

OFF THE HIGHWAY

You will find a very different Cranbrook with an interesting history and surviving heritage buildings and other landmarks in three distinct areas.

I. THE DOWNTOWN CORE

Although there have been many changes in the downtown since the railway arrived, Baker St. with its trees and surviving older buildings add greatly to the overall character of the central core of the city. Churches, stores, hotels, government buildings, parks, and some homes converted to businesses also enrich this area.

* The downtown serves a specific niche market with a unique character relying on personalized service. It is distinct, but complementary to the large service stores and malls along the highway. It also has a rich mixture of cultural activities and services that no other area has. The Downtown Business Association (DBA) is a group working to maintain and improve the vitality of the area, and can 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 founder of the City, who had built his home on the eastern part of a hilled area to the south and east of the downtown. The home and the immediate lands surrounding it now make up "Baker Park". This early residential neighbourhood was surveyed in 1897, and today is the largest and most distinct heritage area in the City, with many styles of early residential architecture and mature landscaping.

* Baker Hill is still a vital area without highways or commercial development in it, and contains a healthy mix of families, singles, middle aged, and some elderly. Some of the larger older buildings were converted many years ago from single residential to multiple units, but many have been restored, others are in process & others are waiting.

* The "Baker Hill Residential Heritage Area Association" can be contacted through the City of Cranbrook or the Museum. This is now a protected heritage area with certain exterior development guidelines that are intended to maintain the flavour and character of a by-gone era for future generations to enjoy.

* **"BAKER HILL HERITAGE "BED & BREAKFASTS"** - A current list of the Baker Hill B&B's can be obtained at the 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 buildings and landscapes of the early Canadian Pacific Railway infrastructure dating from 1898. It also provides a unique context for the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel, which is the premier public attraction in this area.

#1-15 lists heritage structures in this area which are shown on the back of this map. The tours of downtown & the Baker Hill area start below at #16.

THE LISTINGS FROM 16 - 96 ARE TO BE READ IN 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 entrance from the Highway into the downtown near Baker 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)

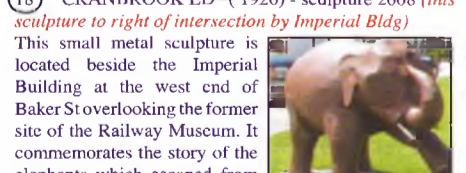
17 IMPERIAL BANK BUILDING 1909

800 Baker Street (this building to right of intersection)



A very good example of commercial Edwardian architecture, with fine brick, sandstone trim, and heavy top cornice. It was reconditioned and restored for commercial use 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 sculpture to right of intersection by Imperial Bldg)



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 commemorates the story of the elephants which escaped from the Sels-Floto Circus in 1926, with some men running down the railway tracks and engineers being advised to be on the lookout. Cranbrook Ed & Myrtle were later found, but did not survive.

19 FINK MERCANTILE BUILDING 1906

909 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)

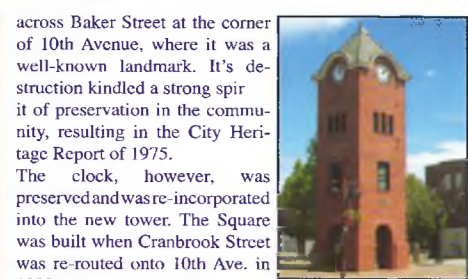
915 Baker Street (to left of 9th Ave intersection)

1986 Commercial Heritage Award

21 THE CLOCK TOWER (1983)

In Clock Tower Square (to left of 9th Ave intersection)

Replicated by the Rotary Club in 1983, this clock tower 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 destruction kindled a strong spirit of preservation in the community, resulting in the City Heritage Report of 1975.

The clock, however, was preserved and was re-incorporated into the new tower. The Square was built when Cranbrook Street was re-routed onto 10th Ave. in 1982.

*Special 1989 Recognition Award replicated heritage.

