

# Sahtlam Fire Hall

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**Location:** 4384 Cowichan Lake Road, Sahtlam, BC

**Formally Recognized:** 2015/08/12

**Other Names:** Sahtlam Fire Protection Society Hall

**Construction Dates:** 1971, 1982-1989



*View of the Sahtlam Fire Hall from Cowichan Lake Road*



*View of the Sahtlam Fire Hall's Water Cistern*

## Statement of Significance for Sahtlam Fire Hall

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### *Description of Historic Place*

The Sahtlam Fire Hall is a two-storey white-stucco utilitarian building located on a large lot at 4384 Cowichan Lake Road in Sahtlam, BC. On one end this building has a small elevated entrance hall, and on the other end it has a covered porch and a large water cistern. This historic place includes the building, the free-standing sign, and the site of the hall.

### *Heritage Value*

Significant heritage value can be found in the Sahtlam Fire Hall's location, social qualities, and provision of public services.

Built in 1971 by the Sahtlam Fire Protection Society, the Sahtlam Fire Hall has provided the Sahtlam community with fire protection since its construction. This continuous association with such an important public service has significant heritage value.

As Sahtlam has developed the Sahtlam Fire Hall has also grown, with a new addition completed in 1989. This newer portion of the hall is a symbol of the Sahtlam community growth and increasing need for infrastructure development.

A significant aspect of the Sahtlam Fire Hall's heritage value is found its continuous use as a community gathering place. The hall provides a place for community members to socialize and interact, which is of immense value in a rural area.

Located directly off the main road into the community of Sahtlam, Cowichan Lake Road, the Sahtlam Fire Hall has existed as a distinct landmark feature for over forty years. To many Sahtlam residents, the fire hall is recognized as the centre of the community. There is significant heritage value in the tall free-standing sign, known as the main community message board, which has continued to provide the community with important information.

### *Character-Defining Elements*

Key elements that define the heritage character of the Sahtlam Fire Hall include:

- The Sahtlam Fire Hall as a landmark feature
- The clear visibility of the hall and sign from the main road
- Its continuous use as a fire hall
- Its continuous use for social events and as a community gathering place
- Its position in its original location
- The Sahtlam Fire Hall sign's use to inform community members on news and events



*View of the Sahtlam Fire Hall's Main Entrance from Cowichan Lake Road*

## Historical Information

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### *Timeline*

- 1969. The Sahtlam Fire Protection Society was founded.
- 1971. Construction began on the original hall.
- 1972. The fire hall was officially established through the CVRD.
- 1982. Construction on the new addition to the fire hall began.
- 1989. The new addition was finished.



Views of the Sahtlam Firetrucks

## Current Information

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### *Function*

- The Sahtlam Fire Hall continues to function as municipally-run volunteer fire hall

### *Construction*

- No recent construction

### *Heritage Status*

- Pending Provincial Recognition