



VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 9, 2026

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 11:02 AM, in the Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Michael Gordon, Chair
Mitra Arianfar
Sam Boisvert*
Nancy Kirkpatrick, Vice-Chair
Alfred Lai
Brienne La Pierre
Hilary Macdonald
Judy Lam Maxwell
Debbie Schachter

ABSENT Alison Fraser
Ivonne Voelkel (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Mike Klassen, Council Liaison
Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner; Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Adeola Alle, Coordinator, Planning Committees
Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Leave of Absence Requests

Ivonne Voelkel

MOVED by Commissioner Macdonald
SECONDED by Commissioner Lam Maxwell

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve a leave of absence for Ivonne Voelkel for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Kirkpatrick
SECONDED by Commissioner Lai

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve a leave of absence for Michael Gordon for the meeting of March 23, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Schachter
SECONDED by Commissioner Macdonald

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve the minutes from the meeting of Monday, January 26, 2026, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Prior to the start of items 1, Commissioner Boisvert declared conflict of interest under section 145.2(2.b) of the Vancouver Charter, as their employer is involved with the application. Commissioner Boisvert left the meeting for the duration of the item and returned when it was completed.

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**1. 601 W. Cordova St. - DP-2025-00916
Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) Station,
Heritage Impact Assessment & Conservation Strategy
VHR-listed, M**

Staff and the applicant team provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments. Following discussion, it was

MOVED BY Commissioner Schachter
SECONDED by Commissioner Lam Maxwell

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver has received a Development Permit Application from Cadillac Fairview Corporation for alterations to the below-grade structure of the 3-storey Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) Station (municipally designated as a Protected Heritage Building) and to develop the site addressed 601 W Cordova Street (formerly 555 W Cordova Street) adjacent to the Heritage Building with a 22-storey office building; and
2. Also adjacent, to the east of the site, is the provincially designated 7-storey Heritage Building known as the Kelly, Douglas & Co. Warehouse, (municipally designated as a

Protected Heritage Building) and the western edge of the Gastown Historic Area municipally designated and nationally recognized as a historic urban district); and

3. The Application received by the City of Vancouver also includes a Heritage Impact Assessment addressing the CPR Station, impact on the Kelly, Douglas & Co, Warehouse building, the proximity to Gastown Historic Area, and a Conservation Strategy specific to the CPR Station, prepared by Luxton, dated December 2025.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission does not support the proposed 22-storey office tower adjacent to several important Heritage Buildings that are character-defining features of the central waterfront on the site at 601 West Cordova Street, because the Commission does not find the proposal to be compatible with and subordinate to the existing heritage building nor historic area of Gastown;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission does not endorse the Heritage Impact Assessment presented addressing the CPR Station, the Gastown Historic District, and the Kelly, Douglas & Co, Warehouse building, but does endorse in principle the Conservation Strategy specific to the CPR Station prepared by Luxton, dated December 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Commissioner Boisvert absent for the vote due to conflict of interest)

**2. 2733 Heather St. - RZ-2024-00043
Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) Campus Master Plan & Heather Pavilion
VHR-listed, M, HRA**

Staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability and the applicant team provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

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During questions and comments, it was

MOVED by Commissioner Macdonald

SECONDED by Commissioner Kirkpatrick

THAT the Commission extend the meeting past 2 pm in order to complete item 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Following discussion, it was

MOVED BY Commissioner Lam Maxwell

SECONDED by Commissioner Lai

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver has received a Rezoning Application from Vancouver Coastal Health for the Vancouver General Hospital campus which contemplates the demolition of the Heather Pavilion, 2733 Heather Street; and
2. A portion of the Heather Pavilion, including the 1906 original Pavilion and the 1908 additions, is designated as a municipally protected heritage property with a Heritage Revitalization Agreement registered on title; and
3. The application is accompanied by a Conservation Management Plan, which includes a Statement of Significance for the designated parts of the Pavilion and with commemorative intent to memorialize the Heather Pavilion, dated November 14, 2025, prepared by ERA Consultants.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT The Vancouver Heritage Commission supports in principle the proposed master plan for the future redevelopment of the Vancouver General Hospital campus, subject to further work being done by the applicant, working with staff on developing conservation approaches for the Heather Pavillion for retention and adaptive reuse, including relocation of the building or its components;
- B. Further that it is recommended that the applicant continues to consult with the Indigenous Coast Salish Nations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Liaison Updates

Not dealt with.

4. New Business

Not dealt with.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Schachter
SECONDED by Commissioner Lam Maxwell

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, March 23, 2026

TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall
/ Teams Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 02:20 PM.

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