## THE DOWNTOWN CORE

n since the railway arrived, Baker St. with its' trees surviving older buildings add greatly to the overall aracter of the central core of the city. Churches, stores, els, government buildings, parks, and some homes erted to businesses also enrich this area.

The downtown serves a specific niche market with a que character relying on personalized service. It is tinct, but complimentary to the large service store d malls along the highway. It also has a rich mixture of Itural activities and services that no other area has. The owntown Business Association (DBA) is a group workng to maintain and improve the vitality of the area, and n be contacted at the Chamber Office at 250-426-5914.

## II. THE BAKER HILL RESIDENTIAL HERITAGE AREA

This area is named after Col. James Baker, the found of the City, who had built his home on the eastern part of hilled area to the south and east of the downtown. The ome and the immediate lands surrounding it now make "Baker Park". This early residential neighbourhood as surveyed in 1897, and today is the largest and most tinct heritage area in the City, with many styles of early lential architecture and mature landscaping.

Baker Hill is still a vital area without highways or comercial development in it, and contains a healthy mix of ilies, singles, middle aged, and some elderly. Some of e larger older buildings were converted many years ago rom single residential to multiple units, but many have en restored, others are in process & others are waiting an be contacted through the City of Cranbrook or the Museum. This is now a protected heritage area with 2005 Residential Heritage Award rtain exterior development guidelines that are intended maintain the flavour and character of a by-gone era for

BAKER HILL HERITAGE "BED & BREAKFASTS" A current list of the Baker Hill B&B's can be obtained at Museum (250-489-3918) or Chamber (426-5914).

## III. THE RAILWAY HERITAGE AREA (SEE DETAILS ON REVERSE OF MAP) This area contains several surviving original building

and landscapes of the early Canadian Pacific Railway rastructure dating from 1898. It also provides a unique ntext for the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel, which the premier public attraction in this area. (#1)-(15) lists heritage structures in this area which

e shown on the back of this map. The tours of owntown & the Baker Hill area start below at #16. THE LISTINGS FROM 16 - 96 ARE TO BE READ N VERTICAL COLUMNS LEFT TO RIGHT

(16) HIGHWAY ARCH (1930's) - replication 2010 the King-9th Ave Connector at HWY 3/95



This beautiful real-stone faced arch gracefully spans the ance from the Highway into the downtown near Bake St. It is a slightly wider replica of one of the two 1903's arches that originally spanned the highway at the SW and NE city limits. They were demolished by the Province in the late 1950's to allow the widening of Arterial Highway #3 through Cranbrook. (See also #86 & 87)

BAKER STREET (views to left & right of 9th) (17) IMPERIAL BANK BUILDING 1909



A very good example of commercial Edwardian architec e brick, sandstone trim, and heavy top co in the early 1980's. A new rear addition in the late 1990's was designed to harmonize with the old. It is the major downtown heritage building visible from the highway. Commercial Heritage Award 1981

(18) "CRANBROOK ED" (1926) - sculpture 2008 (this

This small metal sculpture is located beside the Imperial Building at the west end of Baker St overlooking the former site of the Railway Museum. It orates the story of the elephants which escaped from the Sels-Floto Circus in 1926, with some them running dowr

the railway tracks and engineers being advised to be on the lookout. Cranbrook Ed & Myrtle were later found, but

(19) FINK MERCANTILE BUILDING 1906 09 Baker Street (to left of 9th Ave intersection This was Cranbrook's first large department store and still stands out on Baker Street in commercial use. Commercial Heritage Award 2001

(20) THE RAWORTH BLDG (By 1912) 915 Baker Street (to left of 9th Ave intersection) 986 Commercial Heritage Award

(21) THE CLOCK TOWER (1983) n Clock Tower Square (to left of 9th Ave intersection) Replicated by the Rotary Club in 1983, this clock tower is is an exact replica of the old Post Office Tower built in 1912, but demolished in 1971. The original tower stood

across Baker Street at the corner of 10th Avenue, where it was a well-known landmark. It's de struction kindled a strong spir it of preservation in the commi nity, resulting in the City Heritage Report of 1975.

