

## Heritage Value of VSB Schools

Out of 109 VSB schools, 38 are currently listed on the 1986 Vancouver Heritage Register.

In response to the BC Seismic Mitigation Program and potential replacement options for schools, in early 2006 VSB and City of Vancouver staff agreed to jointly develop a framework to improve the understanding of the heritage value of VSB schools.

VSB and City staff are pursuing the following strategies to address heritage schools:

1. VSB and the City are exploring with the Province local options to fund select school buildings which have unique and significant heritage value.
2. Commonwealth Resource Heritage Management Ltd. was engaged to complete a study to establish and rank the heritage value of VSB school sites.

In the study, heritage value was determined by the following themes and criteria:

- **aesthetic** and **functional** values,
- **educational** values,
- **historical** values, and
- **social** values.

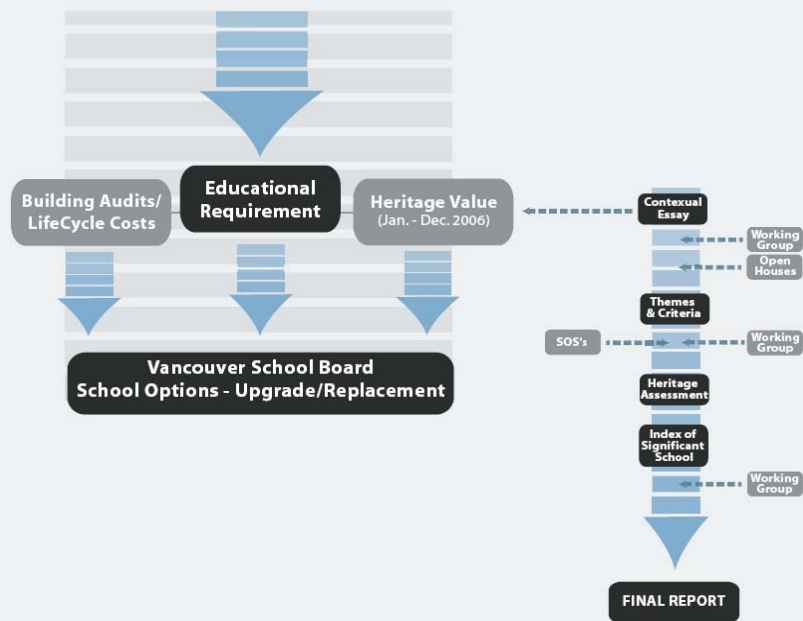
Community engagement in this study included:

- a working group was established with representation from heritage, design, educational and neighbourhood planning interests, and
- a series of open houses hosted by VSB and the City in May 2006 to provide information and receive input on heritage value for VSB schools.

3. In Fall 2006, VSB and the City developed a pre-application development permit process to review VSB schools that may be at risk for replacement and assessed as having heritage value.

As part of this pre-application process, VSB is conducting early communication with local communities on the seismic options available for each school identified as having heritage value.

## LIFE SAFETY SEISMIC MITIGATION PROCESS



## HERITAGE VALUE OF VSB SCHOOLS

