



KASLO CITY HALL (1898)

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE RENOVATION AND RE-OCCUPATION

A QUICK HISTORY

- City of Kaslo incorporated August 14th 1893
- City Hall completed in 1898, architect Ewart and Carrie of Nelson
- Timber-frame combined municipal and court building, oldest remaining on BC Mainland
- Designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 1984
- One of only three municipal buildings in British Columbia that are National Historic Sites
- Excellent example of an important public building constructed of wood
- Exterior and interior capital maintenance challenges caught up with the structure around 2010 – Village Office had to relocate to another building for lack of repair funds

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Kaslo City Council 1904-1905



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- Original lathe plaster work deteriorating beyond recovery
 - Poor insulation
 - Original windows in poor condition





EXTERIOR NEEDED MORE THAN PAINT

- Demolition of the Firehall opened up sight lines for the building not seen since 1970.





EXTERIOR CHALLENGES FOR FOUNDATION, STAIRS, DOORS,
WINDOWS AND ROOF

OTHER CHALLENGES

- **NO SPRINKLER SYSTEM**
- **STAIR ENTRY ONLY TO THE MUNICIPAL FLOOR**
- **OUTDATED ELECTRICAL SERVICE**
- **POOR HEATING, COOLING AND STORAGE**
- **FIREHALL ADDITION (1970) NO LONGER FIT FOR PURPOSE**
- **OVERALL COST OF REPAIRS ESTIMATED TO BE OVER \$500,000**
- **GRANTING AGENCIES STRUGGLED TO UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE CHALLENGE FACING TAXPAYERS**
- **PARKS CANADA TURNED THE VILLAGE DOWN 5 TIMES IN 5 YEARS**
- **NO PHOTOS OF ORIGINAL MUNICIPAL FLOOR INTERIOR**

2010-14

- Grant aid secured for smaller projects
- Roof
- Widow's Walk
- Sprinkler system
- Geothermal heating system
- Major capital funding just would not materialize for the exterior or interior



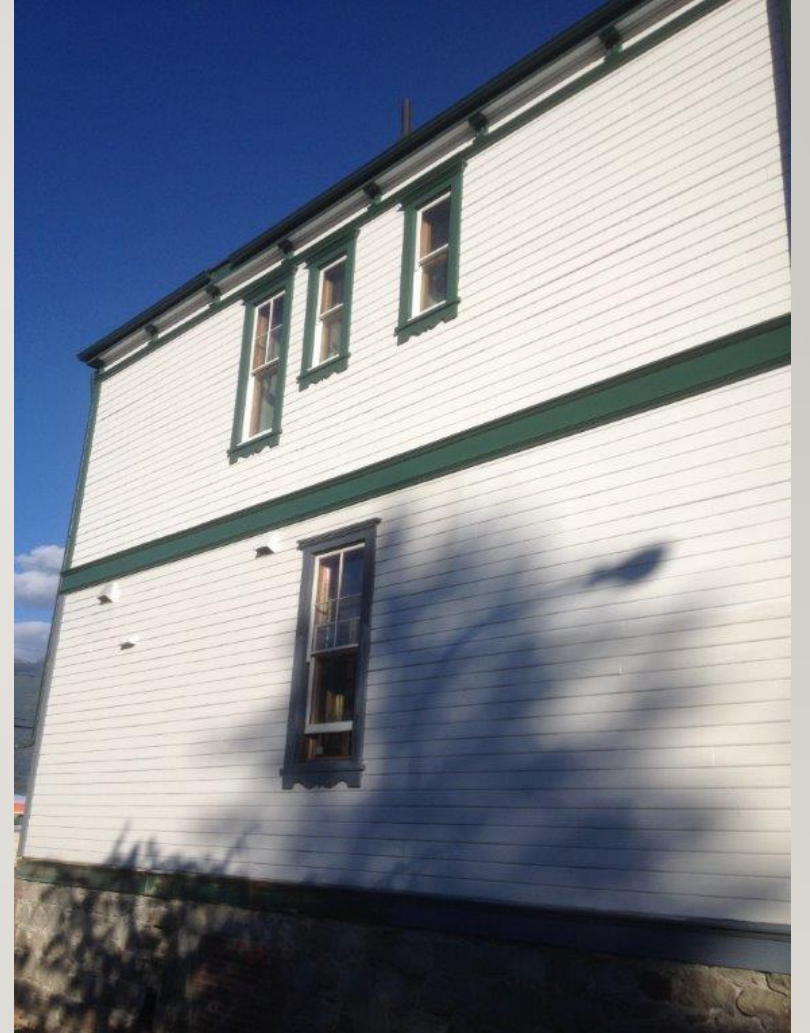
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Key contractors: Thomas Loh (architect); Joe Kern (Kaslo); Loren Mazereeuw (Nelson); Davadec Painting (Nelson)

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- PARKS CANADA PROVIDES \$100,000 match funding for exterior renovation
 - Firehall addition demolished with creation of new service and hall
 - Stairs rebuilt
 - CBT funds access ramp

