



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR 202 RAYNOR AVENUE

DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC PLACE:

The house was built in 1894 and is an example of the Queen Anne style wood framed houses built in Victoria at the end of the 19th Century. It is positioned at the corner of Alston Street and Raynor Avenue, facing north toward the Selkirk waterway. It is set on a level site, raised above the falling elevation of the surrounding the streets, giving it a commanding presence on the corner of Alston and Raynor as it overlooks the north end of Alston Street and Tyee Road toward Bamfield Park and the pedestrian bridge. The house reinforces the historic character of the neighbourhood and nearby Catherine Street.

It is situated just east of the Catherine Street heritage cluster in Vic West, know as Heritage Conservation Area HCA1: Catherine Street North. It is an attractive Queen Anne style house with the typical variety of patterned wood shingles and handsome corner brackets on the ground floor bay windows and porch.





HERITAGE VALUE:

The house is an important part of Victoria's heritage because it showcases the homes that were being introduced to a newly revitalized city in the 1890's. This decade followed a new series of investments into the Victoria's civic infrastructure and public buildings in the 1880's and a boom in the city's population. The newly completed Esquimalt & Nanaimo Rail was just completed and Vic west was quickly becoming a developed neighbourhood in its own right. The house is located just a block from the Catherine street corridor and is an example of the Queen Anne Style that was common in the area at the time. This building does not have the ornament or expense that is featured in more elaborate Queen Anne examples in the area, but is a fine example of the housing offered for the working class population that were moving to Victoria in the 1890's. The house was purchased by a plumber, Robert Nott and his wife in 1895 where they raised their two children.

CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS:

- 1½-storey shingled Queen Anne style house with the typical variety of patterned wood shingles
- decorative corner brackets on the ground floor bay window and porch.
- hipped main roof, and gables on all sides.
- The gables at the front (north) and left (east) sides have square bays above bracketed angled bays separated by seven courses of plain shingles painted to give the appearance of a beltcourse.
- Squared Palladian windows in the upper bays and Queen Anne glass in all the bays.



