



NOTICE OF MEETING

VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

AGENDA

DATE: Monday, May 30, 2022

TIME: 11:00 am

PLACE: Webex Online

PLEASE NOTE:

- *If you are unable to attend this meeting, please advise Brian Fukushima brian.fukushima@vancouver.ca*
 - *Agendas and Minutes are available on the City of Vancouver civic agencies' web site at: <http://vancouver.ca/your-government/advisory-boards-and-committees.aspx>*
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Roll Call and Welcome **11:00 – 11:05**

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

Leave of Absence Requests **11:05 – 11:10**

Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2022 **11:10 – 11:15**

1. 1450 West 64th Avenue – Joy Kogawa House **11:15 – 12:15**
VHR 'B'
DP-2022-00200

The Heritage Building, known as the “Joy Kogawa House”, is valued for its representation and association with Joy Kogawa (nee Nakayama) and her writings involving Japanese-Canadians in BC. The house also is a good example of the early residential development of the Marpole area which occurred with the expansion of the BC Electric Railway system in 1909.

The Joy Kogawa House has national significance as a symbol of the discrimination experienced by Japanese-Canadians leading up to, during, and following the Second World War. This culminated in the 1942 internment, revoking of citizenship rights, and subsequent disposal of property belonging to Japanese-Canadians living in Vancouver and along the west coast. The DP Application proposes to retain and restore the Joy Kogawa House and to undertake the necessary upgrades to allow the house to be safely used as a space for small cultural gatherings, and to allow for two Dwelling units to be built on site for visiting artists and writers.

The site is currently owned by the City of Vancouver. Through a lease agreement the site is managed by the Historic Joy Kogawa House Society which aims to operate and preserve the home as a heritage and cultural centre, and as a site of cultural awareness and reconciliation. An HRA is required to allow for the cultural uses proposed (which currently are not listed in the RS-1 District Schedule), amongst several other variances of the Zoning and Development By-law. The house is also to be protected by a Designation By-law.

Issues:

- Support for the proposal
- Support for the conservation strategy

Applicants:

Mitch Sakumoto, Principle, Merrick Architecture
Donald Luxton, Heritage Consultant, Donald Luxton & Associates
Ann-Marie Metten, Executive Director, Historic Joy Kogawa House

Staff:

James Boldt, Heritage Planner
Kristen Lambertson, Social Planner
Tara Simmer, Manager Facilities Planning
Benjamin Dufix, Development Planner
Justin Neal, Project Coordinator

Attachments:

Drawings
SOS and Conservation Plan

2. Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade – Staff Update

12:15 – 1:15

The Vancouver Heritage Register (VHR), is an official listing of properties identified as having heritage value or character. The VHR, adopted in 1986, primarily reflects colonial, settler-oriented narratives of history, and does not reflect the broad and diverse range of the city's heritage values.

In 2020, Council adopted the Vancouver Heritage Program (VHP) with its vision, goals and direction. The purpose of this work is to upgrade the Register to more closely reflect the VHP to be able to identify, embrace, and celebrate a broad range of places with social, cultural and historic values, based on principles of reconciliation, diversity and equity. Once completed, this project would conclude the Heritage Action Plan initiated in 2013 while the VHR, its content and processes, would continue to evolve reflecting diverse community needs.

Staff will present an overview of the Vancouver Heritage Register, describe project components, associated process and project timelines. There will be many project related activities and further opportunities for engagement, consultation and feedback, as staff will be periodically reporting to the Commission on the progress of various components of the VHR Upgrade project.

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Attachments:

- Vancouver Heritage Register

3. New Business

1:15 – 1:30

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, June 20, 2022
TIME: 11:00 am
PLACE: Cascadia Meeting Room / WebEx

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