



## **SPECIAL VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES**

**APRIL 16, 2018**

A Special meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, April 16, 2018, at 9:32 am, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Michael Kluckner, Chair  
Julia Hulbert  
Denise Jacques  
Richard Keate  
Mollie Massie  
Anthony Norfolk  
Jenny Sandy, Vice-Chair

**ABSENT:** Jan Fialkowski  
Janet Leduc  
Joel Massey

**ALSO PRESENT:** Helen Cain, Heritage Group, Staff Liaison

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

### **WELCOME**

The Chair acknowledged that we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands.

#### **1. Conservation Review**

##### **(a) 4949 Heather Street – Fairmont Building VHR A Policy Context Statement**

Staff: Kirsten Robinson, Planner III, Major Sites, Vancouver South

Staff provided follow up information arising from the update on this proposal at the regular meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission on April 9, 2017, and responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Sandy  
SECONDED by Commissioner Massie

WHEREAS the building known as Fairmont Academy has a deep history, including its time as Langara Boys' School, as Langara Military Hospital treating veterans of the First World War and evolving into Shaughnessy Military Hospital, and finally as RCMP headquarters for British Columbia, that would be altered through relocation or demolition.

AND WHEREAS the Commission is mindful of the importance of truth within the Reconciliation process and the necessity of representing a diversity of cultural values to communicate the complexity of the site.

AND WHEREAS the building is an excellent example of architecture classified as an "A" on the Vancouver heritage register and was listed on the federal heritage inventory until its recent transfer of ownership.

AND WHEREAS the building has been demonstrated to have excellent potential for adaptation and reuse, in a manner consistent with the City's and First Nations' sustainability goals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission asks the City to take into consideration their role in the preservation of civic history and to be mindful that Fairmont Academy is a site of powerful memory. Furthermore, the City should consider all measures to retain or preserve the structure in situ. The City should also consider other creative solutions such as a possible land swap.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Keate  
SECONDED by Commissioner Norfolk

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Monday, April 30, 2018  
TIME: 11:00 am  
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room  
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Commission adjourned at 11:24 am.

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