

Site Name:
Fairview Mining District

Physical Address:

RDOSCHR005

Photograph by Catherine Hahn



Description of Site:

The Fairview Mining District consists of sites and the remnants of built structures scattered throughout the western side of the Okanagan Valley in an area approximately bound by: the western boundary of RDOS Area C, Fairview-White Lake Road, Orofino Creek and Tin Horn Creek . and includes the former Town site of Fairview.

Heritage Value of Site:

Colonization:

The Fairview District is considered by many early settlers and their descendants as the beginning of permanent European settlement in the area, as it is to this location they trace their family's original arrival. It forms a core part of the identity of the community's genesis.

Economic:

The Fairview Mining District is a reminder of the investment from British investors in mining and development of this area from 1887 to about 1900. The presence of the mine shafts and other built structures reminds the community that this area still has as yet unrealized mineral resource potential.

Landmark:

The name of Fairview has persisted as an iconic location to residents of Area C and appears associated with the former town site, the golf course, and existing buildings. It is from this area that there are many picturesque views of the Valley, including an uninterrupted view towards Osoyoos Lake.

Social:

Within the Fairview Mining District, there is a cemetery which is maintained by the Okanagan Historical Society. The cemetery includes a section memorializing the five Tholl children, who all passed away due to diphtheria, and stands as a reminder of the hardships of life on the frontier of Canada.

Character Defining Elements:

- The presence of a wide range of engineered structures, including mine shafts, adits, mine tailings, roads, trails, ore cart tracks and ore crusher footings, including the Tin Horn Stamp Mill, the best preserved mining structure in situ
- The presence of building lots which are remnants of past mining claims
- The presence of Fairview Pioneer Cemetery
- The presence of an apricot tree and rye field near the former site of the Boone property

- The presence of lilac bushes marking the location of the Carmichael property
- The presence of cabin structures which are the remnants of both homes and businesses
- The use of the name 'Fairview' to describe the area
- Uninterrupted views of almost all significant sites and landmarks in the South Okanagan

Alternate photos:



Fairview Cemetery by Catherine Hahn



Remnants of Mine Manager's Home by Lynn

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BC Register of Historic Places (Mandatory)

Fairview Mining District

Unique FPT Identifier

LOCATION

Address #	Street	Community	Postal	Cadastral
		Oliver	VOH 1T0	

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Description of boundaries Oliver Rural

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Functional Type

Type	Era
Nature Element	Current
Mineral Products Manufacturing Facil	Historic

Contributing Resources

#	Type
Unli	Landscape(s) or Landscape Feature(s)

FORMAL RECOGNITION

Statute	Enactment	Date
Community Heritage Register	B185/09A	March 19, 2

COMMENTS and INFORMATION (not used by registrar)