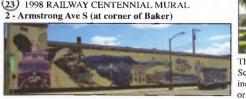
The clock, however, w preserved and was re-incorporated was built when Cranbrook Str was re-routed onto 10th Ave. in

\*Special 1989 Recognition Award replicated heritage 22) SPIRIT TREE sculpture 2008

in the Clock Tower Square -Created by artist Paul Reimer o Cranbrook, this beautiful 25' high metal sculpture is located beside the Clock Tower. It's design symbolizes the diversity of the community thr its many "roots" which break into a myriad of branches, many containing stainless steel balls that reflect the viewer and the surroundings

**ARMSTRONG AVENUE (9th AVE S)** 

(23) 1998 RAILWAY CENTENNIAL MURAL



Jospeh Cross, under contract with the City, did this large mural depicting many images of city development spawned by the arrival of the railway to Cranbrook.

(24) THE NOBLE HOME 1903 33 Armstrong Avenue (9th) clapboard, this home was bricked over in 1924, and today is used for business use

(25) 106 Armstrong Avenue (9th Ave S) 1994 Commercial Heritage Award

(27) 234 Armstrong Avenue - (9th Ave S) 2002 Residential Heritage Award 28) 327 Armstrong Avenue (9th Ave S)

## ORBURY AVENUE (10th AVE S) 29) THE "WHITE" RESIDENCE Before 1904

913 - 4th Street South This house stands (Norbury Avenue). It

imposingly at the south long 10th Avenue s placed strategically ooking downhill to the downtown area. Notable are the very large Maple this dry climate

1982 Residential Heritage Award 30) The Dave Kay House - 4th Street South

This house is the 2nd to east of the White House above 1993 Residential Heritage Award 31) 327 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S)

2004 Residential Heritage Award 32) THE TOWER HOUSE 1910 324 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S)



noted for its 3-storey tower, ornate woodwork and brick construction. It was restored from an apartment block to a single-family dwelling. Beautiful landscaping.

321 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S) 1999 Residential Heritage Award

(34) 307 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S) 1992 Residential Heritage Award (35) Site of the former Catholic School (1913)

and High School (1928) 308 Norbury Ave. (10th Ave.S) The school was alterd on the exterior and closed in the early 1990's, now being used for other purposes. The back part is the Catholic Parochial School of 1913, while the front part was added in 1928 to make this the High School for the city which lasted until the current Mt Baker School opened in 1950. It continued as a primary

school until the 1990's. (36) 232 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S) 94 Residential Heritage Award (37) THE TIFFIN RESIDENCE Before 1911 225 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S)



This home is notable for its originality and uniquelyfrom this building) shaped arched veranda, the only such example in Cran-

(38)220 - 10th Ave S 2000 Residential Heritage Award 39) 213 - (10th Ave S)

2008 Residential Heritage Award (40) THE BOWNESS HOME 1910

202 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S)



One of Cranbrook's larger pre-World War mes. Of note is the large "Carriage Hou n the rear. As of 2011, it is still the Bow Bed & Breakfast nmercial Heritage Award 1988

(41) ROTARY PARK BAND SHELL &



This was constructed as part of the "Si ace's 150th birthday. It is not a replica of the original small wooden one that existed in th park into the late 1950's, but its design is in the same spirit of the original, and carries some of the features of City Hall brick and roofin across the street. The two blocks of 10th Av from 2nd St,.S to Baker were also reconstrucd at this time to provide trees, benches, sp cial street lights with connections to impre

FENWICK AVENUE (11th AVE S) (46) MOUNT BAKER HOTEL 1925

1017 Baker Street This succeeded the "Cranbrook Hotel" (corner of 8th Ave & Baker Street built 1900-1910) as Cranbrook's finest hotel during the 1920's era. Good brick finish, and corner location.

