



# Bamberton Quarry

## **Archaeological Chance Find Procedure**

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### **1.0 INTRODUCTION and PURPOSE**

**Definition:** Cultural heritage in this chance find procedure is defined as tangible property; having archaeological value.

**Location:** 2018 Mine Permit Area  
Latitude: 48° 35' 17" N / Longitude: 123° 31' 27" W  
1451 Trowsse Road  
Bamberton, B.C.

There are more than 32,000 archaeological sites currently recorded in British Columbia with many more being added to the provincial inventory every year. For this reason, it is very likely that you will encounter an archaeological site during your lifetime either knowingly or unknowingly. This protocol has been established to increase awareness of this important resource and to assist in planning future developments.

The objective of this Archaeological Chance Find Procedure (ACFP) is to protect cultural heritage from impacts of mining as per the Heritage Conservation Act (RSBC Chap. 187). The Heritage Conservation Act (HCA) specifies that an individual (or corporation) must not “damage, excavate, dig in or alter, or remove and heritage object” from a heritage site, except in accordance with a Permit issued by the Minister pursuant to Sections 12 and 14. The HCA protects designated archaeological sites as well as any archaeological sites originating prior to 1846. The HCA carries significant penalties and is enforced by the RCMP. From the perspective of consultation with First Nations, archaeological sites are important indicators of Aboriginal rights and title and the identification and protection of these sites are part of the Crown’s due diligence. Section 10(1) of the Mines Act requires mining proponents to prepare a plan for the protection of cultural heritage resources.

## 2.0 DESCRIPTION OF CULTURAL ARTIFACTS

The remnants of British Columbia's earliest cultures are represented in today's landscape by a wide variety of site types, most of which are related to art, habitations, resource gathering and production, tool making, and traditional ceremonial or ritual activities.

Typical artifacts that may be found on the Bamberton property include, but are not limited to:

- Rock art, including pictographs and petroglyphs.
- Tree art and Culturally Modified Trees (CMT'S) such as bark stripping and planks.
- Surface features such as depressions created by former habitations, earthen fortifications, rock cairns.
- Fish traps, clam gardens, burned rock and middens.
- Artifacts that have become visible on the land surface owing to erosion or recent land altering activity. These may be produced in a variety of materials such as stone, bone, antler, wood, or shell.
- Buried cultural remains that may be sighted in a cut-bank, excavation, eroded shoreline, or other exposed deposit.





**Burial Remains**



### 3.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL CHANCE FIND PROCEDURES

1. In the event that during the stripping and excavation of the property any unknown artifacts are encountered or if you discover what you suspect may be a possible archaeological site the following procedures are to be followed:

**Do not disturb any archaeological remains that you may encounter.**

- Stop all work in the area to avoid damaging the site.
- Report your discovery to your manager or if they are unavailable, the scales office administrator at 778-356-4056 who will provide further instructions and contact the Liaison with the Malahat First Nations Band.
- If you are unable to contact the manager or scales office administrator, please contact the Archaeology Branch by telephone at 250- 953-3334.

2. If you discover what you suspect may be a possible human remains:

**Do not disturb any possible human remains that you may encounter.**

- Stop all work in the area to avoid damaging the site.
- Report your discovery to your manager or if they are unavailable, the scales office administrator at 778-356-4056 who will provide further instructions and contact the Liaison with the Malahat First Nations Band
- If you are unable to contact the manager or scales office administrator, and the suspected human remains appear to be current, contact the RCMP at 250-743-5514.
- If you are unable to contact the manager or scales office administrator, please contact the
- Archaeology Branch by telephone at 250-953-3334

3. The following steps will generally be followed

- The Coroner's Office and local policing authority are notified and the Coroner's Office determines whether the matter is of contemporary forensic concern.
- If the remains are not of forensic concern, the branch will attempt to facilitate disposition of the remains.
- If a cultural affiliation for the remains can be determined, the branch will contact an organization representing that cultural group. If the remains are of aboriginal ancestry, the branch will attempt to contact the relevant First Nation(s).
- Generally, if remains are still buried and are under no immediate threat of further disturbance, they will not be excavated or removed. If the remains have been partially or completely removed, the branch will facilitate disposition.
- The branch may arrange for a qualified anthropologist or archaeologist to provide an assessment of the remains.

#### 4.0 TRAINING

Coast Mountain Resources Ltd. will incorporate this ACFP into:

- New Worker and Short-Term/Visitor Safety Orientation(s);
- Contractor Safety Orientation(s); and
- Employee annual Safety re-Orientation(s).

#### 5.0 CONTACT LIST

Site Contact - Manager's Office  
Office: 778-356-4056

#### 6.0 ACFP AGREEMENT

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Name	Signature	Date

By signing this document, I agree that I have read and understand the above  
Archaeological Chance Find Procedure.

## 7.0 LOCATION MAP OF CULTURALLY SIGNIFIANT AREAS

