



## **VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES**

**May 5, 2025**

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 11:01 AM, in the Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

**PRESENT:** James Evans, Chair  
Narges Afee\*  
Alison Fraser  
Paul Giles\*  
Michael Gordon  
Nancy Kirkpatrick, Vice-Chair  
Judy Lam Maxwell\*  
Shawn Preus  
Debbie Schachter  
Ivonne Voelkel

**ABSENT:** Hilary Macdonald

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Mike Klassen, Council Liaison  
Zlatan Jankovic, Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies  
Taimiya Khalid, Coordinator, Planning Committees

\* 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 Peoples. 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**

None.

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Commissioner Giles  
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirkpatrick

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve the Minutes from the meeting of Monday, February 3, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**VARY AGENDA**

*MOVED by Commissioner Schachter*  
*SECONDED by Commissioner Giles*

*THAT the agenda be varied to hear item 5. Liaison Updates, prior to item 1. 8-36W Cordova St. Rezoning Application*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Note: for ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.*

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**5. Liaison Updates**

The Council Liaison and Staff Liaison provided updates related to the Bay Building in downtown Vancouver.

**1. 8-36 W Cordova St. – Rezoning Application (RZ-2025-00014)**  
**Dunn and Miller Block, VHR-listed, M (8-28 W Cordova St.)**  
**Callister Block, VHR-listed, M (30-34 W Cordova St.)**  
**McIntosh Block, VHR-listed, M (36 W Cordova St)**

Staff: Chee Chan, Rezoning Planner, COV  
Hiroko Kobayashi, Development Planner, COV  
Elijah Sabadlan, Heritage Planner, COV

Applicant: Jacqui Cohen, Army Navy Properties  
Jill Wanklin & Nathaniel Funk, Bosa Properties  
Chris Knight & Rachel Wakelin, Michael Green Architecture  
Gwyn Vose, Arcadis  
Levi Stoelting, Glotman Simpson Consulting Engineers  
Donald Luxton & Chelsea Dunk, Luxton & Associates

Staff and the applicant team provided presentations and responded to questions and comments.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED BY Commissioner Schachter  
SECONDED BY Commissioner Fraser

**WHEREAS**

1. The City of Vancouver has received a rezoning application to rezone the Dunn and Miller Block (a Heritage Register listed building) at 8-36 West Cordova, the Callister Block (a Heritage Register listed building) at 30-34 West Cordova and the McIntosh Block (a Heritage Register listed building) at 36 West Cordova from HA-

2 to CD-1 under the Downtown Eastside Plan in order to construct a 20 story mixed use building with the retention and rehabilitation of the existing heritage building façades;

2. The Vancouver Heritage Commission appreciates the complexity of the components of this project and recognizes that the neighborhood is in deep need of socio-economic revival and the prioritization of cultural heritage and reconciliation;
3. The Vancouver Heritage Commission recognizes that Gastown does not have a rezoning policy in place;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission endorse the recommendations for the Conservation of the Dunn and Miller Block, the Callister Block and McIntosh Block as prepared by Donald Luxton and Associates, dated May 2023 and revised December 2024 and May 5, 2025;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission generally endorse the Rezoning Application (RZ-2025-00014) presented by staff and applicants on Monday 5, 2025;

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission does not endorse the height as proposed on Cordova Street, as the Commission is concerned about setting a precedent in Gastown.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Downtown Eastside (DTES) Housing Implementation  
DTES Oppenheimer District (DEOD) and Thornton Park Areas  
Heritage Evaluation Framework**

Staff: Edna Cho, Senior Housing Policy Planner, COV  
Jenni Pace, Heritage Planner, COV  
Allison Lasocha, Housing Policy Planner, COV  
Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner, COV

Staff provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

**3. Break**

Not taken.

**4. Granville Street Planning**

Postponed to a future meeting due to time constraints.

## **6. New Business**

The Commission discussed the possibility of a recommendation related to the Bay Building for a future meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Schachter  
SECONDED by Commissioner Preus

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioners Afee, Giles and Maxwell absent for the vote)

## **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Monday, June 9, 2025  
TIME: 11:00  
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall  
/ Microsoft Teams

The Committee adjourned at 2:21 PM.

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