

Memorial Park

Location: Fisher Road, Cobble Hill, BC

Formally Recognized: 2015/08/12

Other Names: Not applicable

Construction Dates: 1919-1920, Restoration in 2009



Close View of Memorial Park



Far View of Memorial Park

Statement of Significance for Memorial Park

Description of Historic Place

Memorial Park is a municipally-owned 0.2 acre commemorative park located off Fisher Road in the village of Cobble Hill, BC. This historic park consists of concrete stone pathways and minimal landscaping, and features a memorial cenotaph, a small war memorial pyramid, and park benches.

Heritage Value

The heritage value of Memorial Park is found in its historic, aesthetic, and cultural qualities. The park's commemorative elements illustrate a significant time in the community's history and demonstrate the cultural values of the community, past and present. Memorial Park also has significance as a distinct landmark feature of the community.

Memorial Park embodies the importance of community and country. Unveiled in 1920, the cenotaph of Memorial Park was erected in honor of the community's fallen soldiers. This park will forever symbolize a time of loss for the community, following both World War I and World War II. Memorial Park also represents the bravery of all the Cobble Hill's soldiers who fought for their country.

To the community of Cobble Hill, the memory of their fallen soldiers has never been forgotten. For over 95 years, Memorial Park still remains a community gathering place to honor those lost at war.

Situated in the core of Cobble Hill's village, Memorial Park is a distinct landmark feature of the community. The aesthetic value of this park is apparent in its central location and the distinct monument appearance of the cenotaph.

Character-Defining Elements

Key elements that define the heritage character of Memorial Park include:

- Central and original location in Cobble Hill
- Clear visibility of the cenotaph from all angles
- Plaque inscriptions commemorating those lost in action during World War I and World War II
- The cenotaph, including its design and materials
- The white war memorial pyramid and its plaque representing the bond between Holland and Canada following World War II
- The benches and their locations around the cenotaph
- The minimalistic landscaping
- The park's use as a community gathering place for celebrations, including Remembrance Day



View of the Cenotaph's WWI Inscription



View of the Cenotaph's WWII Inscription

Historical Information

Timeline

- 1919. WWI ends and a memorial for local fallen soldiers starts to form.
- 1920. Memorial Park is officially unveiled.
- 1945. WWII ends and the memorial cenotaph has a plaque added to represent fallen soldiers.



The white memorial pyramid

Current Information

Function

- Memorial Park is a municipally-owned community park and is maintained by the CVRD
- This park is also used for events such as Remembrance Day ceremonies

Construction

- Memorial Park was revitalized in 2009

Heritage Status

- Pending Provincial Recognition