



HERITAGE DESIGNATION, REGISTER AND CANDIDATES ELECTORAL AREA D – COWICHAN BAY LOCAL AREA PLAN

Heritage Designation

There is currently one heritage designation in area D—the South Cowichan Lawn Tennis Club, one of the oldest lawn tennis clubs in the world and the oldest club in Canada still playing on grass. It was founded in 1887.

Community Heritage Register

There are five sites in the CVRD Community Heritage Register (CHR):

1. *Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre*
2. *Old Koksilah School*
3. *Robert Service Memorial*
4. *South Cowichan Lawn Tennis Club*
5. *The Masthead*

Candidates

The area D local plan supports retention and restoration of the marine architectural and heritage character of historic buildings, such as the Cowichan Bay Shipyard and Masthead Restaurant, as an integral component of land use activities.

Heritage River Designation

The Cowichan River is one of only ten designated heritage rivers in the country and the third one in BC. Its estuary is recognized as one of the world's most biologically important areas for fish, waterfowl and wildlife. Yet, land and water-based activities have threatened the estuary and its dependent species, such as Chinook salmon, shellfish, water birds and eelgrass. The area D local plan seeks to restore, protect and enhance the Cowichan Estuary so that fish and shellfish can be safely harvested, and the coastal environment can be enjoyed for social, cultural and recreational purposes.