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Nanaimo Bastion Remediation

The Nanaimo Bastion, a 157 year old former Hudson's Bay Company outpost and the most endearing symbol of Vancouver Island's second biggest city, is in need of some TLC.

Located on the waterfront in the Nanaimo Harbour, it was becoming increasingly evident that the Bastion was suffering from exposure to prevailing winds and rain. In particular, the timber walls and corner posts facing the harbour have been showing signs of wood rot.

A formal assessment of this historic monument, which included a visual review as well as ultrasonic testing, has since confirmed the need for short and long term remediation due to moisture induced deterioration.

Starting this spring, Nanaimo Museum (the guardian of the Bastion) will work with the City of Nanaimo and its contractors to fix the problem. The Hudson's Bay Company will also play a part by donating to the remediation project of its name sake.

Although the Bastion will be closed to the public while remediation work is taking place, which includes jacking up the building, replacing decayed timbers and walls, and caulking and repainting the structure, daily cannon firings will still take place starting in late May. Throughout the process, museum staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on the project.

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