

## Rossland Swimming Pool



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### Heritage Register - Site

- 1) **Historical Name:** Rossland Swimming Pool
- 2) **Common Name:** Rossland Swimming Pool
- 3) **Location:** 1869 Columbia Ave.
- 4) **Date of Construction:** 1932

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

#### Description:

The Rossland Swimming Pool is located on the south side of Columbia Avenue, at the western edge of the Downtown Core Area. The Pool property includes three Lots - 15, 16 and 17 of Block 26 and has a 90' frontage on Columbia Avenue where the entrance is located.

#### Heritage Value:

Rosslanders take pride in having the oldest outdoor swimming pool in the province and the fact that it has served the community so well, from the same site, for over 80 years.

The construction of the Rossland Swimming Pool is a testament to the community initiative and spirit of Rosslanders of the early 1930's - when the gold mines had finally closed and the Great Depression had begun. Land was donated by the City, Cominco donated the pump and community fundraising provided the materials. Volunteers provided the organization and labour.

Rosslanders have always valued sport and recreation - the addition of the pool in 1932 was a natural step in the development of facilities and opportunities for both active leisure time and honing skills. Most children have learned to swim there and received instruction over a number of years when they attended public school.

The Rossland Swimming Pool plays an important role in the summer social fabric of the community - a very popular place to meet, participate, perhaps compete and enjoy activity.

The Pool is a noteworthy amenity for the community and its importance is always mentioned when Rosslanders are asked to list their community's attractions.

#### **Character Defining Elements:**

- location
- the pool itself - original dimensions
- changing rooms
- surrounding high fence



Rossland Swimming Pool c.1935