Commercial Heritage Award 1984 47) THE STUDIO & STAGE DOOR erly the "Masonic Temple") 1909 11 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)



SPIRIT SOUARE 2008 - 2 blocks 10th Ave. A classic Cranbrook landmark downtown, it on in 1973 for parking lot purposes. It is not for its fine classical porch & huge wooden c mns, as well as the spacious interior includi

## LEGEND

buildings with descriptions. \* Listings with shading show buildings formally designated \* Cranbrook Heritage Awards are noted by year at bottom of listing. ....

gested Route for tour by car ng from the Mu

ents in the Clock Tower square across Baker a large dance studio, and an upper floor drama

A tall bell

tower used to

stand at the

fan pattern o

wood in the

Residential

Award 1984

Note the symbol

in the front porch

gable. This home

work done on

both the interio

and exterior. As

still the home of

"Manwoman", a

well-known Cranbrook artis

Residential Heritage Award 1989

of 2011, it is

has also had much

Major, foundation, structural and res

50) 214 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

2007 Residential Heritage Award

1997 Residential Heritage Award

(51) THE WILSON HOME 1906

221 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

Heritage

The building

This fine brick building and its accompany- city's main Fire Hall until 2011.

ing quarters replaced the first Catholic Church Commercial Heritage Award 1980

primary corners in the downtown, it can be (49) THE PREST HOME by 1906

seen from several directions, including Rotary 217 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

tudio scating 90 persons for productions by the

the building. An harmonious addition was built

in the 1990's on the side facing the RCMP sta-

tion to enclose the exit stairs - duplicating the

pposite side of the building. City owned.

(52) THE MURRAY HOME by 1912

Canadian Mountain Police Barracks at one

(53) THE PATMORE HOME By 1914

When built, this home was on the southern

imits of the city. It is noted for some detailed

decorative trim over the windows and doors

GARDEN AVENUE (12th AVE S)

54) THE PATERSON HOME 1912

5 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

401 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

and paired columns on the verandah.

Residential Heritage Award 2003

225 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

A large home

that has had

work done to both

point in its history.

Notable is its

beautiful vard

with tall trees

and the long

sloping back

roof as well as

the columned

Commercial

Finished just as

World War 1 was

beginning, this

is the last large

in the pre-World

War I era.

residence built

Heritage Award 1995

(55) THE MILES HOME 1914

301 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

the interior and

ommercial Heritage Award 1982

7 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

St. from the north end of 10th Ave.

Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S)

St. Mary's"MANSE

) ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

built in 1898 on this site. Located at one of the

Commercial Heritage Award 1990 (Manse)

and balcony were removed years ago. Ar

dition was built in the 1940's and again

the mid-70's, but the original structure

ee a "lightweight" version of the tower added

Corner of 10th Ave and Baker St.

(44) CITY HALL 1911

of "Cranbrook

or effect.

ite of FORMER

OST OFFICE

912- 1967 (cloc

wer replicated

40 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S)

Commercial Heritage Award 1979 (Church) note is the

# 96 Heritage Buildings & Monuments Map

These are FREE self-guided tours by car and/or on foot.

\* It is not possible in the space provided to give a complete history of buildings and their residents, but the material here to 2011 provides a guide to some of the history.

Future research in the Cranbrook Archives will add to this material & correct inaccuracies found

\* A copy of this map can be found on the Museum Website: www.trainsdeluxe.com sion with additional detail on each listing will be available in the future



BAKER ST.

THE HILL HOME 1912

02 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

1980 - both inside and outside.

57) 228 Garden Ave (12th) by 1910

(58) 227 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

996 Residential Heritage Award

211 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

59) THE COREY HOME 1901

Considerable restoration work was done in

This is one of C anbrook's finest original resi-

dential landmarks and is in fine original shape

both inside and outside. Of particular note is

was put on the front right side of the original

the 7-sided 2-stcrey gazebo on one corner.

