



## VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

### MINUTES

**November 14, 2022**

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 11:02 AM via electronic means.

- PRESENT:** Mollie Massie (Chair)  
Crystal Hung (Vice-Chair)\*  
James Evans  
Michael Gordon  
Hilary Macdonald  
Joel Massey\*  
Jenni Pace  
Shawn Preus
- ABSENT:** Paul Giles (Leave of Absence)  
Mohammad Kashif Khan (Leave of Absence)  
Leslie Kowarsky
- ALSO PRESENT:** Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** 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 People. 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

MOVED by Commissioner Gordon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Preus

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve leaves of absence for Paul Giles and Mohammad Kashif Khan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Macdonald  
SECONDED by Commissioner Gordon

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve the Minutes from the meeting of Monday, October 24, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**1. 300 and 400-blocks, Homer Street  
COV Engineering Services Homer Street Upgrade Project**

Applicants:

Jennifer Davis, Project Delivery Branch, Engineering Services, City of Vancouver  
Katie Geoghegan, Project Manager, City of Vancouver  
Samuel Boisvert, Senior Heritage Consultant, Donald Luxton & Associates  
Megan Faulkner, Director, Donald Luxton & Associates

The applicants provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

MOVED by Commissioner Gordon  
SECONDED by Commissioner MacDonald

WHEREAS

1. On March 30, 1995, Vancouver City Council approved a committee report for staff to seek Council approval prior to proceeding with any restoration or replacement of historic pavement identified in the administrative report appendix;
2. In 2020 Engineering Services retained the services of Donald Luxton & Associates to:
  - Conduct a heritage review of three granite sett pavement sites identified in the 1995 report, including the production of a Historical Context Statement for historic pavements in the city and Statements of Significance for the three granite sett sites;
  - Provide recommendations for prospective conservation work on historic pavements; and
  - Review and advise on specific proposed upgrades and interventions to the 300 and 400 blocks of Homer Street (one of the three granite sett pavement sites).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission commends the excellent staff and consultant work on the *Historic Pavements of Vancouver* report, and supports the continued focus of City staff on pursuing the repair and maintenance of heritage pavements, and where appropriate preserving, restoring, or rehabilitating existing historic streets, curb and sidewalk pavements, with the advice of a Heritage Consultant;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the Conservation Standards and Recommendations put forth within the *Historic Road Pavements of Vancouver* report, prepared by Donald Luxton & Associates for Engineering Services, for ongoing conservation work of historic pavements in the city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Hung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Preus

WHEREAS

1. The Homer Street Granite Sett Pavement in the 300 and 400 blocks of Homer Street, Vancouver, was installed in 1907 and was the first section of public road to receive full-width granite sett pavement in the city; is an example of the evolving and changing technologies surrounding the paving of city streets; was installed by notable contractors Ironside, Rannie, and Campbell; and is associated with the evolution of Vancouver's Downtown neighborhood;
2. The Homer Street Upgrade Project, proposed for the 300 and 400-blocks of Homer Street between Pender and Cordova Streets, is a multi-disciplinary project that includes signal and street light upgrades, implementation of green infrastructure, and water upgrades, as well as street and sidewalk rehabilitation that includes preservation and rehabilitation of historic pavement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the proposed heritage rehabilitation work on the 300 and 400 blocks of Homer Street, and the appropriateness of the reuse of salvaged granite setts in the road, boulevard, and crosswalk lines, generally in accordance with the 2022 *Historic Road Pavements of Vancouver* report prepared by Donald Luxton & Associates for Engineering Services;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission recommends further design development on the following matters:
  - Street improvements, including urban furniture, to reflect the historic character of the area;
  - Interpretive signage to be installed sharing the history of the street and its historic pavement treatment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **2. Liaison Updates**

Chair Massie informed the Commission that Councillor Mike Klassen will be the Commission's Council Liaison, and that Councillor Klassen was unable to attend the meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

## **3. New Business**

Commissioner Hung provided an update on the First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel, which met on October 27, 2022.

Commissioner Gordon informed the Commission that there have been no Development Permit Board meetings.

Zlatan Jankovic noted that work is ongoing on the Vancouver Heritage Register, and requested that Commissioners encourage applications for heritage awards.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Pace  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Next Meeting:**

DATE: TBD  
TIME: 11:00 AM  
PLACE: TBD

The Committee adjourned at 12:48 PM

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