

## HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREA GUIDELINES

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## LOWER CAULFIELD HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREA

### Heritage Conservation Area Designation HE 6

The Lower Caulfeild Area, as defined and illustrated by the Lower Caulfeild Heritage Conservation Area Designation Map HE 6, is designated as a Heritage Conservation Area.

<b>Lower Caulfeild Heritage Conservation Area</b>	<b>Category</b>	Local Government Act s. 614 (1)
	<b>Heritage Features and Characteristics</b>	<p>Lower Caulfeild is the collection of private residences, St. Francis-in-the-Wood Anglican Church, and public lands (parks and streets) situated on the peninsula between Pilot Bay and Caulfeild Cove, just east of Lighthouse Park.</p> <p>The Lower Caulfeild area is important as an historic neighbourhood that combines the natural beauty of the coastal landscape with the picturesque English architectural and garden landscape traditions adapted by British settlers to coastal British Columbia.</p> <p>Originally part of a large parcel of land purchased in 1899, Lower Caulfeild was conceived by Francis Caulfeild as a village of good design set naturally in the landscape, with the coastline primarily reserved for public enjoyment. It was subdivided with properties of varying size and shape, irregularly arrayed along narrow, winding country lanes.</p> <p>The landscape of Lower Caulfeild is important for the prominence of its natural features. It has a mostly undisturbed coastline, with rocky promontories and a sandy cove; and there are rocky outcroppings throughout the neighbourhood. It is also important as a setting for native plant species (cedar, Douglas fir, vine maple, arbutus and dogwood) and coastal ecologies, as well as ornamental and naturalized gardens.</p> <p>The character-defining elements of Lower Caulfeild include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a residential neighbourhood edged by waterfront parkland;</li> <li>• a landscape of natural rock outcroppings and primarily native plant species;</li> <li>• narrow, winding lands with informal verges;</li> <li>• properties dominated by naturalized landscapes and rockeries in the English garden tradition;</li> <li>• houses lightly situated on and amidst undisturbed or lightly modified rock outcroppings; and</li> <li>• vistas east, west (Lighthouse Park), and south (water) from many points configuration of lots</li> </ul>
	<b>Objectives</b>	<p>To maintain Lower Caulfeild's distinctive character as expressed by natural rock outcroppings, native trees, naturalized plants in domestic rock gardens, curving and narrow lanes, informal road edges, waterfront parkland, rocky shoreline, and sensitively-sited buildings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conserve and enhance the heritage character of Lower Caulfeild through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the retention and renovation of existing buildings; and</li> <li>- new development that is designed to fit with and retain natural site attributes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<b>Guidelines Schedule</b>	Guidelines HE 6 shall apply.

<p><b>Heritage Alteration Permits</b></p>	<p>An Alteration Permit shall be required for development on private property involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• subdivision, including lot line realignment;</li> <li>• new buildings or structures;</li> <li>• alteration of and/or addition to an existing building or structure; and</li> <li>• alteration of natural landforms, site features, or established grade.</li> </ul> <p><b>Nothing in this Policy requires Council or its delegate to issue a Heritage Alteration Permit if it believes that the Permit would allow development contrary to the guidelines of this Schedule. This Policy does not in any way affect or diminish the powers of the Approving Officer</b></p>
<p><b>Exemptions for Heritage Alteration Permits</b></p>	<p>An Alteration Permit shall not be required for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• interior work that does not materially affect the external appearance of a building or increase the floor area; or</li> <li>• demolition of an existing building or structure; or</li> <li>• tree cutting or fence construction for which no municipal approval is required, except within any required yard abutting a road or public property; or</li> <li>• a renovation or addition to an existing building, comprising a floor area increase of less than 10% of the existing building, that is consistent with Guidelines HE 6, conforms to the Zoning Bylaw, and does not include other site alteration.</li> </ul>

**Policy HE 6**

**Conserve the heritage value and character-defining elements of the Lower Caulfeild neighbourhood as shown on Map HE 6.**

**Policy HE 7**

**Any proposals for significant change by the District of West Vancouver within a park or public right-of-way, including boulevards, roads and walkways, shall require community consultation prior to plans being finalized.**

**Policy HE 8**

**Applications for the cutting of trees on public land shall comply with the Municipal Tree Policy and/or the Caulfeild Park Management Plan.**



**Lower Caulfeild Heritage Conservation Area Map HE 6**

The following guidelines apply to development within the context of the objectives of HE 6. In specific situations, adherence to a particular guideline may not be appropriate to achieve the intent of the Conservation Area designation.

## **1. SITE AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN**

- 1.1 Alteration of existing terrain should be avoided, or minimized where it is not practical to avoid disruption, to conserve a site's natural characteristics.
- 1.2 Healthy trees and vegetation should be retained, taking into account protection of existing views and vistas, and access to sunlight.
- 1.3 Natural rock outcroppings should be retained and incorporated into the landscape design.
- 1.4 The visual impact of swimming pools and deck areas should be minimized, and removal of rock outcroppings for swimming pools should be avoided.
- 1.5 Retaining walls, particularly those that would be visible from the property's road frontage or public lands should be avoided. If not practical to do so, mitigation measures should be implemented to reduce visual impacts of retaining walls, such as stepped construction and landscape screening. Retaining walls should be constructed of, or faced with, natural or split rock material.

## 2. ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

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- 2.1 Where practical, new replacement buildings should be sited on previously disturbed areas of the property in order to retain remaining natural site features.
- 2.2 Additions and renovations to existing buildings should be in keeping with the established architectural and landscape character of the property.
- 2.3 The perceived scale of new development should be minimized through one or more of the following design considerations:
- building massing
  - careful siting of buildings in relation to neighbouring buildings, roadway, and other public spaces
  - increased yards
  - sloping roofs
  - varied building forms
- 2.4 Design and siting of new or renovated buildings or structures should take into consideration the primary views from neighbouring properties.
- 2.5 Overlook of adjacent properties should be minimized when designing decks, balconies and windows.
- 2.6 Traditional building materials and exterior finishes should be used – e.g., wood siding, wood-framed windows and doors, natural stone or brick masonry (including chimneys), and cedar shakes and shingles for roofing. Where stucco is proposed, it should be used in combination with other facing materials such as wood, stone, or brick.
- 2.7 All mechanical equipment should be screened from view, and measures should be taken to reduce noise impacts.

## 3. DRIVEWAYS AND GARAGES

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- 3.1 Minimize the visual impact of driveways and surface parking areas using techniques such as: single-width driveways on smaller lots; narrow, curved driveways on larger lots; and landscape screening.
- 3.2 Garages (integrated, attached or detached) should be designed in the same style and finished with the same materials as the house.
- 3.3 Garage doors should be designed and located so as not to dominate the view from the public roadway.

## 4. STREETScape CHARACTER

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- 4.1 To maintain the area's 'neighbourly' qualities, private properties should be bordered with soft landscaping, hedges, and/or ornamental fencing. Tall and solid fences, walls, and prominent security gates are discouraged.
- 4.2 Public boulevards and adjacent private lands should be landscaped to maintain the 'naturalized' landscape character of the area.
- 4.3 Exterior lighting should be kept at a low level intensity and directed downward to preserve Lower Caulfeild's dark sky environment. Light pollution onto adjacent properties and public areas should be avoided.