



Ross Bay Villa 1490 Fairfield Road

You're invited to a Garden Party! On **Sunday, July 10 from 1 to 4**, open the gate into a charming Victorian garden and step into a unique piece of local history.

At Ross Bay Villa Historic House Museum, the work of volunteers brings an 1865 historic family home back to life. Tour outdoor exhibits and the meticulously restored interior of one of the oldest houses in Victoria. View hand crafted wallpaper and oil cloth flooring. Ring a 150 year old door bell and stroll through heritage ornamental and vegetable gardens.

For the first time since 2019, we are hosting an afternoon garden party. Enjoy a cup of tea and a sweet treat while listening to award winning fiddlers on the lawn. Play Victorian lawn games, take home a souvenir from the giftshop, and meet our friendly heritage breed Bramha chickens.

Entrance to the grounds and house tours are free. \$5 for tea and a sweet treat.

the Ross Bay Villa Historic House Museum. Please note that masks are required while touring the house interior.



The Maritime Museum is now located at 744 Douglas Street in the Victoria Conference Centre and is offering Inner Harbour Walking Tours .

Victoria's strong connection to the water gives it a unique history and culture that defines its past, current, and future identity. Starting at the Maritime Museum of BC, during our one hour walk, you will hear maritime stories, look for memories of the past, and consider what Victoria's history means for us today.

The route for this tour is wheelchair accessible, with the exception of a stop with one step (which can be easily modified). Please let us know in advance if you any accessibility needs so that we can accommodate accordingly.

Tours run **Tuesday-Saturday** from **12:30-1:30pm**.
Contact the Maritime Museum at 250-385-4222

We Built a Museum Once Before.

We built a museum once before; the Royal British Columbia Museum – so how did that go?

years.

2. The proposed sites for the new museum included the top of Beacon Hill Park or the Lieutenant-Governor's Residence.
3. Vancouver insisted it should go there as it was the larger, more important, city.
4. The project was stopped, partially built, due to cost over-runs.
5. They added extra structural steel to the new buildings to increase seismic stability.
6. When it was completed, the Province bragged about how this was a facility designed to last centuries.
7. The basement flooded the first week when the sump pumps failed. They knew they had a water problem from the beginning.
8. There were issues as to the appropriateness of the displays and the protection of artifacts vs the display methods. These were stifled by the Province.

What Did We Get?

1. We got a world-class museum as defined by the world. It took a couple of years to complete the displays but soon the world came to visit the new museum. Up until the past two years, the complex was considered a success.
2. The new building incorporated the finest of British Columbia's materials; Haddington Island Stone, Nelson Island granite on the exterior, finely carved wood doors, Okanogan Sunset granite lining the courtyard, a living display of the plants of British Columbia.
3. Dinosaur footprints along Belleville Street.
4. One of the best, most accessible archives in Canada.
5. A fine example of 60's modern designed by architect J.A. Cochrane

What Could They Do Instead of Demolition?

1. Remove they displays and plan to replace with those more in keeping with Reconciliation.
2. Go below the buildings and install base isolation to reduce the seismic risk.
3. While removing the last of the asbestos, open the interior walls and install structural steel dampers as has been done on buildings in San Francisco and Los Angeles.
4. Continue with the demolition of the Fanin Building and the Archives Building but deconstruct to use a great part of the materials for the construction of an additional museum building dedicated to the cultural history of all of British Columbia.
5. Take a look at our compilation of newspaper articles from the time the museum was built. [LINK](#)





From the Capital Connection Collection a video about B.C. Legislative Buildings.



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