

now. 1114 Arthur Currie  
Lane

Bldg + Design Bylaw

NO. 84-79

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

1114 Arthur Currie  
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to designate the house at ~~215 Raynor Avenue~~ as a  
Municipal Heritage Site.

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the  
City of Victoria enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as the "HERITAGE  
DESIGNATION BYLAW (No. 189)"
2. The building at 215 Raynor Avenue is  
designated a Municipal Heritage Site pursuant  
to Section 11 of the Heritage Conservation Act,  
R.S.B.C. 1979, c. 165.

Passed and received third reading by the Municipal  
Council the 28th day of June,  
1984.

Statutory notice published the 19th and 20th days of  
September, 1984.

Reconsidered and adopted by the Municipal Council  
the 27th day of September,  
1984.

"C.F.G. CRISP"

"PETER POLLEN"

CITY CLERK

MAYOR



MINISTRY OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION  
 HERITAGE CONSERVATION BRANCH  
 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
 VICTORIA, B.C. V8V 1X4

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**MUNICIPAL HERITAGE SITE REGISTRY**  
**Form A—Designation**

Municipality City of Victoria Clerk Manager's Office (P. Glen)  
 Address #1, Centennial Square, Victoria, B.C. V8W 1P6 Telephone No. 385-5711, Loc. 207

*Site Description*

Name 215 Raynor Street

Legal description Lot 170, Block X, Section 31, Esquimalt District, Plan 549

Owner(s) W. Oudshoorn

Address(es) 1115 Catherine Street, Victoria, B.C. V9A 3V6 OR  
3929 Cedar Hill Road, Victoria, B.C. V8P 3Z8

Heritage significance General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., V.D. resided in  
the house before World War I. General Currie was a school teacher and real  
estate man in Victoria, prior to achieving eminence as a top ranking army officer  
of the First World War. In his final years he was head of McGill University.

Architectural merit The house was built before 1892 in the style of a Victorian  
cottage.

Certified copy of Bylaw #84-79, photograph and map attached.

Please enclose a copy of the by-law, a facade photograph of the site, and a simple site plan indicating the relative positions of buildings and streets or roads.

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*Signature of Clerk*

# BC Register of Historic Places

**1114 Arthur Currie Lane**

**DcRu-416**

Other Names:



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## LOCATION

Street Address:  Community:  Locality:  Province:

District:  Sub-District:  Economic Region:

[Hints](#)

Coordinates:  Datum:  Zone:  Latitude (N):  Longitude (E):

Cadastral Identifier:

## DESCRIPTION

**Description:** 1114 Arthur Currie Lane is a one-and-one-half storey wood-frame cottage located on a sloping residential lot in the Victoria West neighbourhood. The property, which overlooks Selkirk Water and the Selkirk Trestle, is north of Victoria's Inland Harbour and east of the downtown core of the City of Victoria.

**Boundaries:**  **Area:**

**Heritage value:** This building is primarily significant because it was the pre-World War One home of General Sir Arthur William Currie GCMG, KCB, VD. The success of Currie's military career is exemplified by the fact that shortly after joining the military in 1887, he was promoted to the Fifth Regiment in Victoria and at the end of World War One...

**Defining elements:** The character-defining elements of 1114 Arthur Currie Lane include:  
- the view of the house from below on the pedestrian walkway and from across the water  
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### Function

Type:	Era:
Single Dwelling	Primary Historic
Single Dwelling	Primary Current

### Contributing resources

Number:	Type:
1	Building
1	Structure
1	Landscape Feature

**Theme:**  **Ownership:**

### Associated Event/Person/Organization

Association:	Type:
Arthur William Currie	Person

### Associated Dates

Type:	From:	To:
Construction	1892	1892

## FORMAL RECOGNITION

Type:	Enactment:	Date:
Heritage Designation	Council Resolution	27/09/1984

## DOCUMENTATION/ADMINISTRATION

**Web site link:**

**Other Collection:**

**Location of documentation:**

**Owner response:**

**Description of Historic Place**

1114 Arthur Currie Lane is a one-and-one-half storey wood-frame cottage located on a sloping residential lot in the Victoria West neighbourhood. The property, which overlooks Selkirk Water and the Selkirk Trestle, is north of Victoria's Inner Harbour and northwest of the downtown area of the City of Victoria.

