

**MINUTES OF THE
GASTOWN HISTORIC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE**

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee (GHAPC) was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., at the City of Vancouver, Woodward's Heritage Building, 111 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC.

- PRESENT:** Carol Sill, Community Resident Owner, Chair
Glenda Bartosh, Local Property Owner
Shelley Bruce, Community Heritage Representative
Chris Fair, Community Business Representative, Vice-Chair
Mila Kostic, Community Business Representative
Ashley Pope, Community Architect
- ABSENT:** Alan Davies, Community Architect
Glade Schoenfeld, Community Engineer (arrived 4:16 pm)
Jon Stovell, Community Property Owner
- ALSO PRESENT:** Tanis Knowles Yarnell, Planner
- RECORDING SECRETARY:** Linda Tylla, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

With a quorum being present, Chair Sill called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

1) Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was adopted as circulated. Adoption of the minutes was deferred, as the previous minutes were not circulated.

2) Heritage Action Plan - Update

Tanis Knowles Yarnell, Planner, introduced herself and provided opening comments, noting that Shelley Bruce is the GHAPC representative to the related public advisory committee.

Ms. Knowles Yarnell provided an on-screen presentation offering an overview and progress update on the Heritage Action Plan, and she reviewed the work program and public consultation schedule for 2015.

The Heritage Action Plan, approved by City Council in December 2013, is a set of strategic actions aimed at updating and improving the City's existing Heritage Conservation Program. The following are key areas for action and implementation through the Plan:

1. Heritage Conservation Program review
2. Heritage Register upgrade

3. Character home zoning review
4. Sustainability initiatives
5. Awareness and advocacy initiatives.

Ms. Knowles Yarnell advised that the Heritage Action Plan is the implementation of the strategic actions. A consultant team has been put in place, led by Donald Luxton and Associates. She reviewed the work program and target schedule, noting that the next update to GHAPC will be in May. Broad public consultation will take place through the various stages of work and "Talk Vancouver" polling survey will provide an additional opportunity for public input.

Staff responded to questions related to the types of heritage programs, tools and incentives that might be explored under the work program, noting that incentives would be explored as part of a later phase of the plan, in summer 2015.

Staff responded to questions related to stakeholder consultation. GHAPC suggested that, as part of the Plan, the heritage program consider advisory committees in a new way, in order that they might operate in a more uniform and consistent fashion. It was also suggested that a revised management plan for Gastown be considered to include incremental change and accumulative impact in the community planning process.

Additional background information on the Heritage Action Plan can be found online at: www.vancouver.ca/heritage-action-plan

Next meeting:

DATE: March 18, 2015
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Hastings Mill Room (4A), 4th floor
Woodward's Heritage Building
111 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1H4

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Chair

Date Approved