

The Provincial Government recognizes the importance of archaeological sites through the *Heritage Conservation Act*. Under this Act, the Archaeology Branch is responsible for maintaining and distributing archaeological information and deciding if permits can be issued to allow development to take place within protected archaeological sites.

What does Delta need to process my application?

Delta needs from you confirmation from the Archaeology Branch that they have no concerns with development on the subject property. This information may be accessed by completing the Archaeological Site Data Request Form on the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations website: <http://www.archdatarequest.nrs.gov.bc.ca/>

Alternatively, you may submit an archaeological report prepared by a qualified consulting archaeologist providing an assessment which includes, among other things, the following:

- Address of property
- Building footprint
- Excavation depth
- Location of services
- On-site service depth (water, sanitary and storm - approximately 1 m)
- Off-site service depth (to extend to the mains)
- Exact location of the archaeological site
- Significance of the archaeological site
- Archaeological impact assessment of the proposed development
- Impact management and mitigation, if required

If there are no archaeological issues and concerns, your development or building permit can be issued when all other requirements have been met.

Should the report detail any concerns, you will need to work with your archaeologist and the Archaeology Branch in Victoria to obtain the necessary permits. Delta will require a copy of any archaeological permits prior to issuing your development or building permit.

How do I hire a professional consulting archaeologist?

The majority of archaeological consultants are members of the BC Association of Professional Archaeologists. You may contact a consultant through the association's website. Consulting archaeologists may also be contacted through local internet or telephone directory services.

Any costs associated with the required archaeological reviews and studies, which may include field work and monitoring by the consulting archaeologist, will be the applicant's responsibility.

Where can I obtain more information?

For more information about the Province's reporting requirements, permitting process, application forms and other documents, please visit the Archaeology Branch's website: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/archaeology/>

If applying for an archaeological alteration permit, please include the following text:

"The permit is also being sought in order to address exposure, connection and disconnection of any associated services (i.e. gas, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, etc.) on the subject property and on municipal properties immediately adjacent to the subject property."

NOTE:

- You may need to retain an Archaeologist for further study, which may include monitoring the site, which may delay the works;
- Off-site works may involve calling in your Archaeologist to monitor the site, which may delay works; and
- Any costs associated with the archaeological review will be the applicant's responsibility.

