

GHOSTS of the Patricia

- The Townsite is one of the most haunted area in Powell River.
- The historic buildings and the feeling of old, create a spooky atmosphere that makes you feel like you could see a ghost just around the corner.
- Most of these older buildings also have wooden floors that like to creak, especially on dark and quiet evenings.
- Some of the most haunted buildings are the Rodmay Hotel, the Courthouse, and the Patricia Theatre.
- The Patricia is said to host a least six different ghosts.
- Interestingly, these three places are all public buildings that have seen many people over the last century and continue to do so today. It makes sense that a few souls lingered in these places; they still have stories to tell...

Dr. Marlatt

- One of the most well known ghosts of the Patricia Theatre.
- This ghost appears as a balding man that wears spectacles and a medical-type tunic.
- This ghost is thought to be of Dr. Marlatt because of his dentist office, which used to be located on the second floor of the theatre.
- The Doctor is rumoured to have been nasty towards children, often known not to use anaesthetics.

Ann has often caught glimpses of a balding, bespectacled man in a medical-type tunic. Ann believes this to be Dr. Marlatt, who at one time had a dentist office in the space where Ann now lives upstairs at the theatre. Ann describes him as "evil" because of his nastiness, especially toward children. He was known not to use anaesthetics.



Eyewitness account from Ann Nelson (past owner of the Patricia). Taken from: <http://powtownpost.com/adventures-powell-river/>

ID 1967.1.900 Dr. Marlatt (1886 – 1960)

Myron McLeod

- Manager of the Patricia Theatre from when it first opened in 1928, Myron eventually became owner, up to 1979 when he sold it.

During renovations in 2003, Dan, one of the crew, was down on all fours working an all-nighter to refinish the floors. As he worked, something made him look up and there was a smiling man sitting on a nearby desk with his thumbs in his pockets. The man seemed to approve of the work being done. In his weariness, Dan didn't think much of it and continued his work until he realized what he'd seen was impossible as all furniture had been removed from the area.

Startled, he looked up to find no desk and no man.

Eyewitness account of the ghost of Myron McLeod. Taken from:
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ID 2007.50.14374: Myron McLeod
circa 1943.



ID PC000178: The Patricia Theatre in the 1950's. Left of the theatre was the location of John Dunnings Sweet Shop. On the right of the theatre was Petersons Jewellers. For a time, the living quarters upstairs was the location of Dr. Marlatt's dentist office.

Video: accounts of ghost sightings at the theatre

<https://www.powellrivermuseum.ca/ghostsofthepatricia.html>