

DEER LAKE PARK HERITAGE



Deer Lake's North Shore, 1918

Robert and Bessie Anderson House



History

Robert Fenwick Anderson and his wife Bessie purchased their lots in the "Deer Lake Crescent" subdivision shortly after the Mathers, and rushed their house to completion first. In 1912 the newspaper announced that this "new \$10,000 mansion was well on its way to completion". Mr. Anderson was a partner in the New Westminster Hardware firm of Anderson and Lusby. The house incorporated many of the latest mechanical and decorative features then available on the market. After World War I, and the tragic death of their son Goldie Anderson, the Andersons sold the house and many different owners came and went.

In 1939 the house was purchased by the Roman Catholic Church and the house became the home to Grey Nuns from Ontario who were sent to British Columbia to assist with the operation of the Seminary of Christ the King. In 1967 the Anderson house was purchased by Burnaby to be used as part of the Arts Centre. Currently, the building is used as administration offices.



Views of Anderson House c. 1940

Architecture

The architect for the Anderson's Deer Lake home was Frank W. Macey. The house is typical of many built throughout Greater Vancouver, using the Arts and Crafts Style, but Macey's signature style is evident through the use of Medieval English elements and a remarkable attention to detail. The exterior of the house still retains most of its original finishes and features. A few alterations have been made to the front verandah, including the removal of two original staircases and the installation of a modern concrete stair. The front door and a number of windows have also been removed or altered.



Burnaby Heritage Site

This property was purchased in 1967 by the Municipality of Burnaby for use as part of a new civic arts centre. Its status as a civic heritage property was recognized through its designation through By-law 9807 passed by Council on November 9, 1992.



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