



## British Columbia's Museums Sector

### Quick facts

- The BC Museums Association has over 400 members located in regions across B.C.
- Total revenues for B.C.'s museums sector are estimated at over \$213 million annually.
- An estimated 4,000 people are employed by B.C.'s museums sector.
- Over 21,000 volunteers provide over 1 million hours of volunteer work each year.
- B.C. museums attracted over 8.6 million visitors in 2013, with an additional 21 million online visits to museums' digital collections and programming.
- 20,348 school groups visited B.C. museums in 2013.
- The collections of B.C. museums include over 4 million artifacts and objects, 663,896 linear meters of textual records, close to 12 million graphic materials, over 53,000 natural history/scientific specimens, 36,307 hours of film, video and sound recordings and 2,093 permanent exhibitions.

*Source: Government of Canada Survey of Heritage Institutions: 2015*

### The benefit of museums in B.C.

- Museums and related institutions are vital to B.C.'s creative economy, contributing to jobs, tourism and economic activity in urban and rural communities across the province.
- Museums, art galleries, historic sites, cultural centres and other memory institutions are keepers of legacy, places of learning, and drivers for the economic and social well-being of our communities. They connect people to collections, to information, to ideas and to each other.
- B.C. museums are contributing to repatriation and reconciliation by working with Aboriginal communities to recognize the unique histories and experiences of Indigenous peoples and by participating in the respectful return of ancestral remains and cultural belongings.

### What is a museum?

The BC Museums Association defines museums and related institutions in British Columbia to include art galleries; natural, archeological and ethnographic monuments and sites and historical monuments and sites of a museum nature that acquire, conserve and communicate material evidence of people and their environment; institutions holding collections of and displaying live specimens of plants and animals, such as botanical and zoological gardens, aquaria and vivaria; science centres and planetaria; conservation institutes and exhibition galleries permanently maintained by libraries and archive centres; nature reserves; and such other institutions as the BC Museums Association Council considers as having some or all of the characteristics of a museum or as supporting museums and professional museum workers through museological research, education or training, such as heritage organizations.

## BC Museums Association Members

The BC Museums Association represents over 400 members located in communities across British Columbia, including the institutions and organizations listed below.

100 Mile House & District Historical Society  
15th Field Artillery Regiment Museum and Archives  
3DS / Three Dimensional Services  
Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society  
Alberni Valley Museum  
Alberta Museums Association  
Alder Grove Heritage Society  
AldrichPears Associates  
André & Associates Interpretation & Design Ltd.  
Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior  
Armstrong Spallumcheen Museum & Arts Society  
Arrow Lakes Historical Society Archives  
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria  
Ashcroft Museum  
Association Heritage New Brunswick  
Association of Nova Scotia Museums  
Atchelitz Threshermen's Association  
Balfour & District Business & Historic Association  
Bank of Canada Museum  
Barkerville Historic Town and Park  
BC Farm Museum  
BC Hydro Visitor Centres  
BC Regiment (DCO) Museum  
BC Society for the Museum of Original Costume  
BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum  
Beaty Biodiversity Museum  
Bella Coola Valley Museum Society  
Bill Godden Finger Labyrinth Museum  
Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art  
Boundary Museum & Interpretive Centre  
Bowen Heritage  
Bowen Island Museum & Archives  
Bralorne Pioneer Museum Society  
Britannia Mine Museum  
British Columbia Aviation Museum  
Bulkley Valley Historical Society & Museum  
Burnaby Art Gallery  
Burnaby Village Museum  
Burns Lake Native Development Corporation  
Caetani Cultural Centre  
Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame  
Canadian Heritage Information Network  
Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame  
Canadian Museum of Flight  
Canadian Museum of History  
Carr McLean  
Central BC Railway & Forest Ind. Museum Society  
CFB Chilliwack Historical Society  
CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum  
Chase & District Museum & Archives Society  
Chemainus Valley Museum  
Cherryville & Area Historical Society  
Chilliwack Museum & Archives  
City of Delta  
City of Maple Ridge  
Clinton Museum  
Commonwealth Association of Museum  
Comox Air Force Museum  
Comox Archives & Museum Society  
Comox Valley Art Gallery  
Coquitlam Heritage  
Cornerstone Planning Group  
Corporation of the Village of McBride  
Cortes Island Museum & Archives Society  
Costume Museum at Government House  
Cowichan Valley Museum  
Craigdarroch Castle  
Cranbrook History Centre  
Creston & District Museum and Archives  
Cumberland Museum and Archives

