

## Japanese Canadian War Memorial

In April 1920, a monument commemorating Japanese Canadians who fought for Canada was erected in Stanley Park. Built with private donations, the monument comprises a base listing battles where Japanese Canadians fought and a stone column topped with a Japanese-style lamp that was intended to stay permanently lit. The light was extinguished in 1942 when attacks on Pearl Harbour and war with Japan led to the internment of Japanese Canadians. It was re-lit in 1985 with decorated First World War veteran Sgt. Masumi Mitsui in attendance. Restoration of the monument was completed in recent years led by a volunteer committee with support from a Vancouver Heritage Foundation grant as well as other grant funding and donations.