

Historical Walking Tours Memories with Chris Lee

Many of us including spouses do cherish our learning memories of walks with Chris Lee, the teacher, and the knowledgeable tour leaders he found for us as we walked and talked the history of our city. The first tour, in May 2002, was titled an “Architectural Walking Tour of Old Vancouver”. A year later we were reminded of our provincial beginnings as we walked up and down the streets of old New Westminster. Next on the agenda was a tour of the “West End” and its turn of the century role. In October 2004, early architecture and history were presented as we walked Strathcona with its charming, perhaps before by-laws, almost touching homes. Then in 2005 we lunched and listened at Hycroft as we toured the building and walked “Old Shaughnessy” to see and hear who among the elite and why they built their mansions just outside the city limits, then 16th Avenue. In 2006 we walked the expanding UBC campus. A 2007 walking tour of the East Side and Gastown examined “what is” and “what could be” in an area of challenge and change. Finally, in May 2008, on another tour of the West End we saw “A Century of Residential Change”.

I am sure Chris did not intend that to be his last tour for us. Chris, sadly, passed away in late November and will be missed by all the members of this Club.

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