22 SPIRIT TREE sculpture 2008

In the Clock Tower Square

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

Commercial Heritage Award 1988

41 ROTARY PARK BAND SHELL & SPIRIT SQUARE 2008 - 2 blocks 10th Ave.

23 1998 RAILWAY CENTENNIAL MURAL

2 - Armstrong Ave S (at corner of Baker)

2002 Residential Heritage Award

24 THE NOBLE HOME 1903

33 Armstrong Avenue (9th)

Originally sheathed in wooden clapboard, this home was bricked over in 1924, and today is used for business use.

Comm'l Heritage Award 1991

25 106 Armstrong Avenue (9th Ave S)

1994 Commercial Heritage Award

26 224 Armstrong Avenue (9th Ave S)

2005 Residential Heritage Award

27 234 Armstrong Avenue - (9th Ave S)

2002 Residential Heritage Award

28 327 Armstrong Avenue (9th Ave S)

2010 Residential Heritage Award

NORBURY AVENUE (10th AVE S)

29 THE "WHITE" RESIDENCE Before 1904

913 - 4th Street South

This house stands imposingly at the south end of the 4-block long 10th Avenue (Norbury Avenue). It is placed strategically looking downhill to the downtown area. Notable are the very large Maple trees of unusual size for this dry climate.

1982 Residential Heritage Award

30 THE Dave Kay House

921 - 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)

2004 Residential Heritage Award

ments in the Clock Tower square across Baker St. from the north end of 10th Ave.

42 ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 1927

43 St. Mary's MANSE 41 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S)

Commercial Heritage Award 1982

44 THE FIRE HALL 1929

37 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

A tall bell tower used to stand at the rear of the building, but was removed in the 1960's.

The building served as the City's main Fire Hall until 2011. Commercial Heritage Award 1980

A DESIGNATED HERITAGE BLDG

33 321 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)

Commercial Heritage Award 1979 (Church) Commercial Heritage Award 1990 (Manse)

44 CITY HALL 1911

401 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S)

Still serving as the City Hall, this building was constructed of "Cranbrook Brick". The original spire and balcony were removed years ago. An addition was built in the 1940's and again in the mid-70's, but the original structure survives almost intact. Plans could someday see a "lightweight" version of the tower added for effect. Commercial Heritage Award 1984

Major, foundation, structural and restoration work was done in early 2000's. 2007 Residential Heritage Award

50 214 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

1997 Residential Heritage Award

51 THE WILSON HOME 1906

221 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

Note the symbol in the front porch gable. This home has also had much work done on both the interior and exterior. As of 2011, it is still the home of "Manwoman", a well-known Cranbrook artist. Residential Heritage Award 1989

45 Corner of 10th Ave and Baker St.

Site of FORMER POST OFFICE 1912-1967 (clock tower replicated from this building) See #21

This home is notable for its originality and uniquely-shaped arched veranda, the only such example in Cranbrook. Residential Heritage Award 1978

280 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

Commercial Heritage Award 1984

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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 (formerly the "Masonic Temple") 1909

11 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

A classic Cranbrook landmark downtown, it is remarkable that this building survived demolition in 1973 for parking lot purposes. It is noted for its fine classical porch & huge wooden columns, as well as the spacious interior including

a large dance studio, and an upper floor drama studio seating 90 persons for productions by the Cranbrook Community Theatre - custodians of the building. An harmonious addition was built in the 1990's on the side facing the RCMP station to enclose the exit stairs - duplicating the opposite side of the building. City owned. Commercial Heritage Award 1982

48 THE MURRAY HOME by 1912

225 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

A large home that has had considerable work done to both the interior and exterior. It served as the Royal Canadian Mountain Police Barracks at one point in its history. Residential Heritage Award 2003

A DESIGNATED HERITAGE BLDG

49 THE PREST HOME by 1906

217 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

When built, this home was on the southern limits of the city. It is noted for some detailed decorative trim over the windows and doors and paired columns on the veranda.

GARDEN AVENUE (12th AVE S)

54 THE PATERSON HOME 1912

305 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

Notable is its beautiful yard with tall trees and the long sloping back roof as well as the colonnaded porch. Commercial Heritage Award 1995

55 THE MILES HOME 1914

301 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

Finished just as World War I was beginning, this is the last large residence built in the pre-World War I era.

