

Heritage Demolition Fact Sheet

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Heritage Preservation and Environmental Benefits

Purpose

This fact sheet is to inform staff, developers, builders, subcontractors, designers and home owners of the substantial environmental benefits to salvaging and re-using materials in buildings with heritage significance.

A building permit is required prior to any remedial work or any demolition.

The Community Heritage Commission reviews all demolition permits associated with buildings with heritage significance.

Background

The salvaging of commercial and building materials with heritage significance and recycling of demolition waste otherwise destined for landfills would be environmentally beneficial and would help to decrease greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The heritage material could be reused in other buildings, open space or in educational and cultural displays.

Benefits

Repairing a building rather than tearing it down: saves natural resources, including the raw materials, energy, and water resources required to build new; prevents pollution that might take place as a byproduct of extraction, manufacturing, and transportation of virgin materials; and avoids creating solid waste that could end up in landfills;

Reusing salvaged building materials provides ways of saving money;

Selling salvaged building materials creates ways of making money; and

Using salvaged materials preserves valuable heritage in Kelowna.

Seek information

Search for local companies/non-profit organizations/programs that help people salvage and reuse materials related to heritage.

Definitions

Heritage Building Materials: Any man-made structure, fixture, artifact or element which in its own right has historical and/or architectural significance to the heritage of Kelowna and contributes to the city's unique sense of time and place.

Salvage: To save from loss or destruction for future use.

Creative ideas

- ▶ Doors → Bedroom headboards
- ▶ Door hardware → Furniture hardware
- ▶ Iron Fences → Fireplace screen
- ▶ Windows → Decorative mirrors
- ▶ Wood beams → Display shelves
- ▶ Wood planks → Tables

For more information regarding Heritage properties please visit kelowna.ca/landuse or call the Policy & Planning at 250-469-8647.

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