



FERNIE HERITAGE STRATEGY

Building on the Past, Informing Fernie's Future

PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Welcome from
Task Force representative

Fernie Heritage Strategy



FERNIE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KTUNAXA BEGINS HERE

Fernie OCP - Heritage Conservation and Restoration

1-B.9 - *“Build relationships with the Ktunaxa Nation...to identify and recognize important First Nations heritage sites or locations...”*



FERNIE'S HERITAGE STARTS WITH THE KTUNAXA



GROUNDING IN THE COMMUNITY – INFORMS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

An over-arching vision and guide to the conservation and revitalization of the community - the Fernie Heritage Strategy is grounded in community input, direction from the task force, Mayor & Council representation, Planning, Fernie's OCP and other municipal strategies and master plans.



REPRESENTATIVE AND PRODUCTIVE TASK FORCE

This project was guided by a robust and diverse task force of Fernie residents, community leaders, representation of Mayor and Council, the planning department and of course the Ktunaxa.



CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH PLANNING

As active members of the task force, present at every meeting, planning department staff, including the building officials, reviewed and informed the development of the Strategy in detail at every step of the way.



THIS IS FERNIE – KEEP IT REAL

3.4 Strategy: Action Priority and Implementation

Strategies	Priority	Summary	Estimated cost or hours
Goal 1 - Fostering a culture of heritage appreciation			
Action 3.1.1 Heritage awareness for staff, council and advisory bodies	High	Ensure that City staff and Council are aware of heritage initiatives and have continual opportunities to further their education and training on the topic.	One time set up meeting and incorporation into work schedule - 5 hours (with Museum staff) 10 hours/year Museum staff to organize lectures and tours Incorporate into standing training and education budgets Add heritage conference to eligible conference rotation
Action 3.1.2a Heritage information at your finger tips	Moderate	Highlight and expand heritage content on City website to provide central web resource	10 hours city staff for website updates
Action 3.1.2b Research resources at your finger tips	Moderate	Provide easy access (online and in-person) to historic research resources in Fernie.	80 hours Museum staff
Action 3.1.2c Crowsnest Pass Coal Co. Archives	Very High	Currently stored in City Hall basement, this incredibly valuable archives is at immense risk for being kept in inappropriate conditions. This collection is of utmost value as a community heritage asset.	Relocation and temporary preservation - 160 hours City and Museum staff as part of the overall records management plan Processing, storage and digitization - could be funded through grants.
Action 3.1.2d Places That Matter to Fernie	High	Maintain this community tool as an informal archive, database and map for community heritage resources. https://batchgeo.com/map/FIS .	8 hours/month Museum staff City staff (IT) one time set up to link to Museum and City website

3.1.2h Fernie Heritage Awards:

Creating a civic award program brings a greater focus and awareness to the broad range of projects and programs under the heritage umbrella and over time will promote and encourage local restoration and rehabilitation projects along with other aspects of the town's heritage.

How to: The Design & Heritage Review Panel and the Heritage Register Advisory Commission (HRAC) could partner with Heritage Fernie to run the Heritage Awards. Ensure that Mayor and Council endorse and participate in the award ceremony. The award ceremony could coincide with provincial heritage week or another heritage event such as Chautauqua. It should have a strong educational aspect to it, taking the time to tell the story of each project, ideally accompanied by an illustrated presentation. Certificates, publicity and ceremony are important to acknowledge the value of heritage efforts in the community. The awards should not only celebrate built heritage projects but also efforts, advocacy, volunteerism, publications, projects etc.

Project Lead: Heritage Fernie

Funding and Partners: Heritage Fernie had already proposed a cash award for special accomplishments, projects, and efforts that further the goal of heritage conservation. However, rather than provide cash prizes for heritage projects, these funds could be allocated towards any administration or organization of the event itself. The heritage awards should and can be a low or no cost local event, investing rather in the formality of the awards by maintaining a consistent and serious nomination and assessment process and a meaningful, public ceremony.

