



Snohomish County Council

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Council to Assist in Preserving the Past

The Snohomish County Council began taking steps today to preserve the County's rich history.

A recent fire in Everett resulted in significant water damage to the collection of the Museum of Snohomish County History. Last week, former Snohomish County Auditor Bob Terwilliger contacted Council Chair Dave Gossett to suggest appropriating a portion of filing fees dedicated to historical preservation in 2005 by the State Legislature to help with the restoration and preservation of the damaged items.

Terwilliger stated, "When the document preservation fee was increased in 2005 by the state legislature, a portion of the fee increase (\$1.00 on every document recorded with the Auditor's Office) was to be set aside and used to promote historical preservation or historical programs."

The story of a community is told through the preservation of cultural and historic resources. The story of our past makes our County distinct from all other places.

"Preserving our past is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children and grandchildren," said Council Chair Dave Gossett. "I'm very pleased we'll be able to help the Museum recover from this devastating fire."

Preserving these tangible mementos of our past helps create a common community spirit.