Residential Heritage Award 1977

60) THE MUT PHY HOME 1900

201 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

Of note are

the gable

front porch

and side ba

window, A

large addition

building in the 1980's

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way by nearly 10 years and is one of the oldest in the entire southeast of British Columbia in its original location. It was built by Colonel James Baker, the founder of Cranbrook. Baker returned to England in 1900, and died in 1906. His son Hyde, in charge of the townsite sales, left in 1914, and the house reverted to the city. In 1982 it was given to and restored by the Cranbrook Archives, Museum and Landmark Foundation. It was then sold to private interests in 1999, with the Foundation holding major heritage covenants on the land title. The proceeds from this sale made it possible to obtain the oak panels, chandeliers, and other contents for the Royal Alexandra Hall restoration project at the Museum. The Col. Baker Home has a small interpretation room is lo-

LUMSDEN AVENUE (14th AVE S)

(81) FORMER GYRO OUTDOOR POOL (1930's-1967)



At the time, this was the largest outdoor pool in western Canada.It was filled with (cold) water from the adjacent oseph's Creek, and contained a high diving tower, tall and nedium height slides, some centre sunning platforms, and

shallower corner for young children. Wide open with lots of

209 Lumsden Avenue (14th Ave S) on the rear wall and on the porch column supports as well.

A DESIGNATED HERITAGE BLDG (83) CENTRAL SCHOOL 1909

This served as Cranbrook's main school for many years and was active as a publi school until 1983. Crestbrook Forest ndustries (now Te

from the time it received the 1996 award. 2008 Commercial Heritage Award 72) 26 Burwell Avenue (13th Ave S) took over the building 05 Commercial Heritage Award 73) ANGLICAN CHURCH 1898 9 Burwell Avenue (13th Ave S)

> 1985 Commercial Heritage Award 220 Kootenay Street North This building was recondi-

building underwent a major restoration project, involving the removal of a large concrete block addition

1999 Commercial Heritage Award 74) 103 Burwell Avenue (13th Ave S) 1992 Commercial Heritage Award (75) THE BALMENT HOME By 1909 211 Burwell Avenue (13th Ave S)

small structure, and the addition of a very modern, but



A smaller home, but almost entirely original. Of particular note is the front 2nd story window detail. 1983 Residential Heritage Award

(76) 215 Burwell Ave (13th Ave) by 1909

small house in "Bake Heritage Awara

It is the only major railway heritage infra- harmonious addition. It is well-known for its beautiful wood

ture located outside the Railway Heritage

die b L

HOSPITAL & COLLEGE CAMPU

68) 14 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

69) THE UNITED CHURCH 1929

just as the stock market collapsed, and the

the east end between 12th & 13th Ave's

but releated to a new building at the corner

(71) 21 Burwell Avenue (13th Ave S) 1997

The building was enlarged sympathetically

ercial Heritage Award

Built as Cran-

brook's first churc

after the railways

arrival. In 1998, as

part of the railway

economic depression began

of 11th Ave.S and 1st. St.S

2007 Commercial Heritage Award

2 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

Church

continued)

Built at the

Baker Street

and 12th

This was the first "large" personal residence Commercial heritage Award 1989

residence just down the block). It has been made BURWELL AVENUE (13th AVE S)

a serious fire and the exterior was resurfaced. 1955) placed in the center of Baker St. at

133 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

built in Cranbrook (exceeded only by the CPR

However the general design is still apparent.

62) 126 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

1987 Residential Heritage Award

(63) THE McNAB HOME 1908

123 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

2009 Residential Heritage Award

SUPERINTENDENT HOME 1900

17 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

(65) THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

ranbrook. It still retains much of its original

character, but it faces sideways to the street be

This home had

1982-84.

Award 1991

(64) 120 Garden

onsiderable work

done to the exterior

Residential Heritag

Avenue (12th Ave S)

Zone and is a major symbol of the railway's

role in Cranbrook's ascendency over all other

As of 2011, it is still the "Cranbrook Pre-

miere Residence (CPR) House" (B&B)

2006 Commercial Heritage Award

110 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

cities in the Kootenay region.

