



## VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

### MINUTES

MAY 4, 2015

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, May 4, 2015, at 11:08 am, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Richard Keate, Chair  
Jan Fialkowski  
Michael Kluckner  
Joel Massey  
Anthony Norfolk  
Julia Hulbert  
Mollie Massie  
Kim Maust\*, Vice-Chair  
Jenny Sandy

**ABSENT:** Terry Brunette (Leave of Absence)  
Jon Stovell

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Heather Deal, City of Vancouver  
Trustee Penny Noble, Vancouver School Board  
Marco D'Agostini, Senior Heritage Planner, Heritage  
Group - Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Commissioner Norfolk  
SECONDED by Commissioner Fialkowski

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve a leave of absence for Commissioner Brunette for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner Maust absent for the vote)

#### Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Norfolk  
SECONDED by Commissioner Kluckner

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve the minutes from the meeting held April 13, 2015, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner Maust absent for the vote)

## 1. Business Arising from the Minutes

### a) Vancouver School Board Liaison's Comments

Trustee Noble provided a brief update on seismic upgrading of school facilities, noting heritage value will be a factor in upcoming discussions with key stakeholders including the Vancouver Heritage Foundation Board, the Heritage Vancouver Society and the Vancouver Heritage Commission.

In discussion, Trustee Noble suggested the Commission consider future uses for the wooden schoolhouse on the General Gordon elementary site.

In closing, Commissioner Maust confirmed her participation in upcoming stakeholder meetings.

## 2. Conservation Review

### (a) 3365 Commercial Drive - 1695 to 1775 East 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue - 'Myers Residence' VHR 'C' Rezoning Application (CD-1)

#### Issues

- (i) Relocation of heritage building and infill development, and transitional massing;
- (ii) Conservation Plan

Applicants: Nathan Gurvich, Cressey Development Group  
Christin Doeinghaus, Donald Luxton & Associates  
Donald Luxton, Donald Luxton & Associates

Staff: James Boldt, Heritage Group  
Yardley McNeill, Planner, Vancouver - Midtown

Staff reviewed the application and, along with the applicants, responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Kluckner  
SECONDED by Commissioner Maust

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission does not support the application to relocate and rehabilitate 3365 Commercial Drive due to the relocation of the house, its new siting and its condition;

FURTHER THAT the Commission is willing to consider a revised application that would address the position of the heritage house on the site with a reduced, more compatible infill project adjacent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*The Commission recessed at 12:08 pm and reconvened at 12:30 pm.*

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**(b) 1610 Stephens Street - 'Mary McGregor Cottage'  
Proposed VHR 'C'  
DE#418671**

**Issues**

- (i) Compatibility of the new infill building;
- (ii) Conservation Plan

Applicants: Matt Mauza, Formwerks Architectural  
Donald Luxton, Donald Luxton & Associates

Staff: James Boldt, Heritage Group

Staff, along with Mr. Luxton, reviewed the application and responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Keate  
SECONDED by Commissioner Fialkowski

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the heritage rehabilitation and conservation plan for 1610 Stephens Street, the Mary McGregor Cottage, in keeping with a heritage restoration on an adjacent site;

FURTHER THAT the Commission supports adding an infill one-family dwelling at the front of the property but recommends that the architect consider design modifications to make it more distinguishable.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Heritage Action Plan**

Attendees: Donald Luxton, Donald Luxton & Associates Inc., Lead Consultant - Heritage Action Plan

Staff: Marco D'Agostini, Senior Heritage Planner  
Tanis Knowles Yarnell, Planner, Heritage Action Plan Implementation

Staff, along with Mr. Luxton, provided progress updates on the following components of the Heritage Action Plan and responded to questions:

- Staff recommendations for First Shaughnessy District, and next steps to report to Council.
- Consultant presentation on the Heritage Register Upgrade process and public launch planned for May 23, 2015.

Staff noted any formal comments from the Commission will be included in the report to Council going later in May.

MOVED by Commissioner Maust  
SECONDED by Commissioner Sandy

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the recommendations that are being made by the Heritage Action Plan team with regard to the First Shaughnessy District and designates Richard Keate to speak to Council on behalf of the Commission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Maust  
SECONDED by Commissioner Norfolk

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the directions presented at its meeting held May 4, 2015, by the Heritage Action Plan team with regard to the heritage register upgrade and, in particular, supports the team's aspiration to develop a value based versus ranking based system in order to provide clarity to the treatment of heritage sites.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **4. Statement of Significance and Vancouver Heritage Register Subcommittee Report**

The Staff Liaison reviewed the report from the Statement of Significance and Vancouver Heritage Register Subcommittee meeting of April 20, 2015, and responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Norfolk  
SECONDED by Commissioner Massie

- A. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission request that the final comments on the Historic Context Statement and Statement of Significance for First Shaughnessy be conveyed by staff to the consultant.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission support adding the following building to the Vancouver Heritage Register as an A-listing:
  - 349 West Georgia Street - Main Post Office.
- C. THAT, unless additional information can be provided that expands upon the historical context and confirms certain architectural features as original, the Vancouver Heritage Commission recommends the following building not be added to the Vancouver Heritage Register:
  - 523 Union Street - Paddon House.
- D. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission request that the Statements of Significance for the following buildings be referred back to the consultants for revisions and, where necessary, to complete revisions to the Vancouver Heritage Register Evaluations:
  - 349 West Georgia Street - Main Post Office;
  - 523 Union Street - Paddon House; and
  - 3689 Selkirk Street - A.E. Tulk House, Rosemary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. New Business**

None

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: May 25, 2015  
TIME: 11 am  
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room  
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 1:59 pm.

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