Dawson Creek Art Gallery (South Peace Art Society)  
 Denman Seniors & Museum Society  
 Dickens British Museum  
 District of Sechelt  
 Donald Luxton & Associates Inc.  
 Doukhobor Discovery Centre  
 Egmont Heritage Centre (Skookumchuk Heritage Society)  
 Enderby & District Museum Society  
 Esquimalt Municipal Archives  
 Fernie & District Historical Society (Fernie Museum)  
 Fort Langley National Historic Site of Canada  
 Fort Nelson Historical Society  
 Fort St. John - North Peace Museum  
 Fraser River Discovery Centre  
 Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society  
 Friends of Fintry Provincial Park Society  
 Friends of Walhachin Society  
 Friesens Corporation  
 Gabriola Historical & Museum Society  
 Galiano Museum Society  
 Gallery 2 - Grand Forks Art Gallery  
 Golden & District Historical Society  
 Granisle Info Centre & Museum  
 Granite Creek Preservation Society  
 Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association  
 Greater Vernon Museum & Archives  
 Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame  
 Greenwood Heritage Society  
 Grunt Gallery  
 Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site  
 Haida Gwaii Museum  
 Hedley Museum  
 Heritage Abbotsford Society  
 Heritage BC  
 Heritage Branch  
 Heritage Park Museum  
 Hi-Cube Storage Products  
 Highlands Community Museum  
 Hli Goolth Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a - Nisga'a Museum  
 Hope & District Arts Council  
 Hope Visitor Centre and Museum Complex  
 Hornby Island Natural History Centre  
 Huble Homestead/Giscome Portage Heritage Society  
 Ilo-Ilo Theatre Society  
 Ingenium - Canada's Museums of Science and Innovation  
 Italian Cultural Centre Museum - Il Museo  
 Jewish Museum and Archives of BC  
 Kaatza Historical Society  
 Kamloops Art Gallery  
 Kamloops Chinese Cultural Association  
 Kamloops Museum & Archives  
 Kelowna Museums Society  
 Kilby Historic Site  
 Kimberley District Heritage Society  
 Kitimat Museum & Archives  
 Klahoose First Nation  
 Know History Inc.  
 Lac la Hache Historical Society  
 Ladysmith & District Historical Society  
 Lake Country Museum and Archives  
 Lakes District Museum Society  
 Langham Cultural Society  
 Langley Centennial Museum  
 Lardeau Valley Museum  
 Larcidea  
 Lytton Museum and Archives  
 Macdonald & Lawrence Timber Framing Ltd.  
 Mackenzie and District Museum Society  
 Mackie Lake House Foundation  
 Maple Ridge Historical Society  
 Maritime Heritage Gallery and Discovery Centre  
 Marshall College (BCMA Test Account)  
 Mayne Island Agricultural Society  
 Mennonite Heritage Museum  
 Metzger Collection  
 Michel-Natal-Sparwood Heritage Society  
 Mission District Historical Society  
 Miyazaki House  
 Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery  
 Moyie Community Association

