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ion and deck all allow for spectacular views of Deer Lake and the surrounding landscape. Also of significance is the landscape created around the house incorporating some old weeping willow trees. Erickson designed a Japanese inspired garden with a reflecting pond surrounded by a rockery planted with bamboo and grasses supplied from his own private garden. Ruth Baldwin also added her personal artistic influence with the addition of a catalpa tree and dawn redwood.

#### ALFRED AND RUTH MACLEOD COTTAGE 6406 Deer Lake Drive 1913 Private property

Alfred Macleod was a native son of New Westminster born to parents who were natives of Scotland and who had settled in the city in 1882. Alfred Macleod was a natural business man who founded an insurance company that became one of that city's largest, which contin-

This house is without question a significant example of design by an internationally renowned architect. The home has been beautifully maintained in respect for its original design by the home's creators. The nature of the homes design and its location on the waters edge presents an excellent opportunity for future preservation as a public space.

ues to this day. It was through his insurance and real estate connection that he became aware of and purchased one of the original properties of the Deer Lake Drive subdivision in 1911.

Ruth Macleod was well known for her love of nature and may well have been the driving force behind the construction of a summer cottage on this property.

The original structure was a very simple rustic cottage which has been altered over time to accommodate year round occupancy. This includes the verandah being enclosed for living space.



Macleod cottage, c. 1935.



Macleod cottage, 1976.



Macleod cottage, 1997.

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**ROBERT & MAUDE EDGAR RESIDENCE**  
 1430 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 residence. The house was built in 1912 for Robert Maude Edgar (1876-1958) and Maude Magrath Edgar (née Hodder, 1875-1975). Robert came to Vancouver in 1900 from Williamsburg, Ontario as the first of his inheritance 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 locally 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 great estates 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 buildings."

The Edgar House is an excellent example of the Craftsmen 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 kitchen rooms have beautiful original pine paneling and a masonry granite fireplace that dominates the living rooms. 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.

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

Designed as a rustic Arts and Crafts styled bungalow, this residence with stone and tile 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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**MacLeod Cottage, 1913 BCU**