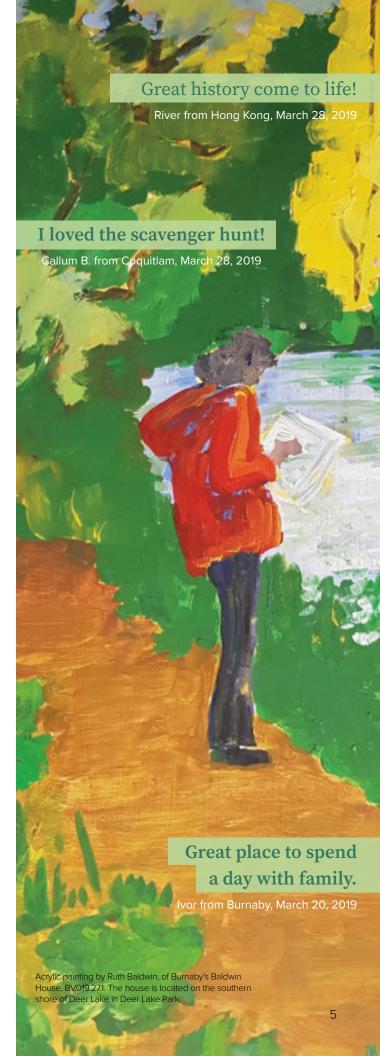
The Burnaby Village Museum collection consists of 55,000 artifacts, 5,800 photographs, over 1,000 maps, more than 4,500 books and 1,200 archival records. More than 40 per cent of the collection is on exhibit at the museum.

Staff launched a project to create a system of tiers for the collection to document those assets with enduring historical value to Burnaby. Thorough research and documentation unveiled many treasures already within our holdings.

Staff research unveiled a raincoat in the collection with a powerful Burnaby story. During the Depression, many Burnaby workers lost their jobs and were unable to pay taxes on their homes. Burnaby Council made arrangements for the male property owners to work off their taxes. Some worked by cutting down the huge stumps left after logging. Burnaby Council provided raincoats to all workers to help support their new, physical work.

Volunteers and staff worked together to research and document new donations, as well as artifacts that have been in the collection for many years. Over 300 hours of volunteer time was contributed to the work of the curatorial department in 2019.





(left) UBC student Debbie Liang's interactive exhibit panel.

Conservation

The museum's collection includes thousands of artifacts and several original Burnaby heritage buildings. Conservation staff balance long-term preservation goals with public use, protecting and providing access to the unique City assets in the museum's care.

Community Amenity Safety

One of the most appreciated artifacts in the museum's collection, the 1912 C.W. Parker Carousel also operates to maximum capacity as a public ride. Keeping riders safe is the top priority in carousel operation. In 2019 we commissioned the fabrication of high quality, high strength replacement gears and bearings for the carousel drive train. These components take the power of the main gear on the center pole, across the upper beams to move the horses up and down. The new parts look and work the same but without the loose tolerances of the worn original parts. Riders may notice their favourite horse now gives a better ride.



Students in front of Seaforth School at its original location on Government Road, c. 1925. This school is now on site at Burnaby Village Museum. BV985.6022.1

Creating a Sense of Community

Built in 1922, Seaforth School has long been a centre of the community. By installing an automatic door opener and a widened landing at the back door of the school, we've made it easier to access for people with mobility issues. These changes improve accessibility while preserving the character defining qualities of this designated heritage building.



(left) New carousel bearings, castings, and forms. (right) Original carousel eccentric rod bearing, in situ.

Maintaining City Facilities

Visitors love our beautiful heritage buildings – inside and out! In 2019 we renewed the custom wallpapers in two public spaces: the Elworth house and Love Farmhouse hallways. Both spaces were built to accommodate families, but in a museum setting, they can shelter school groups and crowds during high volume events. The previous wallpaper was carefully wetted and removed by experienced staff. The new sheets were cut to length and adhered with rice starch paste made from scratch.

Seaforth School benefitted from our annual village painting upgrades. Since re-shingling in the 1980's, the building had remained mostly unpainted. By looking at the layers of paint on window frames, door frames and a few preserved original shingles, we were able to identify the historic colours and create a paint history document with colour choices for our painting contractor.









