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COMMUNITY NEWS

Former Marpole Japanese Language School Plaque Unveiling

by Liz Nunoda



Rev. Canon Gordon Nakayama unveils plaque inside former Marpole Japanese Language School, Feb. 24, 1991.

On February 24, 1991, an unveiling ceremony took place in what is now known as the Marpole 40th Scout Hall. Canon Gordon Nakayama unveiled a bronze plaque which acknowledges the fact that the hall had been built and used by Marpole's pre-war Japanese Canadian community. Scouts, Guides and their leaders were in attendance, along with various members of the JC community.

The structure was originally built at 8757 Selkirk Street in 1927, and was used for Japanese language study by MARPOLE BOY SCOUL HALL

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JC students who lived too far from the Alexander Street Japanese Language School to attend.

There are ten undocumented years, between 1936 and 1946, during which time the property was seized and then sold.

On December 28, 1949, a Certificate of Title existed in the name of "The Secretary of State of Canada acting in his capacity as Custodian under the revised regulations respecting trading with the enemy (1943)." On that same date, a Certificate of Title was issued in the name of the "Burrard Lions Club Activity Society".

The Marpole Boy Scout Hall is presently located at 703 West 70th. It is a tiny wooden structure sandwiched between two tall, more recently constructed buildings. The bronze plaque will be placed outside of the

building's entrance while a plexiglass version will be displayed inside.

Unfortunately, the plaque uses the term "Japanese" rather than "Japanese Canadians" in its wording.

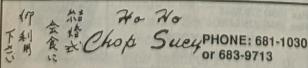
The wording is as follows:

MARPOLE BOY SCOUT HALL Marpole's Japanese community built this
hall in 1927 at 72nd Avenue and Selkirk
Street as a school for their children. It
stood empty after their forced evacuation
in World War II until the Burrard Lions
Club acquired it in 1946 and gave it to the
Marpole Boy Scouts. The scouts moved
this hall in 1963 to city land at Lord
Street and Southwest Marine Drive, and
then again in 1984 to the current site. As
a centre for Boy Scouts, Girl Guides,
Cubs, Brownies, Beavers, and Sparks, the
hall continues to serve young people in the
Marpole community. - February 24, 1991.



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