

True Colours and Mole Hill

Throughout one hundred years of building maintenance, Vancouver's early homes have received many coats of paint. In 1998, Vancouver Heritage Foundation partnered with Benjamin Moore to make available a historical paint palette of authentic colours. Paint was sampled from many homes including those now part of the Mole Hill Community Housing Society led by heritage consultant Donald Luxton, and original paint layers were analyzed. The results were formulated into a palette that is allowing Vancouver homes to be repainted in their original colours.

The identification of the Mole Hill colours, such as Comox Green, Bute Taupe and Pendrell Verdigris, came as a result of VHF's participation in the restoration of Mole Hill. Initially slated for demolition by the City of Vancouver who were buying West End properties with plans for higher-density social housing, West End and Mole Hill residents rallied to save the houses, and strong community support resulted in the creation of a characterful neighbourhood of original and restored heritage homes. A few privately-owned residences still dot Mole Hill, but the majority of houses are owned by the City of Vancouver and managed by the Mole Hill Community Housing Society, providing affordable housing in Vancouver's West End. Mole Hill is a wonderfully-preserved square block of Vancouver history, and illustrates the value of retaining heritage architecture to support vibrant communities.

This guide identifies the houses by address, and the last page provides a paint colour guide to each home's historical paint scheme. We encourage you to take a stroll around this unique area.

Since 1999, many of Vancouver's heritage homes have been restored to authentic historical paint schemes that complement and illuminate the craftsmanship and details found on early architecture. Many have achieved this with the help of a grant from VHF. Visit our website for information about grants available and to find out more about the True Colours palette.



Pendrell Street Victorian houses with a palette of Pendrell Green, Pendrell Verdigris and Hastings Red.

COMOX STREET



1170 Comox Street
Lumsden House, A, 1901



1164 Comox Street
Bowser House, A, 1894-5



1160 Comox Street
Mace House, A, 1901



1154 Comox Street
Rummel House/Braemar Lodge, B, 1906



1146 Comox Street
Antsie House, B, 1904

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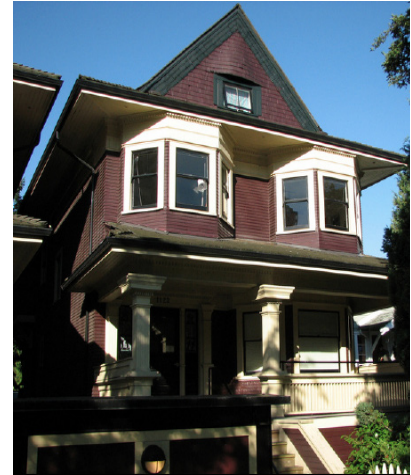
COMOX STREET



1140 Comox Street
Williscroft Residence, B, 1097



1136 Comox Street
B, 1905 (est)



1122 Comox Street
Parr & Fee Architects, A, 1904



1120 Comox Street
A, 1904



1114 Comox Street,
B, 1901

PENDRELL & THURLOW STREETS



1117 Pendrell Street
The Leslie Lane House
Moved to Mole Hill
and restored by Vancouver
Heritage Foundation
(now privately owned)
B(M), 1903



1103 Pendrell Street
Costello House, B, 1907



1119 Thurlow Street, C, 1903



1113 Thurlow Street, B, 1903



1107 Thurlow Street, B, 1903

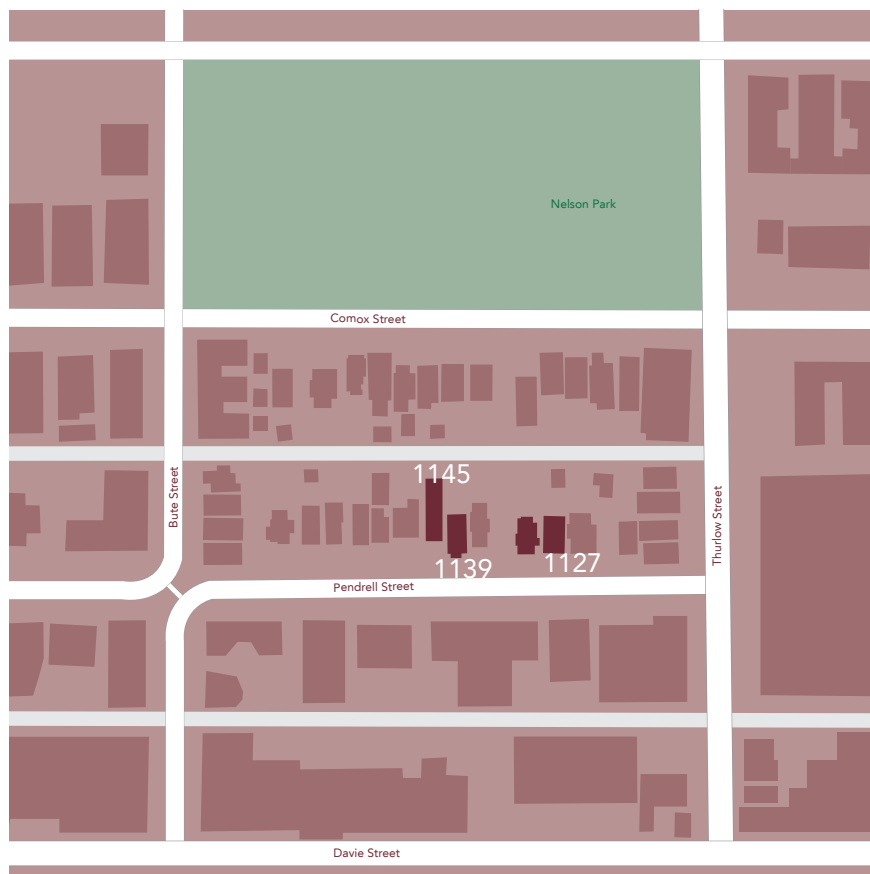
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PENDRELL STREET