(top) Seaforth School before repainting. (bottom) Seaforth School after repainting.

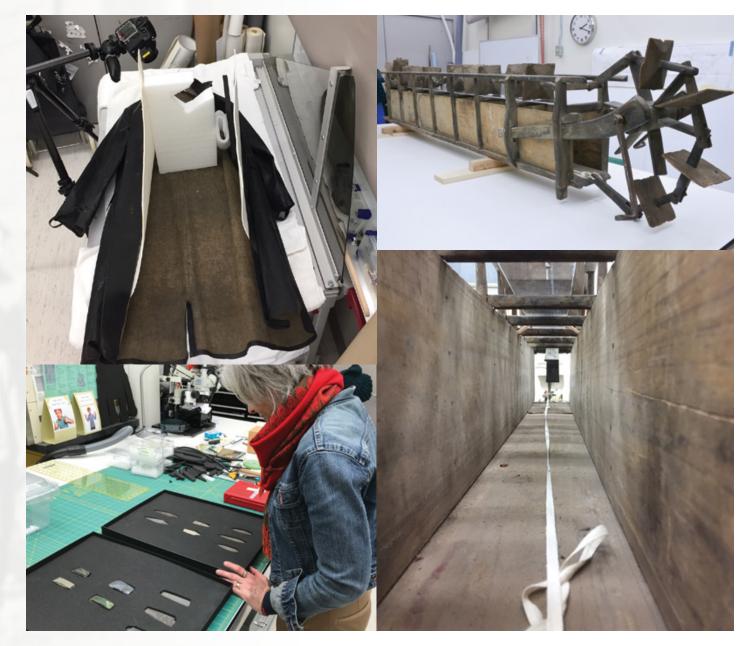
Serving an Inclusive Community

The conservation team have been making our collections more accessible to the community. By using the special photography setup in the conservation lab, the hard-to see details of fragile artifacts can be documented. The images are then added to the Heritage Burnaby website and artifact database. It can be complicated to get close up shots, such as this owner label inside a rubber raincoat which has become completely inflexible.

When objects are especially fragile and unique, museum staff make customized acid-free service supports for viewing, transporting and display.

It is now much easier for staff to set up a viewing and research area for First Nations communities to spend time with their ancestral belongings.

A highlight of the *Across the Pacific* exhibit is an unusual device used to irrigate fields by moving water uphill. Conversations with the owner identified how the device worked but a few lost pieces made it difficult to see that functionality in the artifact itself. A plexiglass "board" and reversible ties were added so that visitors see how the device works and how human pedal power lifts water into parched fields.



(top left) Conservation detail photography of BV998.57.1. (bottom left) First Nations belongings in new service supports.

(top right) Waterwheel 水車 水车 on loan from Elwin Xie for the *Across the Pacific* exhibition. This waterwheel travelled from Zhongshan to a farm on Vancouver's southwest Marine Drive. (bottom right) Waterwheel 水車 水车, interior detail.

Exhibits

New Exhibits

Indigenous Learning House

The Indigenous Learning House is a place where visitors can learn about həndəminəm and Skwxwu7mesh history and culture in Burnaby.

The exterior of the Learning House is adorned with a 'Welcome Figure' banner, an original digital rendering by Tsleil-Waututh artist Ocean Hyland commissioned especially for the space. Museum staff honoured Ocean in a small, intimate ceremony in which the artwork was unveiled. The Indigenous Learning House is a place where the museum's Indigenous education team, cultural presenters, and artists can share with visitors and schoolchildren.

Matriarch's Garden

To accompany the Indigenous Learning House, a Matriarch's Garden was installed to provide a space for the museum's Indigenous Educators to share their knowledge about plants. The Matriarch's Garden is filled with plants local to Burnaby that have always been important to hən'qəmin'əm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking people. The stones are shaped in the form of a Coast Salish eye and represent the grandfathers. All of the plants in the garden — the grandmothers — were selected to honour the matriarchs.

Temporary Exhibits

Summer exhibits focused on patterns that were woven throughout the village. A feature exhibit in the Stride Studios temporary gallery looked at the history and legacy of Chinese-Canadians in Burnaby.

