

DELTA'S URBAN HERITAGE 2000-2003
CORPORATION OF DELTA

1.0 IDENTIFICATION

- **1.1 NAME OF BUILDING:** Baker Residence
- **1.2 HISTORIC NAME:**
- **1.3 STREET ADDRESS:** 4919 48 Avenue
- **1.4 LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Plan REF 72558, PCL ONE DL: 106 GP. 2
REF Pl. 72558

2.0 HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

- 2.1 CONSTRUCTION DATE AND SOURCE: 1922 (6.2) KNOWN
- 2.2 ORIGINAL OWNER AND SOURCE: George & Ursula Baker (6.2)
- 2.3 ARCHITECT AND SOURCE: Unknown
- 2.4 BUILDER AND SOURCE: Unknown
- 2.5 ASSOCIATED PEOPLE OR EVENTS OF HISTORIC INTEREST: Originally located at 4883 48 Avenue, this substantial Craftsman bungalow was built for George & Ursula Baker and their children. George Thomas Baker settled in Ladner in 1897, and worked as a blacksmith and wheelwright, before going into the hardware business. He died in 1928, and two years later Mrs. Baker moved to Vancouver to be with her family, and the house was sold in 1944. During the 1970s and 1980s it was used as Gateway House, a home for autistic children, and it was relocated in 1985 to allow construction of a larger new facility. The Baker Residence in its new location has now been adapted for use as a bed & breakfast, the 'Primrose Hill Guest House.'

3.0 USAGE

- 3.1 ORIGINAL USE: SFD
- 3.2 PRESENT USE: Commercial/Bed & Breakfast

4.0 ARCHITECTURE AND STRUCTURE

- 4.1 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
- 4.2 BASEMENT: Full
- 4.3 NUMBER OF STORIES: 1 & 1/2
- 4.4 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Wood Frame
- 4.5 CLADDING: Twin-coursed cedar shingles ORIGINAL: Assumed
- 4.6 WINDOWS: Multi-paned double-hung wooden sash
- 4.7 ROOF TYPE: Side gable with large gable over front verandah
- 4.8 ROOF COVER: Duroid ORIGINAL: Cedar Shingle (Assumed)
- 4.9 DESIGN DESCRIPTION: Craftsman bungalow, symmetrical massing, with full open front verandah and central entry stair; tapered verandah columns; triangular eave brackets. Projecting bays to side. Many intact interior details including fireplaces and wooden panelling.
- 4.10 CONDITION: Has been relocated from original site. Now raised from ground, higher than original elevation. Has been well restored. Well maintained and in good condition, both interior and exterior.

5.0 CONTEXT

- 5.1 SITING ON LOT: Compatible residential setback.
- 5.2 CONTEXT TO AREA: Compatible urban area
- 5.3 ADJACENT ADDRESSES SUITABLE FOR HERITAGE GROUPING:
- 5.4 SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE FEATURES: No original features.

6.0 RESEARCH INFORMATION

- 6.1 ASSESSMENT INFORMATION:
- 6.2 ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:

Newspaper Information

- *The Weekly Optimist*, 24 August 1922, page one: "Mr. Geo. Baker Building ¶ Geo. Baker is building a real home for himself and family. It is 40 by 70 feet on the ground having every convenience that can assist in making life pleasant for the housewife."