

Welcome to Steveston

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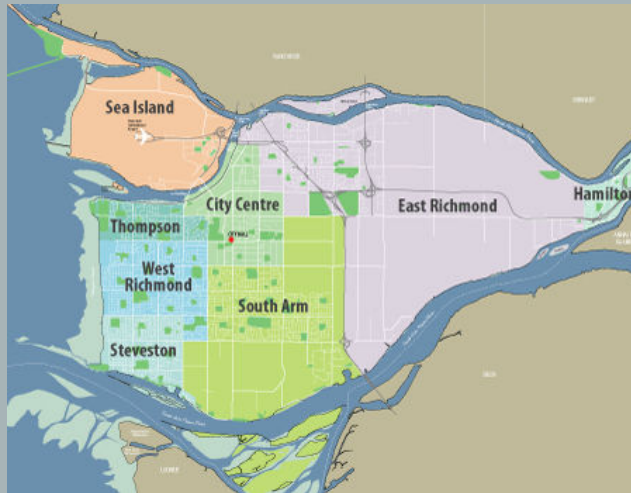


City of Richmond

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British Columbia, Canada



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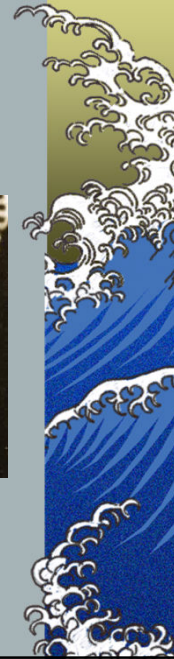


Map of Steveston



Manzo Nagano

- ▲ *Manzo Nagano (1855 - 1923) was the first Japanese person to officially immigrate to Canada, in 1877.*
- ▲ *The Canadian Mount Manzo Nagano, near Owikeno Lake, BC was named in his honour.*



Tomekichi Homma

- ▲ *Tomekichi Homma (1865-1945) came to Canada in 1883*
- ▲ *Formed the Fisherman's Association, Gyosha Dantai, helped create the first Japanese Language school, and started the first Japanese daily newspaper; the "Canada Shimpo"*
- ▲ *In 1899 - 1901 he fought for the Japanese right to vote in Canada, but lost. In 1949, his son, Seiji, was witness to the BC Legislature giving Japanese Canadians the right to vote, four years after he died.*



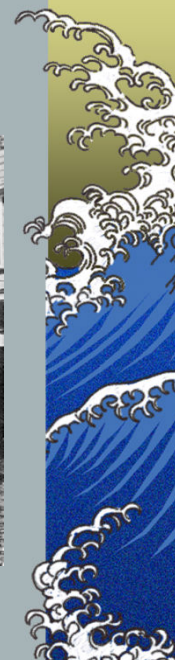
Tomekichi Homma Elementary School



Steveston: The Early Days



circa 1908



Steveston: The Early Days



circa 1906



Scotch Pond



Garry Point Park



Garry Point Park



Fisherman's Needle

- ▲ *Erected in 1990 to commemorate those in the fishing industry who lost their lives at sea*
- ▲ *Located in Garry Point Park*



Fisherman's Needle



Gihei Kuno

- ▲ *Gihei Kuno (1854-1917) visits Canada in 1888 and returns to Wakayama-ken to recruit fellow villagers to settle in the village of Steveston.*
- ▲ *Steveston becomes the second largest Japanese Canadian settlement in Canada before WW II.*



Kuno Gihei Gardens

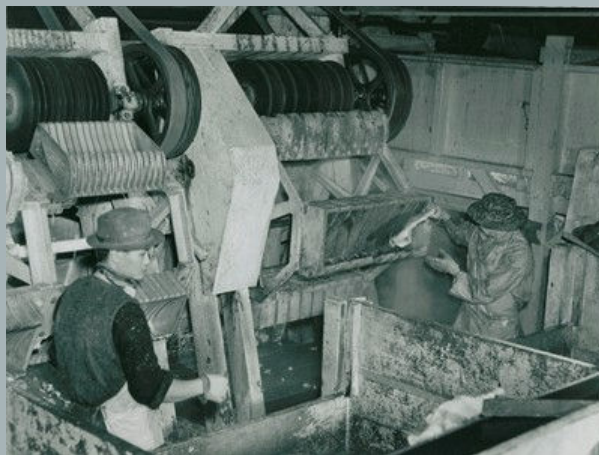


Gulf of Georgia Cannery

- ▲ *Built in 1894*
- ▲ *Was the largest cannery of its kind in British Columbia*



Gulf of Georgia Cannery



Gulf of Georgia Cannery



▶ *Throughout its long history, the Gulf of Georgia Cannery was a salmon cannery, a netloft, a fresh fish depot, and a herring canning and reduction plant.*

BC Packers

Imperial Cannery, Steveston, 1966



Nelson Bros.



Fishing Vessels in Steveston



Steveston is home to the largest commercial fishing fleet in Canada.