**Heritage Value**

This building is primarily significant because it was the pre-World War One home of General Sir Arthur William Currie GCMG, KCB, VD. The success of Currie's military career is exemplified by the fact that shortly after joining the militia in 1897, he was given command of the Fifth Regiment in Victoria, and at the start of World War One, he commanded the Infantry Brigade overseas. After many notable battle successes and promotions, Currie became Canada's first full general in 1915, and by 1917 was in charge of the entire Canadian Corps, independent of the British Army. He is largely credited with the success of the Battle of Vimy Ridge in 1917; King George V knighted him that same year. British Prime Minister David Lloyd George stated in August 1918 that if the war lasted into 1919, he would put Currie in command of the British Army.

Currie, who had first trained as a teacher, was also important in the field of Canadian Education. From 1920 until his death at 58 in 1933, he served as Principal and Vice Chancellor of McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, which under his leadership first attained international renown.

1114 Arthur Currie Lane, built in 1892, is valued as a fine example of a small Queen Anne cottage with Italianate features. Its original fieldstone wall and mature plantings surrounding the house lend to the value. It is a key element in a large heritage cluster, and contiguous to the Catherine Street Heritage Conservation Area. This landmark house is highly visible from below on the pedestrian walkway, and across the Selkirk water.

Sources: City of Victoria Planning & Development Department; Victoria Heritage Foundation

**Character-Defining Elements**

The character-defining elements of 1114 Arthur Currie Lane include:

- the view of the house from below on the pedestrian walkway and from across the water
- hipped roof with asymmetrically-placed gables over octagonal cutaway bay windows on north and east sides
- squared bay window on south side which accommodates second chimney for fireplace and inglenook on the inside
- Italianate features including: a bracketed cornice, triangular pediments in gables over bay windows, small bottom panels underneath, and narrow paired windows.
- Queen Anne features, including front porch with turned supports, spindlework frieze, and diamond-pattern shingling on the front gable; single ornate sandwich brackets with cutwork tracery under eaves
- small dormer on front façade accommodates extra bedrooms
- original fieldstone wall now capped by handsome wrought iron fencing and gate

1114 Arthur Currie Lane Proposed exterior alterations to a heritage designated building (Heritage Designation Bylaw #186). Zoned R-2 Two Family Dwelling).

Mr. Douglas Behiels attended to outline the proposal.

MOVED

SECONDED

That pursuant to Heritage Designation Bylaw #186 the plans date stamped June 9, 1986 be APPROVED.

CARRIED

Mr. Behiels informed the Committee he was not fully aware of the City's review procedures for heritage buildings. Mr. Sikstrom advised the Committee this information is part of the Heritage Information Package available to the public at the Planning Department counter. After some further discussion, members passed the following motion.

MOVED

SECONDED

That the City consider publishing a brochure on the City's heritage programs and procedures.

CARRIED

4. REFERRAL FROM CITY COUNCIL FOR COMMENT TO THE APPLICANT

531 Michigan - Proposed exterior alterations to a Public Building. Zoned: R-2 Two Family Dwelling.

Mr. Rick Townshend and Mr. Al Tamosuinas attended to outline the proposal.

MOVED

SECONDED

That the proposed exterior changes to the old stables building at 527-31 Michigan Street be endorsed and the applicant commended for its sensitive approach to the building's heritage character.

CARRIED

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Downtown Development

Alderman Suzanne Hansen provided members with background on a proposal by Cadillac Fairview and Council's views and concerns regarding any redevelopment. Discussion ensued on what role the Committee might play in the development review process and at



1114 Arthur Currie Lane 10 June 1986  
Alterations  
Approved  
HAC

City Hall  
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City of **VICTORIA** British Columbia

June 12, 1986

TO: Chairman and Members

FROM: Planning Department

RE: 1114 Arthur Currie Lane (215 Raynor). Proposed exterior alterations to a heritage designated house (Heritage Designation Bylaw #186). Zoned R-2 (Two Family Dwelling)  
FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

The proposal is to replace a side porch and repair and add stairs to an existing front porch. It is also proposed to replace a small kitchen window with a larger one which will match the existing windows.

Planning Department Comments

The proposal complies with the R-2 zoning regulations.

The project has received approval from the Victoria Heritage Foundation for funding assistance.