Museum at Campbell River  
Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology at SFU  
Museum of Surrey  
Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin  
Museum of Vancouver  
Museums Association of Saskatchewan  
Nakusp & District Museum Society  
Nakusp Rail Society  
Nanaimo Art Gallery  
Nanaimo Museum  
Naramata Heritage Museum Society  
Netgenetix.com Media Inc. (NGX Interactive)  
New Westminster Museum and Archives  
Nicola Valley Heritage Society  
Nicola Valley Museum Archives Association  
Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre  
Nikkei National Museum  
Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre  
North Pacific Cannery National Historic Site  
North Thompson Museum  
North Vancouver Museum and Archives  
Northeast Aboriginal Business Centre  
Northern Secwepemc Cultural Centre  
Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre  
Oak Bay Archives  
Ocean Wise Conservation Association  
Okanagan Military Museum Society  
O'Keefe Ranch & Interior Heritage Society  
Old Hastings Mill Store Museum  
Oliver and District Heritage Society  
Ontario Museums Association  
Organization of Military Museums of Canada  
Osoyoos Museum Society  
PACART (Pacific Art Services Ltd.)  
Pacific North West Heritage Homes Foundation  
Parksville & District Historical Society  
Pemberton & District Museum & Archives Society  
Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society  
Pender Islands Museum Society  
Penticton Art Gallery  
Penticton Museum & Archives  
Pitt Meadows Heritage & Museum Society  
Point Ellice House  
Port Clements Historical Society  
Port Coquitlam Heritage & Cultural Society  
Port Hardy Museum and Archives  
Port Moody Station Museum  
Pouce Coupe Museum and Historical Society  
Powell River Historical Museum & Archives  
Princeton & District Museum & Archives  
Protection Island Cultural Historical Society  
Qualicum Beach Museum  
Quesnel & District Heritage Association  
Quesnel & District Museum and Archives  
Regional District of Mount Waddington  
Revelstoke Museum & Archives  
Revelstoke Railway Museum  
Richmond Museum & Heritage Services  
Richmond Olympic Experience  
Roedde House Preservation Society  
Ross Bay Villa Historic House Museum  
Rossland Historical Museum & Archives Association  
Royal BC Museum  
Royal Roads University Archives  
Royal Roads University- School of Tourism  
Rungh Cultural Society  
Saanich Archives  
Saanich Pioneer Society  
Salmon Arm Museum and Heritage Association  
Salt Spring Farmers Heritage Foundation  
Sam Waller Museum  
Satellite Video Exchange Society (VIVO Media Arts Centre)  
Science World  
Sea to Sky Forestry Centre Society  
Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Museum and Archives  
Shawnigan Lake Museum  
Sidney Museum and Archives  
Sikh Heritage Museum  
Simcpw First Nation  
Simon Fraser University Art Galleries



Sncewips Heritage Museum	Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation
Sooke Region Museum	Two Rivers Gallery
South Cariboo Historical Museum Society	UBC Museum of Anthropology
South Peace Historical Society	U'mista Cultural Centre
South Similkameen Museum Society	University of Victoria Legacy Art Galleries
SPARC Vintage Radio Museum	Valemount Museum & Archives
SS Sicamous Marine Heritage Society	Valley Museum & Archives Society
Sto:lo Research and Resource Centre	Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre
Summerland Museum & Archives Society	Vancouver International Bhangra Celebration
Sunshine Coast Museum & Archives Society	Vancouver Island Military Museum Society
Surrey Art Gallery	Vancouver Island University - Museum of Natural History
Surrey Heritage Society dba BC Vintage Truck Museum	Vancouver Japanese Language School & Japanese Hall
Texada Island Heritage Society	Vancouver Lipont Art Centre
The Alberni Project - HMCS Alberni Museum and Memorial	Vancouver Maritime Museum Society
The Exploration Place Museum + Science Centre	Vancouver Naval Museum & Heritage Society
The Galiano Club	Vancouver Police Museum
The Reach Gallery Museum Abbotsford	Vanderhoof Community Museum
The Robert Bateman Centre	Vernon Cadet Museum
The Royal Westminster Regiment Historical Society Museum	Vernon Public Art Gallery
The Whale Interpretive Centre	Wells Historical Society
Tofino Clayoquot Heritage Museum	Westbank Museum and Arts & Crafts Society
Touchstones Nelson Museum of Art and History	Wild Bird Trust of British Columbia
Trail Museum & Archives	Yukon Historical and Museums Association