Fishing Vessels in Steveston



Gillnetter



Fishing Vessels in Steveston



Troller



Fishing in Steveston



Fishing in Steveston



King Salmon



Fishing in Steveston



Humpback (Pink)



Fishing in Steveston



Coho



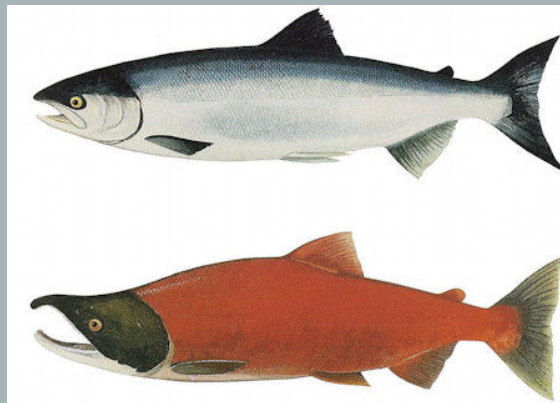
Fishing in Steveston



Chum (dog salmon)



Fishing in Steveston



Sockeye



Fishing in Steveston



Tuna



Fishing in Steveston



Shrimp



Steveston Boardwalk



Fisherman's Wharf



Japanese Fishermen's Benevolent Building

- ▲ *Built by the Japanese Fishermen's Benevolent Association in 1900*
- ▲ *the first hospital in Richmond and the primary health care provider for Steveston.*



Japanese Fishermen's Benevolent Building

- ▲ *In January 2010, the structure was moved into the park behind Steveston Museum*
- ▲ *Will be restored over the next two years to exhibit the history of the Japanese-Canadian community in Steveston.*



Britannia Heritage Shipyard National Historic Site



Murakami House

▲ *1885 – the house was built on piles over the marsh. The Murakami family - ten children, mom and dad, lived in the residence from the early 1929 to 1942.*

▲ *1998 – Murakami House and Boat works is refurbished and restored at the Britannia Heritage Shipyard National Historic Site*



Asayo Murakami

Asayo Murakami (1898-2002) was the subject of the documentary film “Obaachan’s Garden”, which tells her story of coming to Canada in 1924 as a “picture bride”.



ca. 1923 just prior to leaving Japan



In 2001, at the age 103, Mrs. Murakami visited her beloved garden in Steveston.



Lord Byng School



London Heritage Farm

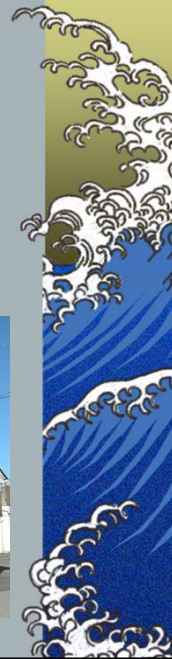


▲ *The 1898 London farm house has been fully restored and furnished to illustrate rural life in Richmond between 1890 and 1920.*



Steveston Post Office and Museum

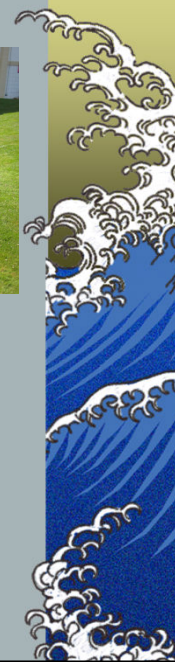
- ▲ *Opened May 1, 1890*
- ▲ *2nd oldest post office in Canada*



Steveston Buddhist Temple



Steveston Buddhist Temple



Steveston Community Centre



Steveston Community Centre was built in 1957.

Photo circa 1970

Steveston Community Centre



2010

Steveston Martial Arts Centre

▲ *1971 – The Japanese Martial Arts Centre opened in Steveston*



Steveston Martial Arts Centre



Steveston Martial Arts Centre



Steveston Martial Arts Centre



Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre

Constructed in 1991 and
officially opened in 1992



Public Art in Steveston



- ▲ *Fishermen's statue - Junichiro Iwase (2002)*
- ▲ *Dedicated to the pioneering Japanese fishermen and the generations that followed for their contributions to the fishing industry*
- ▲ *Erected on the 125th anniversary of the arrival of the first Japanese to Canada*



Public Art in Steveston

▲ *Steveston Legacy* – by Norm Williams

- ▲ *proposed by the Steveston High School Alumni Association*
- ▲ *funded by the Governments of Canada, British Columbia, and City of Richmond, the Steveston Community Society and Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society, and donations from many citizens from the community*



Special Events in Steveston

▲ *Steveston Salmon Festival*

- ▲ *attracts an average of 70,000 visitors to Steveston every Canada Day (July 1)*



Special Events in Steveston

▲ *Steveston Salmon Festival*

▲ *Volunteers barbecue 1200 pounds (over 2100 servings) of fresh salmon each year at the festival.*



Special Events in Steveston

▲ *Steveston Salmon Festival*

▲ *Cultural exhibits include bonsai*



Special Events in Steveston

- ▲ *Steveston Salmon Festival*
- ▲ ...and Japanese doll making exhibits



Special Events in Steveston

- ▲ *Steveston Salmon Festival*
- ▲ ...and a traditional tea ceremony.



Special Events in Steveston

▲ *Steveston Salmon Festival*



Special Events in Steveston

▲ *Steveston Farmers and Artisans Market*



Special Events in Steveston

▲ *Ships to Shore
Steveston*

▲ *June 2011*



Sister City - Wakayama

▲ *The Mayors of Wakayama and Richmond
sign the sister-city agreement, 1973*



Emperor Akihito

His Imperial Highness, then Crown Prince Akihito, visits Canada in 1952



Emperor Akihito

Their Imperial Highnesses visit Richmond July, 2009



Images of Richmond



The new Richmond City Hall building opened in May, 2000



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Dyke Trails



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Garry Point



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Richmond Olympic Oval



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The Richmond Olympic Oval was very good for Japan's long track speed skating team in 2010!



Arigato!