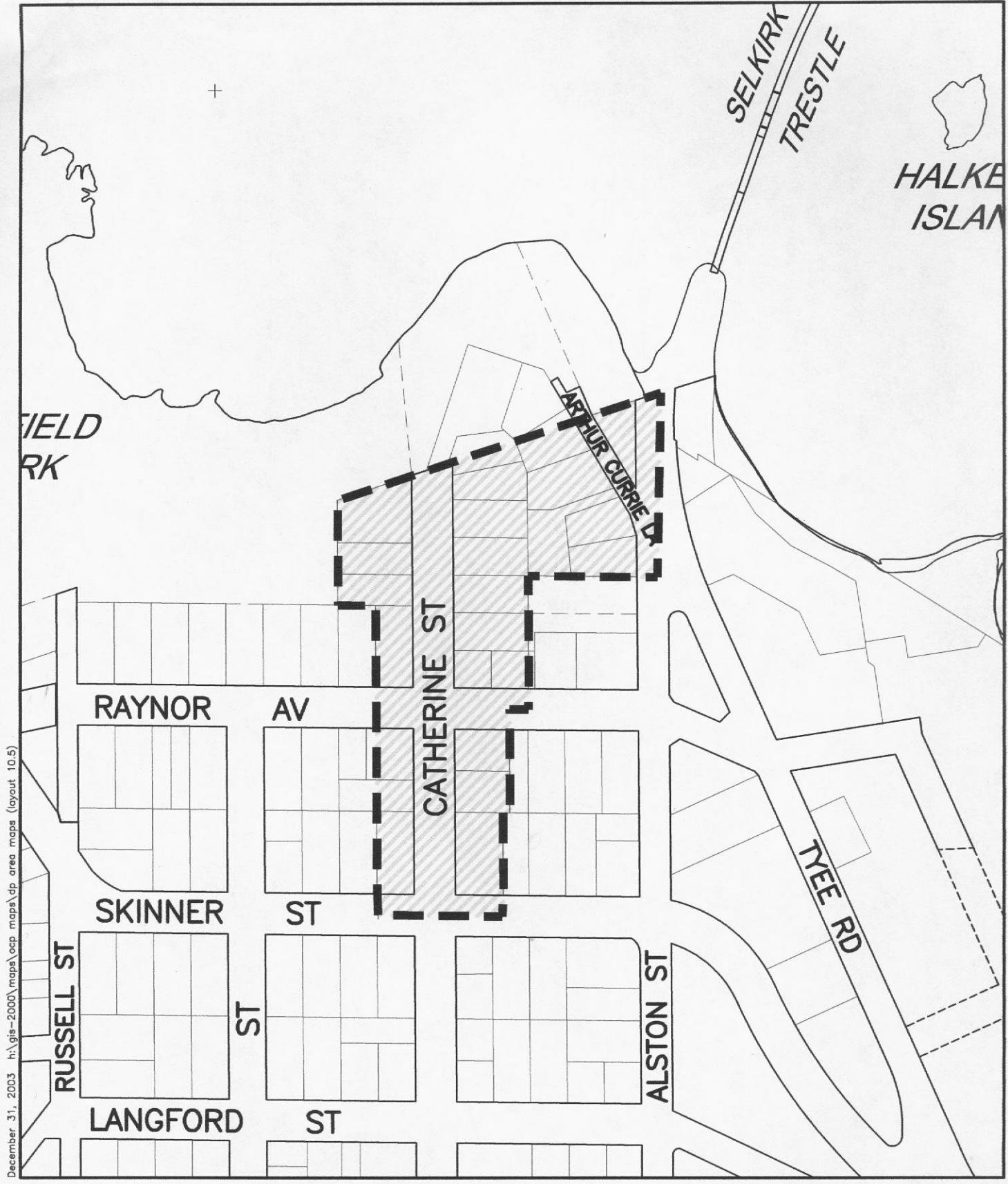
The City's guidelines for alterations to heritage buildings state:

"Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship which characterize the building should be treated with sensitivity." Also, alterations and additions to existing properties are suitable "when such alterations and additions are compatible in size, scale, finish and character with the building and its surroundings."

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## HERITAGE CONSERVATION Area 1, CATHERINE STREET NORTH

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 970.1 (1) of the Local Government Act, the area shown within the heavy dark grey line on Map 10.5 is designated as Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) 1, Catherine Street North, for the purpose of designating this area as a heritage conservation area. This heritage designation is justified by the presence of heritage buildings in this area.
2. The objective which justifies this designation is to conserve and enhance the heritage character of the area, through the:
  - (a) Conservation of heritage buildings; and
  - (b) Design control of alterations to existing buildings and new infill buildings to conserve heritage character.
3. The following guidelines will apply within HCA 1 to achieve the objective set out in section 2:
  - Rehabilitation Principles and Guidelines, British Columbia Heritage Trust (1989);
  - City of Victoria Heritage Program Sign & Awning (1981) Guidelines.
4. Where there is any conflict between any provisions of the guidelines specified in section 3 and the provisions of the Official Community Plan, the provisions of the Official Community Plan will prevail.



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Map 10.5  
Heritage Conservation Area 1  
Catherine Street North

