



2495 Arbutus Road

Goward House

Built 1908

Situated on 6.15 acres of land, the Goward house was built in 1908 by Bernard Goward. Mr. George Philips was the architect who designed the original part of the house. In 1913 a two-room addition, including the bay window, was built onto the west side. As the result of renovations in 1948 the upper storey was finished, and dormers added on the north, east and south sides. The house is a unique version of the British Colonial vernacular bungalow. The form was modified to suit the particular taste of Mrs. Goward. She had lived for a time in Yemen in the Middle East, and consequently disdained direct sunlight. Although the house is oriented towards the south, the spacious veranda on the east and south sides was originally sheltered with a roof having overhanging eaves two and a half feet wide. These were shortened in 1948, in order to brighten the interior.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Goward wished that the parklike property might be used by the people of Saanich. Hence, the house and land were purchased by the Municipality on September 26, 1973. Under Bylaw No. 3530 the previous owners possess a special rental lease, and continue to live there. Currently there are no public plans for the use of the house or for the development of the site.

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 Council - say for use of site for a - Mrs. Goward  
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