(66) THE FERGIE HOUSE

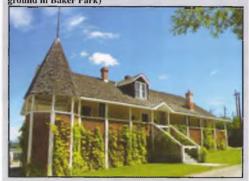
(77) 224 Burwell Ave (13th Ave)

OOLE AVENUE (15th AVE S) (78) 228 Poole Avenue (15th Ave S) 1988 Residential Heritage Award

(79) 202 Poole Ave (15th Ave S) 2004 Commercial Heritage Award

LOUIS STREET (1st St S) (80) THE COLONEL BAKER HOME

1887/88 - with "facelifts" in 1898 & 1909 1601 Louis Steet (1st St. South beside the City Camp ground in Baker Park)



cated in the building through the main front when the building s open. The rest of the building is off-limits to the public beg privately owned for commercial uses



sun and the surrounding Baker Park, it was a favourie for (82) THE "WALKER" HOME Before 1913

This particular brick building exhibits stone masonry both Two modern large lion sculptures were added to the front sidewalk. 1996 Commercial Heritage Award

with a major addition at the back in 1922) 220 Cranbrook Street (rear on Kootenay St)

bec), the area's majo

for their offices and restored the exterior and modernized the interior during the period 1984-85. One of Cranbrook's best remembered landmarks; it is made of about 400,000 'Cranbrook Bricks".

84) THE MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL 1912

ioned and restored in 1982 as part of the new Public Health Building which was constructed beside it The Health Building was



converted to the Cranbrook Public Library in 2006, with the former Training school now being used as a large community

(85) THE "FINK" FOUNTAIN (1958) Restored 2010 t the intersection of Cranbrook and Van Horne St. N.

Cranbrook artist Manwoman). When the original courthouse was demolished in the late 1950's, the Fountain was placed in the small oval park created. When this park was removed to become the Cranbrook Mall in 1968, the Fountain was placed in Rotary Park. There it sustained vandalism and was then stored by the City until a local group supervised its restoration and placed it in the new garden created by the new intersection at Cranbrook St. and the

meeting room.

1983 Commercial Heritage Award

(owned by the City of Cranbrook)

86 & 87 Former sites of the two highway arches



the north east arch was at Cranbrook St. and 4th St. north, with he location now a new intersection with Highway 3/95. The South West Arch was located 1st Ave South and Highway 3/95 (88) 321 Cranbrook St

The Cranberry House Bed & Breakfast was at this location until its relocation in 1999 to 119 Wattsville Road to make way for new intersection of Cranbrook and Van Horne St N) 1993 Commercial Heritage Award

(89) SITE OF FORMER ST. EUGENE HOSPITAL 1900 1907 & 1912) 22 Briar Street West This was replaced y a new Hospital in 1967, and later used as a hotel, but burne

90) NURSES SCHOOL AND RESIDENCE 1925 22 Briar Street West (fronting onto King St.) Used in conjunction with St. Eugene Hospital complex as of 2011, still used for residential purposes.

(91) 231 Durick Avenue (7th Ave S) By 1914 This smaller brick home away from the Baker Hill residential area was re-done in 1979 with design improvements to the 1979 Residential Heritage Award

(92) 304 Hanson Ave (8th Ave S) 006 Residential Heritage Award

(93) SOUTHWARD SCHOOL 1912

120 Wattsville Road later the Elks Hall, it was rehabilitate residence by in the

94) 230 Dewar Ave (4th Ave S) 995 Residential Heritage Award

95) The Belanger Home by 1906 56 Van Horne Street South sited on the SW highway on a slight rise, it was later 1987 Commercial Heritage Award

96) 5th Ave S. & Van Horne Street Built in 1940's as a garage, it is one of the few late Art Deco structures to survive along the highway 1998 Commercial Heritage Award

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