

Honeymoon Bay Hall

Location: 10022 Park Drive, Honeymoon Bay, BC

Formally Recognized: 2015/08/12

Other Names: Honeymoon Bay Community Hall

Construction Dates: 1947-1948, 1990s, 2000s



Front View of Honeymoon Bay Hall



Back View of Honeymoon Bay Hall

Statement of Significance for Honeymoon Bay Hall

Description of the Historic Place

The Honeymoon Bay Hall is a large wood-frame building, with a rural barn-like character, located at 10022 Park Drive in Honeymoon Bay, BC. The hall features varying roof levels and defined sections of horizontal and vertical siding. This historic place includes the hall and surrounding grounds.

Heritage Values

The heritage value of the Honeymoon Bay Hall can be found in its social and historic qualities. Historically, the Honeymoon Bay Hall represents the settlement patterns and development of the Honeymoon Bay area. The hall also symbolizes the relationship between the early logging companies and communities of the Cowichan Lake area. Socially, the Honeymoon Bay Hall has significant value in its long use as a community meeting place.

The Honeymoon Bay Hall represents the settlement of the early logging community of Honeymoon Bay. Opened in 1948, the hall was built in the centre of the early community, and stands today in its original location. Significant historic value can be found in this physical representation of the original Honeymoon Bay community layout.

The Honeymoon Bay Hall illustrates the relationship between early logging companies and their workers. In Honeymoon Bay, Western Forest Industries not only provided income for its employees but also community services including residences, stores, and a community hall. The communities surrounding Cowichan Lake were all

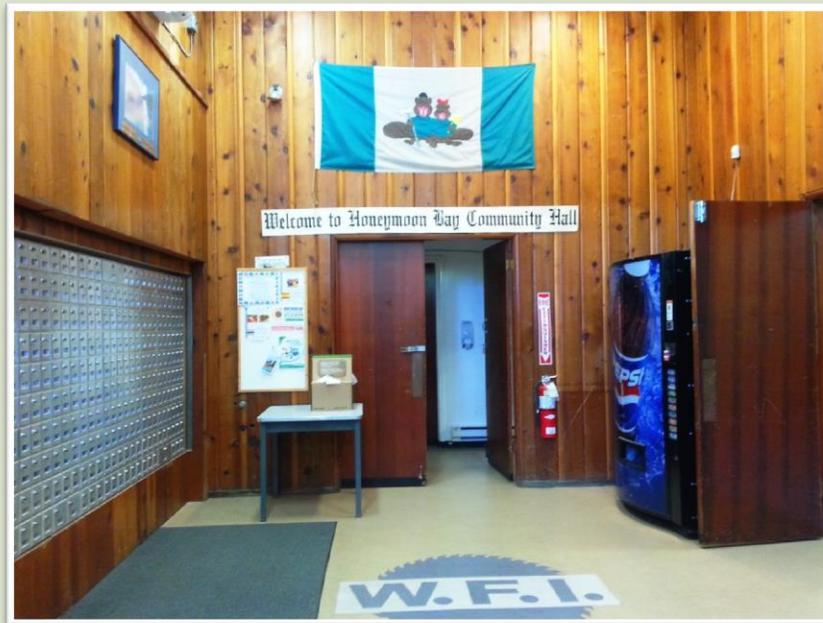
built by logging companies, many of these early buildings in Honeymoon Bay still exist today. The hall remains as a reminder of how the community of Honeymoon Bay was developed.

Heritage value can be found in the social attributes of the Honeymoon Bay Hall. This hall has provided the community of Honeymoon Bay with a community meeting place to socialize and interact for over fifty years. The grounds surrounding the Honeymoon Bay Hall include a baseball diamond and tennis court, which have continued to provide a form of recreation to the area. These resources, provided by Western Forest Industries, have greatly contributed to the character of the community.

Character-Defining Elements

Key elements that define the heritage character of the Honeymoon Bay Hall include:

- Continued use as a community meeting place and recreational location
- Original location and open surrounding grounds
- The interior elements of the building related to its use as a social centre, including its stage, open character of the gymnasium, and high ceilings
- The original interior elements including the wood paneling
- The simple massing, defined sections of horizontal and vertical siding, differing levels of gabled roof
- The *Honeymoon Bay Hall* signage



Interior View of Honeymoon Bay Hall, showing the wood paneling

Historical Information

Timeline

- 1947. The Honeymoon Bay Hall is built by Western Forest Products.
- 1948. The Honeymoon Bay Hall is officially opened.
- 1970. The Honeymoon Bay Hall is donated to the Cowichan Valley Regional District.
- 1990. The hall is upgraded throughout.
- 2000. The Honeymoon Bay Hall undergoes an extensive restoration project.



The baseball field behind the Honeymoon Bay Hall

Current Information

Function

- The Honeymoon Bay Hall is currently still in use as a community hall
- The Honeymoon Bay Hall provides recreational services, Canada Post services, and is rentable for events

Construction

- The Honeymoon Bay Hall has recently gone through a major restoration project

Heritage Status

- The Honeymoon Bay Hall is currently pending Provincial Recognition