



## VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

### MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on September 14, 2020, at 11:04 am, by electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Michael Kluckner, Chair  
Randip Bakshi\*  
Paul Giles  
Michael Gordon, Vice-Chair  
Richard Keate  
Doreen Leo  
Joel Massey  
Jenni Pace  
Craig Rogers  
Shirley Shen

**ABSENT:** Paul Giles (Leave of Absence)  
Mollie Massie (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Colleen Hardwick, Council Liaison  
Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner  
Hugh McLean, Heritage Planner  
Maxine Schleger, Heritage Planner Analyst  
Amber Knowles, Heritage Planner

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Commissioner Pace  
SECONDED by Commissioner Gordon

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve leaves of absence for Paul Giles, and Mollie Massie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Approval of Minutes – July 13, 2020**

MOVED by Commissioner Leo  
SECONDED by Commissioner Pace

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve the Minutes from the meeting of July 13, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. 343 Prior St. VHR “B” DP-2020-00130**

**Issues:** Compatibility of addition and infill, Conservation strategy

**Applicant:** Jack McDonald, Jack McDonald Residential Design  
Jeff Allester, Allester Engineering  
John Atkin, John Atkin History + Research

**Staff:** Amber Knowles, Heritage Planner  
Oliver Szeleczyk, Development Planner

Staff and the applicant provided an overview of the application and responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Gordon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Massey

WHEREAS

1. The Stewart Residence at 343 Prior Street is a 1901 building listed as a B on the Vancouver Heritage Register.
2. Its social and cultural history reflects the evolution of Vancouver and the Strathcona neighbourhood, including a connection with the noteworthy Branca family.
3. An application has been received to rehabilitate it within the conditional FSR of the RT-3 zoning.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the application to construct an addition to the historic house as a separate dwelling unit and to add an infill building as presented in the design package, including the reuse and retention of decorative elements, the replacement of unsympathetic windows with new wooden ones, the removal of vinyl siding, and the paint scheme using the “True Colours” palette, with the following proviso:

i. That the Heritage Commission questions the need to strip the original siding from the house to enable rain screening, and asks staff to pursue a retention strategy using the Alternative Code of Compliance in order to maintain the historical authenticity of the building;

FURTHER THAT the Heritage Commission supports the complementary (rather than distinguishable) design of the addition and the infill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **2. Statements of Significance and VHC – SoS Subcommittee Reports**

Staff provided a report from the Statements of Significance and SoS Subcommittee Report of July 20, 2020, and responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Pace

SECONDED by Commissioner Leo

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission support adding 2625 Oxford Street (rear structure), Hardy Barn, to the Vancouver Heritage Register as a B-listing and that the Vancouver Heritage Register Evaluation be referred back to staff to complete the necessary revisions.

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission request that the Statements of Significance for:

- 2626 Oxford St – Hardy Residence and Barn; and
- 315-317 East Pender St – Chang Residence,

be referred back to the consultants for revisions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Shen

SECONDED by Commissioner Pace

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission acknowledges that the Statements of Significance for 1041 Comox Street, 2268 Cornwall Avenue, and 343 Prior Street, and the Vancouver Heritage Register evaluation for 2268 Cornwall Avenue were reviewed only by staff due to work process adjustment early in the COVID-19 pandemic.

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission support adding 2268 Cornwall Avenue, Harting Manor, to the Vancouver Heritage Register as a B-listing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Commission recessed at 12:02 pm and reconvened at 12:18 pm.

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### **3. Commemoration Policy Workshop**

City staff from Cultural Services provided a presentation on the Commemoration Policy. The presentation included introductory first steps, directions for public art, international and local re-examination of monuments, and inquiry questions on the City's commemorative policy. Staff also reported on emerging opportunities, current work, initial research, consultation and engagement with key stakeholders, and directions and values.

The following comments and questions were made informally by Commissioners during the presentation and in the discussion period following it:

- there might be a difference in policy and criteria between CAC-funded public art and commemorative artwork initiated by grass-roots organizations;
- there were brief comments on whether monuments that present a contested message could be added to in a way that explains history in a more inclusive way, or whether removal (such as, to a museum or a less prominent place) is a more satisfactory response;
- staff clarified that Indigenous Reconciliation is focused on the three local First Nations. There were comments on how a Coast Salish sense of place could be incorporated into the city in civic infrastructure;
- there was discussion on whether monuments were expected to be permanent, or whether commemorative work could be designed to be removed or to disappear after a specified period. It was acknowledged that monuments and memorializations need to be as inclusive as possible of all groups in the city;
- there was discussion on the vetting of, and adding to, text on monuments, including the question of who would control it. As well, there was a brief discussion of the exclusive use of non-English languages in commemorative artwork and their accessibility to the widest-possible public.

### **4. Other Business**

#### **a) Vancouver Heritage Register Administrative Update**

Heritage staff informed the Commission that the Vancouver Heritage Register Administrative Update Report will be presented to Council on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, and will include the addition of buildings recently evaluated by the SoS Subcommittee and supported by the Commission to be added, the deletion of demolished buildings, and other housekeeping updates to the Vancouver Heritage Register document. The report will be available online one week prior to the October 6, 2020 Council meeting.

### **5. New Business**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Massey  
SECONDED by Commissioner Gordon

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Randip Bakshi absent for the vote)

### **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Monday, October 5, 2020  
TIME: 11:00 am  
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Commission adjourned at 1:41 pm.

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