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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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What do you know  
about **Hogan's  
Alley?**





## **What is "Hogan's Alley"?**

Hogan's Alley was home to the majority of Vancouver's Black community since the early 1900s. Located in Strathcona, Hogan's Alley served as a Black cultural hub for food, entertainment, art, music, and so much more!

Due to the racist and discriminatory practices in play during the early 1900s, Black Canadians and Black Immigrants were prevented from buying and renting homes. The Hogan's Alley neighbourhood served as a place of inclusivity and belonging.



## **What happened to Hogan's Alley?**

Since the mid-1900s, efforts to rezone Strathcona resulted in Black residents struggling to attain mortgages, make home improvements, or move into Hogan's Alley.

The construction of the Georgia viaduct in the early 1970s led to the displacement and expropriation of numerous Hogan's Alley residents. Ultimately, the demolition of several blocks of homes in the name of "Urban Renewal" led to the neighbourhoods' demise.



## **Where is Hogan's Alley now?**

The Hogan's Alley Land Trust is working to create a community land trust and a mixed-use redevelopment at Hogan's Alley.

This means that below-market housing will be available for future residents, and neighbourhoods that are culturally rich, vibrant, and protected from market pressures will be established.



## **What's happening today?**

The displacement of Black Canadians is neither limited to Hogan's Alley, nor confined to the past. As identified by Balanced Supply of Housing researcher Nemoy Lewis, the displacements of Black Canadians continues to occur.

Dr. Lewis' research explores the adverse impact of financialized landlords on Black renters and communities in Toronto. His work also identifies policies that can help limit financialization and secure the right to housing.



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## **What can we do?**

Balanced Supply of Housing Community Partner Cheryll Case of Partna Housing suggests best practices for confronting inequality within the housing sphere. The Partna Housing project is designed to acknowledge and address the structural inequality, racism, and ongoing colonial practices embedded within our housing systems.

The Partna Housing project explores a scattered housing trust model, by providing financing and planning to homeowners to create affordable housing on their land.



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