Across the Pacific

May to September 2020, Stride Studios exhibition gallery

The gallery featured an exhibit on the long history of Chinese-Canadians in Burnaby. The tri-lingual exhibit was a collaboration with the descendants of some of Burnaby's Chinese farm families, including those who continue to farm in the city's Big Bend area.

Chinese Canadian Market Gardens

May-September, Orchard

The long history of produce farms operated by Chinese-Canadian families in South Burnaby was explored through interpretive signage, interactive activities and a vegetable garden that replicated growing techniques used by market gardeners to maximize crop yield.

Outreach Exhibits

All that Glows

March-October, Shadbolt Centre for the Arts The history of electricity in Burnaby.

Made by Hand

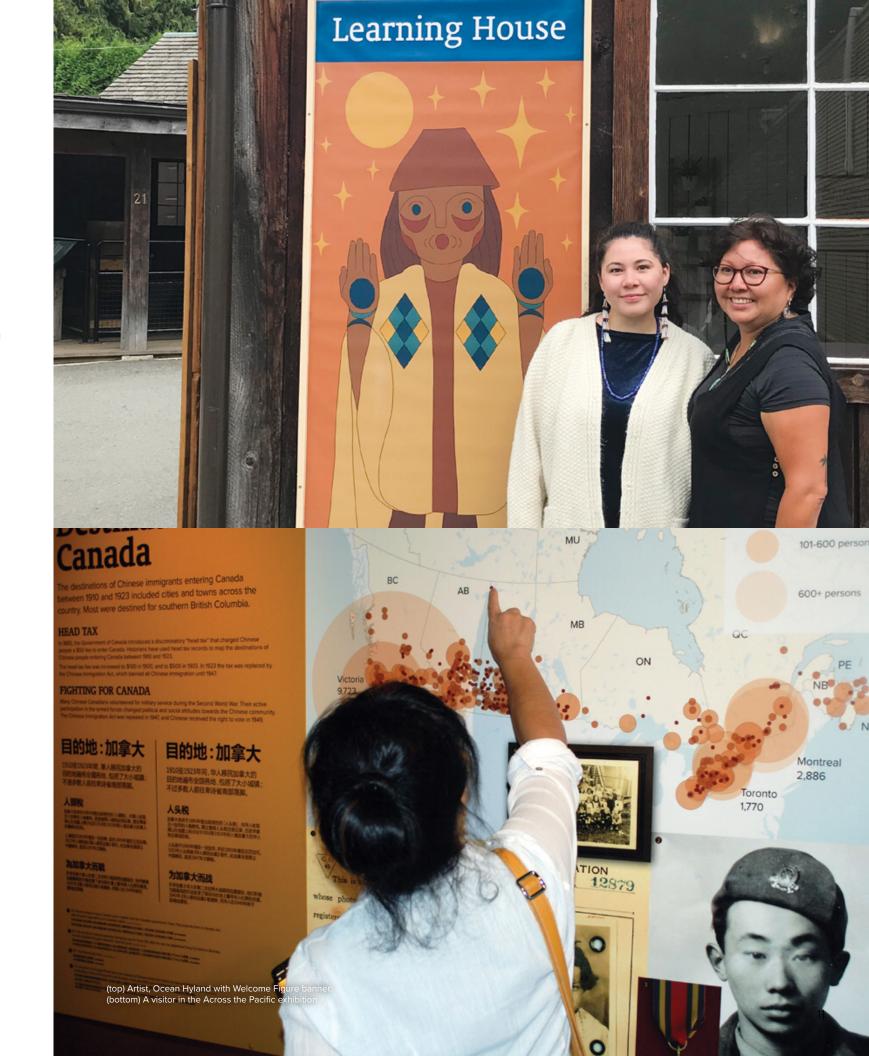
November-December, Shadbolt Centre for the Arts A selection of handmade Christmas gifts.

Everyday Inventions

July & August, Burnaby Public Libraries

A selection of objects that compared historic inventions from 100 years ago to today using artifacts from BVM's collection. Participants in the Summer Reading Program were invited to match the object to the modern version of today. In partnership with the Burnaby Public Library.