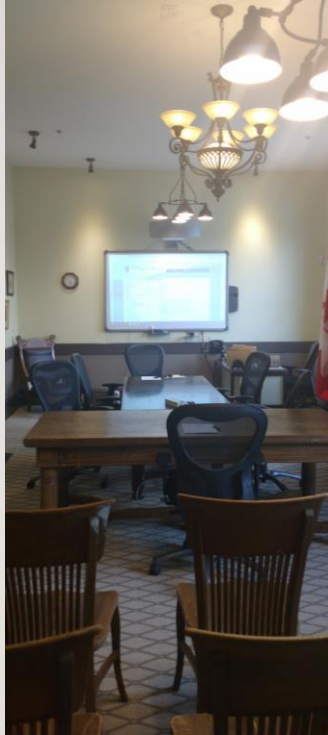
EXTERIOR REPAIRED AND REPAINTED



ACCESS RAMP

- Contractors: Zap Welding (Nelson); Joe Kern (Kaslo)
- Made possible by the Columbia Basin Trust
- City Hall can now be used for the Municipal Elections with confidence





BLENDING HERITAGE WITH FUNCTION

Key general contractors: Thomas Loh (architect); Chris Temple (Project Manager); Robert Inwood (heritage aesthetic consultant)



PLASTERWORK AND INSULATION

- Quality Interior Kontracting Ltd. (Nelson)
- Old Court Room floor revitalization made possible by the Columbia Basin Trust



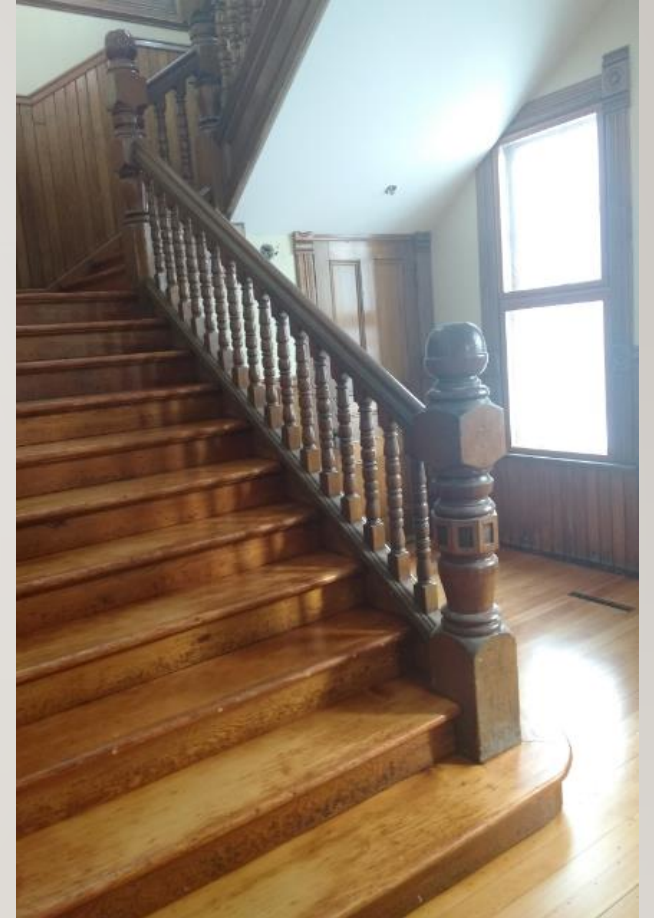
The image shows the interior of a room with high, vaulted ceilings and light-colored walls. The lower portion of the walls is covered in dark wood paneling. There are two large windows with dark wood frames, one on the left and one on the right. A doorway is visible in the center background. A dark, semi-transparent rectangular overlay is positioned in the center of the image, containing white text. A thin horizontal line is located below the main title text.

PAINT WORK

VALOR PAINTING (SOUTH SLOCAN)

VARNISHING AND FLOOR RESTORATION/FINISHING

- INTERIOR VARNISH: Under Pressure Painting (Nelson)
- ORIGINAL FIR FLOOR REFINISHING: Juniper Designs in Wood (Nelson)



COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- AUTHENTIC PERIOD FURNITURE FROM THE OLD PROVINCIAL BUILDING AND CITY HALL
 - SMART A/V UNIT
 - AESTHETIC CONSULTANT FOR CITY HALL: ROBERT INWOOD
 - CARPET: MAGLIO BUILDING CENTRE (NELSON)
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*Original safe from period
When City Hall shared with
The Bank of Montreal*



FRONT COUNTER SERVICES

- This counter is a new design to fit with building form and character;
- Carpets: Maglio Building Centre(Nelson)
- Counter: Purcell Custom Wood Products (Kaslo);
- Several Kaslo area carpenters worked on the interior to a very high standard;
- Electrical contractor for City Hall: Pace Electric (Castlegar/ Kaslo);
- Internet: Kaslo Infonet Society fibre
- Air exchange: Terratherma Geothermal (Nelson)



MOVING FORWARD WITH A MODERN BUILDING

- SERVICE BC IS MAINTAINING ITS FRONT-COUNTER SERVICES IN KASLO AT CITY HALL
- SERVICE CANADA IS BEGINNING OUTREACH SERVICES AT CITY HALL THIS YEAR
- CITY HALL HAS BROADBAND FIBER DROPS FOR BOTH TELUS AND COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST BROADBAND/ KASLO INFONET SOCIETY
- RETROFITTED FOR DISABLED ENTRY WITH A RAMP AND AUTOMATED ENTRY
- OLD COURTROOM WILL BE ABLE TO ENTERTAIN GROUPS OF UP TO 100 FOR COMMUNITY USE
- NEW LEGACY PARK ON SITE OF FORMER FIRE HALL ADDITION





THANKYOU TO ALL FUNDERS OF THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT

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