

POLICY STATEMENT

THE PUBLIC NATURE OF ST. ANN'S ACADEMY BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Due to the increasing popularity of St. Ann's Academy as a recognized national historic site and as a place for events, the Provincial Capital Commission (PCC) has found it necessary to clarify how the building and property can be used.

St. Ann's Academy is owned by the PCC in trust for the people of British Columbia and, as such, the grounds are open for public use at all times. The Interpretive Centre, which includes the Chapel, Parlours and Novitiate Garden, is open for public viewing at regular times. The remainder of the building is used for government offices and the tenants occupying this space also have access to the building and grounds without restrictions.

Permission may be granted, to groups or individuals, to use four parts of the property on a rental basis: Academy Green, Orchard, Auditorium, and/or the Interpretive Centre and Novitiate Garden. Rental arrangements are made through the completion of a Contract and Invoice for Facility Rental and the payment of the appropriate rental fee. Although you have permission to hold your event in a specific area, you may not interfere with the Public using this area at the same time. What the Contract does ensure is that on the date and time specified on your contract we will not book any other events in the same area.

As there are four separate rental areas on the property - Academy Green, Orchard, Auditorium and the Interpretive Centre (including the Chapel and the Novitiate Garden) - it is possible that there may be more than one event running at the same time. Due to the close proximity of the Academy Green and Orchard with the Chapel and Novitiate Garden, bridal events will not be booked into more than one of these locations at any time. Also, the Chapel or Novitiate Garden may be rented after the Academy Green or Orchard are booked but the Academy Green or Orchard will not be rented for an event if the Chapel or Novitiate Garden is already booked for an event at that time. This does not preclude an event setting up on the Academy Green or Orchard prior to the Chapel or Novitiate Garden rental and then holding the event after the Chapel or Novitiate Garden events are completed.

This permission does not include exclusive access or use by the renter and their guests. Visitors to the building and property will be advised of events underway; however access to the grounds or the Interpretive Centre can not be unreasonably denied during public opening hours. During the times which the Interpretive Centre is open for public viewing, a renter cannot deny access by the public to enter the Chapel during services. Most visitors will not do this, but they do appreciate being able to view the Chapel during the arrival of guests or during photography sessions in the Chapel.