



CDCI Research is Canada's largest historical research management and litigation support company. Founded in 1998, we are a privately owned Canadian company with secure storage facilities in both Vancouver and Ottawa. From archival research projects to complex litigation cases, we provide a full spectrum of innovative, efficient and value-added research and records management services to public and private sector clients across Canada.

Heritage Services

The protection, conservation and interpretation of our heritage resources are important to ensure the continued contribution of these resources to our collective identities. Whether a building, landscape or object, heritage resources provide tangible links to the past, serving as evidence of past human activities that exemplify design and innovation, ingenuity, creativity and artistic abilities. Representative of certain values and historic periods, heritage resources help to transmit the lessons and knowledge of the past and contribute to the unique character of our communities.

Today, many of Canada's heritage resources are identified, protected and managed through a variety of legislative and planning mechanisms and frameworks. Canada's heritage system is comprised of professionals, technicians and amateurs; government departments and agencies; and non-profit, advisory and professional organizations. As a private consulting firm with extensive public sector experience, CDCI Research is uniquely positioned to draw upon the strength of expertise in the delivery of services related to the effective management of heritage resources.

Services Offered

- Research and evaluation services in support of designation
- Development of heritage resource inventories
- Evaluation and assessment of heritage resources
- Preparation of Statements of Significance and Heritage Character Statements
- Preparation of Cultural Heritage Impact Statements



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Regulatory Responsibility

Across Canada, legislation exists in several jurisdictions to provide for the protection of heritage resources. The Canadian federal government is mandated to protect and manage all of the World Heritage Sites and the National Historic Sites and Parks which fall under its ownership. Under the Treasury Board Policy on Management of Real Property, the Federal Heritage Building Review Office acts to manage federal government real property of heritage value. Similar legislation exists in many jurisdictions for the management of provincial and territorial real property.

Under provincial and territorial legislation, many local governments are required to prepare and maintain registers or inventories of heritage resources within their jurisdiction. The duty to conserve also includes responsibilities related to the identification, designation, management and interpretation of these resources. These responsibilities to heritage resources impact municipal planning and development and local cultural plans.

Benefits

The responsible and efficient conservation of our heritage resources has many social and economic benefits:

- Sustainability
- Economic revitalization
- Tourism
- Urban intensification
- More vibrant communities

Tools and mechanisms such as inventories and statements of significance act to protect and maintain existing heritage values, while also guiding and managing change to heritage resources and areas. The process of identifying and assessing the heritage value of a resource can uncover new information about resources and their environments, which contributes to an enhanced understanding of our history and creates opportunities for the public to discover and engage with the past in meaningful ways.

It is important to ensure that conservation activities are undertaken according to accepted standards and practices of the field, and are accountable and sensitive to both heritage resources and local communities. Drawing on expertise and experience in the fields of heritage conservation, information management and public history, CDCI Research can work with clients to ensure that overall goals of protection, conservation, management and interpretation are met in an efficient, responsible manner.

CDCI's mission is to deliver the highest quality research management services in the country. While the tools we use to access history have changed, the fundamentals of research methodology remain the same. We provide our clients with the best research professionals in the industry, combined with the capacity, technology and corporate experience to meet any and all of their research needs. On paper or online, we will continue to set the standard for professional research management.

Did You Know...

Canadians have significantly contributed to the development of several international charters, management frameworks and approaches to conversation. Documents like the Appleton Charter and the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada reflect a uniquely Canadian approach to heritage conservation and are acknowledged as sets of best practices that can be used to guide interventions.



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