- » McGill Library, July 4-21
- » Cameron Library, July 22-August 5
- » Tommy Douglas Library, August 6-August 18
- » Bob Prittie Metrotown Branch, August 19-September 8







Programming & Education



In 2019, museum programming and education focused on lifelong learning, serving a diverse community and creating a sense of community. Staff developed opportunities for Indigenous learning on site, new school programs and large events to bring visitors together.

Indigenous History and Lifelong Learning

Burnaby Village Museum worked with the City's Human Resources
Department to host a series of learning sessions for the City's celebration
of National Indigenous Peoples Month. Many City staff members from
across departments participated in four workshops led by Indigenous
Educators at the museum's new Indigenous Learning House.

All summer long the Learning House was home to the museum's annual Coast Salish Artist Series. Community members from the Skwxwú7mesh, Tsleil-Waututh, xwmə θ kwəýəm and Semiahmoo Nations shared their knowledge with the public.

The inaugural Burnaby Indigenous Learning Week was hosted by Burnaby Village Museum in partnership with the Burnaby School District and Vancity. Around 500 Burnaby students spent a day learning directly from Coast Salish knowledge keepers and educators about Indigenous history and culture.

New School Programs Serve Diverse communities

- » Four brand new school programs were launched, which focus on inquiry learning, Indigenous history, French language learners and ESL audiences:
- » Navigating the Neighbourhood (K-2)
- » Indigenous Learning House (All Ages)
- » À l'école d'autrefois (Grades 1-3)
- » Let's Talk about the Past (Youth and Adult ESL)

Large Events Create a Sense of Community

This past year, the museum saw record numbers of visitors for many of its popular openings, including Spring Break and Heritage Christmas. Some typically smaller events have now doubled their numbers in the last two years, such as Mother's Day, Father's Day and BC Day.

In 2019, the museum partnered with CUPE 23 to mark their 100th anniversary a the museum's annual Labour Day event. Special activities included a labour-themed scavenger hunt, folk music for the people, and of course free carousel rides compliments of CUPE 23 and Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

Beautiful place, great to learn about the history of Burnaby. Abbie from Ireland, May 21, 2019 Interactive and educational. Eliyo from Israel, July 24, 2019 We loved the museum and culture buildings, and the enthusiasm of all the volunteers, it was great! Tracey from London, UK, August 29, 2019 Sam Seward, Indigenous Learning Week

(top) Burnaby Art Gallery's BAG on a Bike printmaking workshop, BC Day Celebration. (bottom) Nylon Zoo entertainment at World Rivers Day.



Village Volunteers, pickling demonstration at Love Farmhouse.

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Community Groups & Partners

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Academie Duello

Arrow Squadron 637

BC Geneological Society

BC Hydro Community Outreach

BC Wildlife Federation

Buckingham Elem. School

Burnaby Art Gallery

Burnaby Arst Council

Burnaby Beekeepers Association

Burnaby Central High School

Burnaby Civic Employees Union CUPE 23

Burnaby Christmas Bureau

Burnaby Eco Sculptures Program

Burnaby Engineering Department

Burnaby Environmental Services

Burnaby Food First

Burnaby Lake Girl Guides Canada

Burnaby Lake Park Association

Burnaby Mountain High School

Burnaby North High School

Burnaby Planning Department

Burnaby Public Library

Burnaby School District

Burnaby South High School

Burnaby Water Dispensing Trailer

Byrne Creek Streamkeepers

Chinese Taoism Kuan-Kung Association Tian-Jin Temple

Classic Motorcycle Club of BC

Coast Salish Arts & Cultural Society

Confederation Park Choir

Deer Lake United Church

Eagel Creek Streamkeepers

Edmonds Community School

Forte Theatre Society

Greater Vancouver Motorsport Pioneers Society

Kwantlen First Nation

Lower Mainland Green Team (Green Team Canada)

Moscrop High School

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Old Interurban Forest Peservation Society

O.W.L.

Pacific Spirit Quilters Guild

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SFU Science Alive

Squamish First Nation

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St. Francis of Assis School

St. John Ambulance - Tri Cities Branch

Stanley Park Ecological Society

Stoney Creek Environment Committee

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