3.3.1 Facilitating Retention Policy

In line with all of Fernie's recent Plans, Strategies and its OCP, a policy to stock as a statement both of heritage value and environmental stewardship, will be a heritage conservation and sustainable practices and will set the expectation for an approach reducing in the most high impact area of construction. This policy enshrines and facilitates Alternative BC Building Code for buildings and sites listed on the heritage register, with the objective of streamlining a understood and straight forward process that would encourage the retention, rehabilitation and adaptation of heritage buildings and the reduction of construction waste in Fernie.

How to:

Discuss and draft a built environment sustainability policy for the next OCP update which focuses on the retention and conservation of Fernie's existing building stock, acknowledging that construction waste and energy from demolitions is likely the highest negative impact a municipality can have on its carbon footprint. "...it takes 10 to 80 years for a new building that is 30 percent more efficient than an average-performing existing building to overcome, through efficient operations, the negative climate change impacts related to the construction process." - The Greenest Building report (see above).

Case Studies:

City of Vancouver Green Demolition bylaw <https://council.vancouver.ca/20180516/documents/pspc2c.pdf>

Guidance and Support:

The Greenest Building: Quantifying the Environmental Value of Building Reuse a report by the Preservation Green Lab of the National Trust for Historic Preservation <https://forum.savingplaces.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=5119e24d-ae4c-3402-7c8e-38a11a4fca12&forceDialog=0>

FERNIE HERITAGE STRATEGY – WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Part 1: Fernie's Historical Context - a succinct contextual understanding of Fernie's history and heritage initiatives to date

Part 2: Fernie's Heritage Resources - an expert and citizens' review of what is significant and valued about Fernie and its history

Part 3: Sustaining a Sense of Place - a synthesis of the above information into concise policies and actions organized in three goals:

- **APPRECIATION:** Fostering an appreciation of what makes Fernie unique
- **PLANNING:** Informing planning on all levels
- **RESILIENCE:** Contributing to Fernie's economic resilience, growth and regeneration

