

Current state of Bank Street School

The old school has suffered from years of neglect by the school board, who, as landlord to the recently vacated art college, did very little to maintain the building over the last 50 years.

If there were higher costs to upgrading and seismically stabilizing the existing Bank Street School versus demolition and building a new school, what would you think?

We need your feedback—please do the online survey by Oct 25!



If you are unable to do the survey on the future of the Bank Street School online, we can drop off a paper copy at your home. Please call **250-595-7797**

If you would like to be involved in some way with determining the future of the Bank Street School and the Sundance School sites, please email:

bankschool@southjubilee.ca

What do YOU think?

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Please go to **www.southjubilee.ca**

Where you will find a link to a short, online **questionnaire** about this important topic.

Deadline 25 October!



Did You Know?

Victoria School Board 61 has plans to **demolish Bank Street School** as part of a redevelopment of the site. Enhanced educational opportunities are welcome but there are concerns among some residents about the need to demolish the historic building.

We need your help!

The South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association has formed a committee mandated to find out whether there is community support for retaining the historic building and bringing it up to modern standards with the potential for a contemporary addition.

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What makes Bank Street School special?

The school, built in 1912, is on the City of Victoria Heritage Registry and is the only non-residential heritage building in our neighbourhood. It is a landmark in the neighbourhood.

Bank Street School was designed by architect D.C. Frame, who also designed the Chinese Public School on Fisgard, which also still stands.

Why demolish this school?

School District #61 has not demolished an existing heritage school building since 1995. Since that time they have systematically upgraded existing school buildings including the Heritage registered Burnside Elementary School (1912-1913), Oaklands School (1912 to 1914) and Victoria High School (1914). Oaklands and Victoria High were enhanced by contemporary additions



Did You Also Know?

Recent research shows that it takes 35 to 50 years for an energy efficient new building to save the amount of energy lost in demolishing an old building. (National Trust for Heritage preservation "sustainability by numbers")

A significant amount of the capacity of Canadian landfills is taken up by waste generated by demolition and construction.

SD61 Redevelopment plans for this site—what we know

We have had an initial meeting with SD61 officials and have been told that they plan to reopen Sundance School for Sept 2021 as a regular elementary school, but they also need more space. In the redevelopment of Bank St School, whether it is the existing building restored, or a new replacement school, there is the likelihood of incorporating a daycare centre, and a neighbourhood learning centre, which we are very much in need of for meeting space and possible adult learning centre.

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Quotes:

"What are the most Historic Buildings built from? Brick, plaster, concrete, and timber, among the least energy consumptive of materials."

"What are major components of new buildings? Plastic, steel, vinyl, and aluminum among of the most consumptive of materials."

"You are a fool or a fraud if you claim to be an environmentalist, and you throw away historic buildings and their components."

-Donovan D. Rypkema (President of Heritage Strategic International)



"In the end, our society will be defined not only by what we create, but by what we refuse to destroy."

-John Sawhill (1936 -2000)
President and CEO of Nature Conservancy, 12th President of New York University

Whether you want to save this building, or prefer a new school to be built to replace it, please take 5 minutes to do our very important survey on the future of the Bank Street School