1145 Pendrell Street,
New addition, 2003



1139 Pendrell Street, B, 1889



1127 Pendrell Street, B, 1904

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PENDRELL STREET



1169 Pendrell Street, B, 1898



1163 Pendrell Street, B, 1898



1159 Pendrell Street, B, 1898



1157 Pendrell Street,
Paterson House, B, 1898



1147 Pendrell Street
Ralston House, B, 1889

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BUTE STREET



1110 Bute Street, B, 1908



1122 Bute Street,
Percy Nevil Smith House, B, 1908



1116 Bute Street, B, 1908

True Colours paint schemes by address:

ADDRESS	BODY COLOUR	TRIM	WATERTABLE	SASH	GABLE
1114 Comox St	Comox Green	Edwardian Cream	Comox Green	Gloss Black	N/A
1120 Comox St	Hastings Red	Edwardian Buff	Edwardian Buff	Gloss Black	Hastings Red
1122 Comox St	Hastings Red	Edwardian Buff	Edwardian Buff	Gloss Black	Hastings Red
1136 Comox St	Hastings Red	Edwardian Buff	Edwardian Buff	Gloss Black	Hastings Red
1140 Comox St	Comox Green	Edwardian Buff	Comox Green	Gloss Black	Comox Green
1146 Comox St	Strathcona Mahogany	Edwardian Buff	Strathcona Mahogany	Gloss Black	N/A
1154 Comox St	Vancouver Green	Oxford Ivory	Vancouver Green	Gloss Black	Craftsman Brown- siding Haddington Grey- stucco
1160 Comox St	Pendrell Verdigris	Pendrell Green	Pendrell Green	Hastings Red	Pendrell Red
1164 Comox St	Pendrell Red	Pendrell Verdigris	Pendrell Verdigris	Gloss Black	Pendrell Red
1170 Comox St	Hastings Red - upper Comox Gold - base	Hastings Red	N/A	Gloss Black	N/A
1107, 1113 & 1119 Thurlow St	Strathcona Red	Strathcona Gold	N/A	Gloss Black	Strathcona Red
1103 Pendrell St	Harris Green	Edwardian Buff	Edwardian Buff	Gloss Black	Craftsman Brown
1117 Pendrell St	Bute Taupe	Edwardian Buff	Edwardian Buff	Gloss Black	N/A
1125 Pendrell St	Pendrell Verdigris	Pendrell Green	Pendrell Green	Gloss Black	Pendrell Red
1127 Pendrell St	Edwardian Pewter	Pendrell Cream	Pendrell Cream	Gloss Black	N/A
1137 Pendrell St	Pendrell Verdigris	Pendrell Green	Pendrell Green	Gloss Black	Pendrell Verdigris
1139 Pendrell St	Pendrell Red	Pendrell Green	Pendrell Green	Gloss Black	Pendrell Red
1145 Pendrell St	Haddington Grey	Edwardian Cream	N/A	Gloss Black	N/A
1147 Pendrell St	Harris Green	Edwardian Cream	Edwardian Cream	Gloss Black	Harris Green
1157-1169 Pendrell	Pendrell Verdigris	Pendrell Green	N/A	Hastings Red	Pendrell Red
1173 Pendrell St	Pendrell Red	Pendrell Green	N/A	Hastings Red	Pendrell Red
1110 Bute St	Bute Taupe	Dunbar Buff	Bute Taupe	Gloss Black	Craftsman Brown
1116 Bute St	Pendrell Verdigris	Oxford Ivory	Pendrell Verdigris	Pendrell Verdigris	Strathcona Gold
1122 Bute St	Harris Green	Dunbar Buff	Harris Green	Gloss Black	Craftsman Brown

Deck and Stairs: Edwardian Porch Grey (where painted).

Colour Key

True Colours Vancouver Palette:

Black Gloss VC-35	Harris Green VC-21
Bute Taupe VC-13	Hastings Red VC-30
Comox Gold VC-10	Kitsilano Gold VC-11
Comox Green VC-19	Mellish Rust VC-28
Craftsman Brown VC-32	Oxford Ivory VC-1
Dunbar Buff VC-5	Pendrell Green VC-18
Edwardian Buff VC-6	Pendrell Red VC-29
Edwardian Cream VC-7	Strathcona Mahogany VC-34
Edwardian Porch Grey VC-26	Vancouver Green VC-20
Haddington Grey VC-15	

Paint sheens:

Body Colours: Low Lustre
Trim Colours: Semi-Gloss
*Architectural painting required -
face and edges*
Sash Colours: High Gloss

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of the True Colours Palette. Or view the
palette on our website:

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