FERNIE HERITAGE STRATEGY – THE TOP CONSIDERATIONS

Action 3.2.3

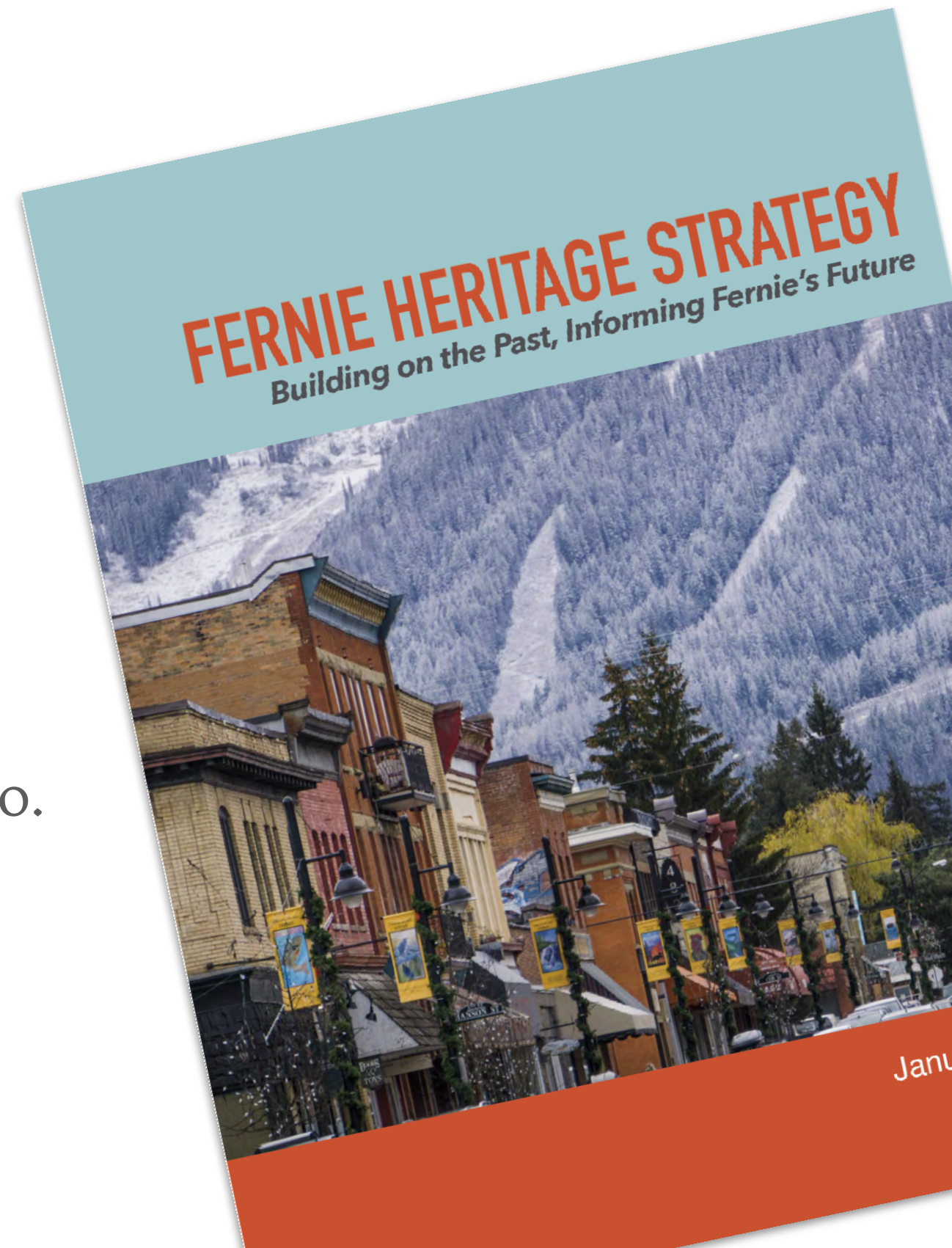
Establish a Community Heritage Register

Action 3.2.2

Adjust the Design Review Panel mandate to include heritage review

Action 3.1.2c

Relocate the Crowsnest Pass Coal Co. Archives out of City Hall Basement



FERNIE HERITAGE STRATEGY – ALREADY HAPPENING

Action 3.1.2d These Places Matter

Action 3.1.2e Fostering neighbourhood identity

Action 3.2.5 Fernie Character Areas

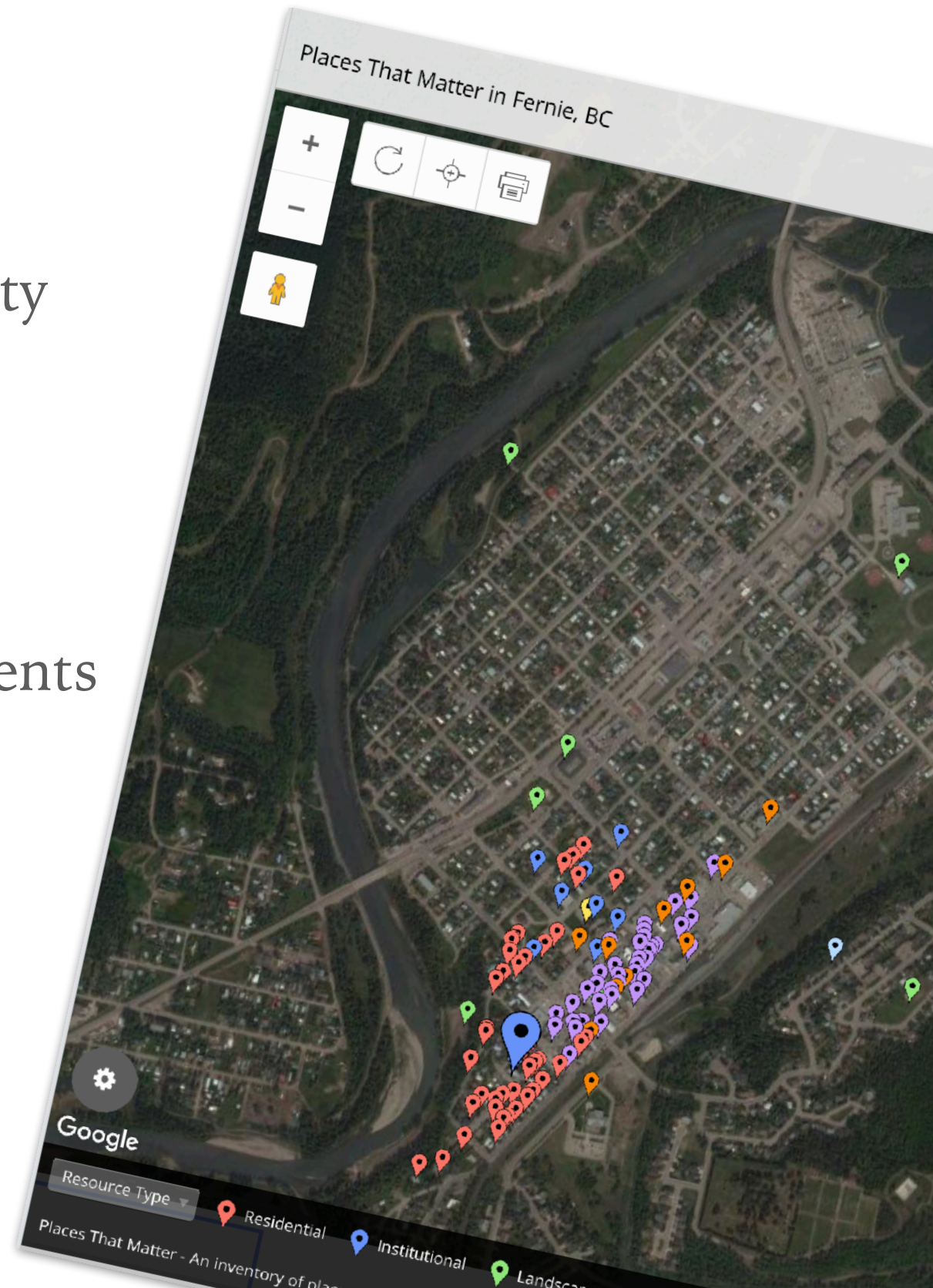
Action 3.3.2 Policy and Zoning Review

Action 3.3.3a Heritage Revitalization Agreements

Action 3.1.2h Fernie Heritage Awards

Action 3.2.4 Heritage Advisory Committee

Fernie Heritage Strategy



FERNIE HERITAGE STRATEGY – ALREADY HAPPENING

A poster for the Fernie Heritage Strategy Public Open House. The background is a photograph of a historic street in Fernie at night, with brick buildings and streetlights. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top center is the Fernie Heritage logo. Below it, the text reads: 'YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FERNIE HERITAGE STRATEGY PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE TO KICK OFF BC HERITAGE WEEK IN FERNIE'. At the bottom, there is a green banner with white text providing details about refreshments, the presentation, and the date and location.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE


FERNIE HERITAGE STRATEGY

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

TO KICK OFF BC HERITAGE WEEK IN FERNIE

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.
PRESENTATION BY THE PROJECT CONSULTANT
& TASK FORCE BEGINS AT 2:00 PM.

FEBRUARY 17 | 1:30 TO 3:30 PM
FERNIE MUSEUM | 419 2ND AVENUE

**FERNIE HERITAGE AWARDS
NOMINATION FORM**

SUBMITTED BY			
Name of nominator			
Organization (if applicable)			
Mailing Address			
City, Province		Postal Code	
Phone	()	Email	
NOMINATED PROJECT			
Project Name			
Name of Owner or Organization			
Project Address			
City, Province		Postal Code	
Phone		Email	
NOMINATED PROJECT CONSULTANT TEAM ARCHITECTS, DESIGNERS, HERITAGE CONSULTANTS, and CONTRACTORS AS APPLICABLE			
Lead Consultant Name			
Company			
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Architect Name			
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AWARD CATEGORIES			