



## Alfred & Ruth MacLeod Cottage

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Repository:	Burnaby Heritage Planning
Civic Address:	6466 Deer Lake Drive
Associated Dates:	1913
Description:	Located atop a hill on the southern shore of picturesque Deer Lake, the Alfred and Ruth MacLeod Cottage is a one and one-half storey, wood-frame, rustic Arts and Crafts-style bungalow. The cottage is well-maintained, but has been altered through the enclosure of much of its original wraparound verandah. Its sits on the brow of a steep slope, with panoramic views north to Deer Lake.
Heritage Value:	The Alfred and Ruth MacLeod Cottage is valued as a significant example of the early development of summer estates in Burnaby, specifically in the Deer Lake neighbourhood, that attracted residents from the burgeoning cities of New Westminster and Vancouver. Access to the area was facilitated by the construction of the Burnaby Lake Interurban tramline, which opened in June 1911. This modest, rustic cottage illustrates the desire for a simple country lifestyle and retreat into nature of those who settled on the south shore of Deer Lake. While the grand mansions on the north shore of Deer Lake are set in formally landscaped gardens, the informality of this cottage demonstrates reverence for its natural, wooded surroundings, oriented towards views of Deer Lake. The Alfred and Ruth MacLeod Cottage is important for its connection with prominent New Westminster insurance and real estate broker, Alfred W. MacLeod, and his wife, Ruth. The MacLeods had recently constructed a large city home, and built this cottage as a summer residence in 1913. In 2005, the Alfred and Ruth MacLeod Cottage was purchased by the City of Burnaby and today constitutes part of the Deer Lake Park Heritage Precinct, which is Burnaby's most significant collection of historic sites.
Defining Elements:	Key elements that define the heritage character of the Alfred and Ruth MacLeod Cottage include its: - secluded setting on the brow of a steep hill on the southern shore of Deer Lake, with expansive views of Deer Lake to the north - residential form, scale and massing as expressed by its one and one-half storey rectangular plan, side-gabled roof, hipped roof over original verandah and two shed dormers - associated landscape features such as mature coniferous and deciduous trees surrounding the property
Historic Neighbourhood:	<a href="#">Burnaby Lake (Historic Neighbourhood)</a>
Planning Study Area:	<a href="#">Morley-Buckingham Area</a>
Person:	<a href="#">Ruth MacLeod</a> <a href="#">Alfred W. MacLeod</a>
Function:	Primary Historic--Single Dwelling Primary Current--Single Dwelling
Cadastral Identifier:	P.I.D.000-708-038
Boundaries:	The Alfred and Ruth MacLeod Cottage is comprised of a single residential lot located at 6466 Deer Lake Drive, Burnaby.
Area:	13354.63
Contributing Resource:	Building
Ownership:	Public (local)
Documentation:	City of Burnaby Planning and Building Department, Heritage Site Files
Geographic Access:	<a href="#">Burnaby - 6466 Deer Lake Drive</a>

### Images

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## Deer Lake Park--Heritage Resource Inventory p. 48

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumlibrary6303-48>

Repository: Burnaby Village Museum  
Book: Deer Lake Park Heritage Resource Inventory  
Type: Book Chapter  
Publication Date: 1998  
Original Book: Catalogue record for source book

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## Deer Lake Park Heritage Precinct p. 93

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumlibrary6272-93>

Repository: Burnaby Village Museum  
 Book: Burnaby's Heritage  
 Type: Book Chapter  
 Publication Date: 2007  
 Notes: South Burnaby  
 Original Book: Catalogue record for source book

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P R O T E C T E D

**ROBERT & MAUDE EDGAR RESIDENCE**  
4430 Deer Lake Drive  
1912

One of the more hidden of the City of Burnaby's heritage homes on the south shore of Deer Lake is the Edgar house. The house was built in 1912 for Robert Maude Edgar (1876-1938) and Maude Magrath Edgar (née Hadden, 1875-1975). Robert came to Vancouver in 1900

from Williamsburg, Ontario as the first of his marriage to American-born Maude. Robert was later a partner in the pioneer real estate firm of Hampton & Edgar and also served as a Burnaby councillor from 1918-1924. Maude Edgar was known for her poetry and later a radio program she was 106 when she died. Their daughter Ann, known as 'Belle' was an accomplished sculptress. They were the first to build a home on the south shore of Deer Lake. The *Burnaby Columbian Weekly* newspaper described the house "... which heralds among the giant creations and is in the very picture of comfort and softness... has its own electric light and gas plants, besides being fitted beyond the need in other bungalows."

The Edgar House is an excellent example of the Craftman Bungalow style and features an expansive hipped roof and full verandah with decorative stone and post benches. By comparison with the grand mansions and in heavily landscaped gardens on the north shore of Deer Lake, the Edgar Residence demonstrates a reverence for natural, wooded environs, and a careful attention near a stream running through the property. The interior rooms have beautiful original pine woodwork and a sweeping granite fireplace that dominates the living room. Designated as a municipal heritage site in 1987 and restored in 1995, the house is listed as a private residence and established for future public use in Deer Lake Park.

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**ALFRED & RUTH MACLEOD COTTAGE**  
1482 Deer Lake Drive  
1913

Designed as a radio Arts and Crafts styled bungalow, the residence with steps and hill overlooking the southern shore of Deer Lake. It was built in 1913 by New Westminister insurance and real estate magnate Alfred W. MacLeod and his wife, Ruth, it served as a country home for his prominent local family who had just built a large city home. The house has been well-maintained, but only a portion remains of the original two-storey verandah. It was purchased by the City of Burnaby in 2005 and is part of the Deer Lake Park Heritage Precinct.

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