56 THE HILL HOME 1912

382 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

228 Garden Ave (12th) by 1910

Considerable restoration work was done in 1980 - both inside and outside. Residential Heritage Award 1980

58 227 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

1996 Residential Heritage Award

59 THE CORRY HOME 1901

211 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

60 THE MURPHY HOME 1900

201 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

Of note are the gable decorations, front porch and side bay window. A large addition was put on the front right side of the original building in the 1980's.

61 McBRIDE HOME 1905

133 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

This was the first "large" personal residence built in Cranbrook (exceeded only by the CPR residence just down the block). It has been made into a series of apartment, and in 1982 suffered a serious fire and the exterior was resurfaced. However the general design is still apparent. Commercial Heritage Award 1989

62 126 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

1987 Residential Heritage Award

63 THE McNAB HOME 1908

123 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

Considerable work done to the exterior in 1982-84. Residential Heritage Award 1991

64 120 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

2009 Residential Heritage Award

65 THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY SUPERINTENDENT HOME 1900

117 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

This is one of Cranbrook's finest original residential landmarks and is in fine original shape both inside and outside. Of particular note is the 7-sided 2-story gazebo on one corner. Residential Heritage Award 1977

A DESIGNATED HERITAGE BLDG

66 THE MURPHY HOME 1900

201 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

This is the first "large" home constructed in Cranbrook. It still retains much of its original character, but at faces sideways to the street because the front yard originally extended all the way down the hill to 1st Street South (Louis

Street). It is the only major railway heritage infrastructure located outside the Railway Heritage Zone and is a major symbol of the railway's role in Cranbrook's ascendancy over all other cities in the Kootenay region.

As of 2011, it is still the "Cranbrook Premiere Residence (CPR) House" (B&B) 2006 Commercial Heritage Award

A DESIGNATED HERITAGE BLDG

66 THE FERGIE HOUSE 110 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

This multi-sided building is still known (as 2011) as the Baker Hill Bed & Breakfast. The large addition is recent - the original smaller building exists to the right side. 1998 Residential Heritage Award

67 THE BORGSTROM HOME (1920's)

27 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

1990 Residential Heritage Award

67 THE COLONEL BAKER HOME 1887/88

with "facelifts" in 1898 & 1909

1601 Louis Street (1st St. South beside the City Camp-ground in Baker Park)

68 14 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

2007 Commercial Heritage Award

69 THE UNITED CHURCH 1929

2 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

United Church (continued)

Built at the corner of Baker Street and 12th Avenue South. This building was completed just as the stock market collapsed, and the economic depression began. Commercial Heritage Award 1989

70 Site of the former courthouse 1906-1955

placed in the center of Baker St. at the east end between 12th & 13th Ave's but relocated to a new building at the corner of 11th Ave S and 1st St S

71 21 Burwell Avenue (13th Ave S) 1907

Commercial Heritage Award

The building was enlarged sympathetically from the time it received the 1996 award. 2008 Commercial Heritage Award

72 26 Burwell Avenue (13th Ave S)

2005 Commercial Heritage Award

73 ANGLICAN CHURCH 1898

39 Burwell Avenue (13th Ave S)

Built as Cranbrook's first church after the railways arrival. In 1998, as part of the railway centennial, this building underwent a major restoration project, involving the removal of a large concrete block addition across the front which covered the original

small structure, and the addition of a very modern, but harmonious addition. It is well known for its beautiful wood interior and stained glass windows. 1999 Commercial Heritage Award

74 103 Burwell Avenue (13th Ave S)

1992 Commercial Heritage Award

75 THE BALMONT HOME By 1909

211 Burwell Avenue (13th Ave S)

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

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

A fine example of a small house in "Baker Hill". 1985 Residential Heritage Award

77 224 Burwell Ave (13th Ave)

2001 Residential Heritage Award

78 228 Poole Avenue (15th Ave S)