

**DELTA'S URBAN HERITAGE 2000-2003**  
**CORPORATION OF DELTA**



**1.0 IDENTIFICATION**

- 1.1 NAME OF BUILDING: Wilson Residence
- 1.2 HISTORIC NAME:
- 1.3 STREET ADDRESS: 4585 Arthur Drive
- 1.4 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot: Block: DL: GP. 2 Plan:

## 2.0 HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

- 2.1 CONSTRUCTION DATE AND SOURCE: 1915 (6.2) KNOWN
- 2.2 ORIGINAL OWNER AND SOURCE: William Hilton Wilson (6.2)
- 2.3 ARCHITECT AND SOURCE: J.B. Elliot (designer assumed)
- 2.4 BUILDER AND SOURCE: J.B. Elliot (6.2)
- 2.5 ASSOCIATED PEOPLE OR EVENTS OF HISTORIC INTEREST: This beautifully preserved home was built in 1915 for William Hilton Wilson, a partner in Lanning, Fawcett & Wilson, Ltd., and stayed in the Wilson family until 1965. The contract was let to John B. Elliot, builder of many of the finest homes in Ladner. The design of the Wilson House was copied in 1918-1919 by A.J. Parmiter when he built his new house at 5331 34B Avenue. Both houses survive today in excellent condition.

## 3.0 USAGE

- 3.1 ORIGINAL USE: SFD
- 3.2 PRESENT USE: SFD

## 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: Horizontal lapped wooden siding; cedar shingle at second floor level  
ORIGINAL: Known
- 4.6 WINDOWS: Double-hung wooden sash; stained glass panels
- 4.7 ROOF TYPE: Side gable with front gable extensions; gable over entry porch
- 4.8 ROOF COVER: Duroid ORIGINAL: Cedar Shingle (Assumed)
- 4.9 DESIGN DESCRIPTION: The design is an unusual variation on the Craftsman style, with a side gable roof surmounted by a large front gable dormer, that caps two smaller dormer extensions. Another gable marks the location of the front entry. An open front verandah, with tapered square columns, graces the front of the house. many of the interior features have also been preserved.
- 4.10 CONDITION: The only apparent change to the exterior of the house is a two storey addition to the north, that includes a garage at ground level.

## 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: Over the years the landscape has matured to provide a beautiful setting for the house. Specimen trees on the lot include a large Monkey Puzzle Tree, Horse Chestnut and Cut-leaf Birches.

## 6.0 RESEARCH INFORMATION

- 6.1 ASSESSMENT INFORMATION:
- 6.2 ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:

### *Newspaper Information*

- The *British Columbian*, 18 November 1915, page 8, under "Ladner News": "Haley Wilson, of Lanning, Fawcett & Wilson, is now occupying his new house on the Slough road, Ladner estate."
- The *British Columbian*, 15 May 1916, page 5, under "DELTA NEWS": "Mr. J. Mills has just completed a lawn for W. H. Wilson which only needs growing weather to make it a success."
- The *Delta Optimist*, 14 February 1992, p. R10.

### *Other References*

- Szychter, *Beyond Ladner's Landing*, p. 19-20 and photo p.38.
- DM&A: DM&A: DHBRM: File Number F.1.3
- Other sources in existence are original accounts rendered in connection with the house, such as a statement dated "Nov. 8 1915" from "A. Kershaw, Painter, Paperhanger, Decorator" for interior work on the new house. These are in the possession of Gwen Szychter.

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## DELTA'S URBAN HERITAGE HERITAGE INVENTORY EVALUATION

STREET ADDRESS: 4585 Arthur Drive

DESCRIPTION	E	VG	G	F/P
<b>ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY</b>				
1. STYLE/TYPE Very good example of Arts & Crafts design	35	<u>18</u>	12	0
2. DESIGN Notable massing and design details	30	15	<u>10</u>	0
3. CONSTRUCTION Typical construction only	15	8	5	<u>0</u>
4. DESIGNER/BUILDER J.B. Elliot	15	<u>8</u>	5	0
	(Maximum 45): 36			
<b>CULTURAL HISTORY</b>				
1. HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE Wilson family	35	<u>18</u>	12	0
2. HISTORICAL PATTERN Notable for date of wartime construction; continuing development of Arthur Drive	30	<u>15</u>	10	0
	(Maximum 35): 33			
<b>CONTEXT</b>				
1. LANDSCAPE/SITE Large lot; prominent mature plantings; intact setting	<u>15</u>	8	5	0
2. NEIGHBOURHOOD Compatible urban area; Arthur Drive	20	<u>10</u>	6	0
3. VISUAL/SYMBOLIC Obscured by plantings; not visually prominent	20	13	8	<u>0</u>
	(Maximum 20): 20			
	<b>SUBTOTAL: 89</b>			
<b>INTEGRITY</b> Additions to north considered minor intervention but recognizable	-0	<u>-5</u>	-10	-15 -20
	<b>TOTAL: 84</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>84/100</b>			
<b>STATUS: PROPOSED FOR HERITAGE INVENTORY</b>				