



Times Colonist Photo, July 22, 2022.

As part of the City of Victoria's Reconciliation efforts, the city has changed the name of Trutch Street to Su'it (say EET) Street. As can be expected, there were a number of comments, both positive and negative, respecting this change but, on the whole, the change was welcomed.

This change however leaves the Hallmark Heritage Society in a bit of a quandary. We have extensive files for Trutch Street. Some twenty-one entries for the 500 and 600 blocks.

When researchers and other interested persons enter our website, do they search for Trutch Street or Su'it Street. Should we leave our files only named Trutch Street or should we rename them all Su'it Street or, should we leave Trutch Street and create a new, dual category for Su'it?

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hallmark Heritage Society will be held at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, September 27, 2000 at the Craigflower Schoolhouse 2755 Admirals Road.

There will be a short business meeting to receive the reports of the Board for the year 2021/2022, followed by the election of Officers for 2022/2023.

Following the business meeting a presentation will be made to discuss how Hallmark will develop into the future. The current Board has discussed increasing heritage interpretation in the Old Town area of Victoria, the engagement with history students from local universities, and the use of local print media to reach out to the general public.

We are looking for your suggestions

OPEN TO ALL - PLEASE ATTEND



From our Capital Connections Collection - Victoria's Chinatown



This past weekend we participated in the walk in Commemoration of the Chinese Students School Strike of 1922-23. The event was very well attended by citizens of all cultures and an appreciation of the racism of the time was gained.



See the safe at the Victoria Chinese Museum in Fan Tan Alley.

The safe was, at sometime in the past, at Don Mee's Restaurant. It was donated to the Museum by the Lee family.

Upon examining the interior, you will see copies of a Canadian \$25.00 bill, a rare banknote issued in 1935 to commemorate the Silver Anniversary of King George V.

Check out their website LINK



Provincial Drill Hall at 431 Menzies, VHF Photo.

SHOULD THIS BUILDING BE DESIGNATED?

The Province owns this building and is awaiting a consultant's report regarding it's seismic upgrading or possible demolition.

Constructed in 1894 by the Federal government, it served as a drill hall and was the site of many important celebrations until the Bay Street Armouries were built in 1914. It was then turned over to the Province and has since served the Department of Education, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and others.

The City of Victoria should designate this historic building to help ensure its future preservation. The Province owns Emily Carr House and it is designated. The Province owns Craigflower Schoolhouse in Saanich and it is designated.

So the City can designate Provincially-owned buildings. Why not the Drill Hall?

It may not stop the Province from demolishing the building but would certainly make a statement that the City of Victoria really cares about heritage preservation. LINK



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