



VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 12, 2026

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 11:00 AM, in the Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Michael Gordon, Chair
Mitra Arianfar
Sam Boisvert*
Alison Fraser*
Nancy Kirkpatrick, Vice-Chair
Brianne La Pierre
Alfred Lai
Judy Lam Maxwell
Hilary Macdonald
Debbie Schachter*
Ivonne Voelkel*

ALSO PRESENT: Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner, 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 Coordinator, Planning Committees 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 Macdonald
SECONDED by Commissioner Gordon

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Kirkpatrick abstained from the vote)

1. Introductions

Commissioners, Staff and Liaisons provided brief introductions.

2. Vancouver Heritage Commission – Role and Mandate

The Manager, Civic Agencies provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

3. Elections

MOVED by Commissioner Maxwell
SECONDED by Commissioner Boisvert

THAT Commissioner Gordon be appointed as Chair of the Vancouver Heritage Commission, for a term ending December 1, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Gordon assumed the role of Chair at this point in the meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Macdonald
SECONDED by Commissioner Maxwell

THAT Commissioner Kirkpatrick be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Vancouver Heritage Commission, for a term ending December 1, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Maxwell
SECONDED by Commissioner Voelkel

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission appoint Commissioners Macdonald, Boisvert, Fraser, and Arianfar to the Vancouver Heritage Register Evaluation Subcommittee for a term ending December 1, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Kirkpatrick
SECONDED by Commissioner Macdonald

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission support Shelley Bruce and Michael Kluckner continuing their engagement as subject matter experts on the Vancouver Heritage Register Evaluation Subcommittee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 888 Cambie Street – Stanley Brock Building – Façade Conservation
VHR Listed
RZ-2025-00048

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Prior to the start of item 4, Commissioner Boisvert declared conflict of interest under section 145.2(2.b) of the Vancouver Charter, as their employer is involved with the application. Commissioner Boisvert left the meeting for the duration of the item, and returned when it was complete.

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Staff and the applicant team provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments. Following discussion, it was

MOVED BY Commissioner Maxwell
SECONDED by Commissioner Fraser

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has received a rezoning application from McKinley Studios to rezone 888–896 Cambie Street from DD (Downtown District) to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) to permit the development of a 29-storey hotel and rental residential building; and
2. The site contains two Vancouver Heritage Register (VHR) listed buildings, the Stanley Brock Building (constructed 1944, designed by McCarter and Nairne) at 888 Cambie Street and the Horie Block (constructed 1928, designed by Henry Blackadder) at 896 Cambie Street; and
3. Vancouver City Council's Hotel Development Policy (updated April 2025) encourages hotel development in the Downtown Core through relaxations of restrictions on mixed hotel-residential projects; and
4. The applicant proposes to demolish the Horie Block and to deconstruct/reconstruct the front façade of the Stanley Brock Building and incorporate it into the new development.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission, having reviewed the Statement of Significance for the Horie Block (prepared by Don Luxton & Associates, April 2024), supports the reasons for its demolition; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission, having reviewed the Statement of Significance for the Stanley Brock Building (prepared by Donald Luxton & Associates, September 2019) strongly encourages retention and conservation of the building's historic façade and character-defining elements and their integration within the new development; and

- C. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission, having reviewed the Deconstruction and Reconstruction Plan for the Stanley Brock Building (prepared by Luxton, December 2025), endorses the deconstruction, salvage, preservation, and reconstruction strategies as described; and
- D. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission recommends that a full Conservation Plan for the Stanley Brock Building be completed upon submission of a development application; and
- E. THAT the Vancouver heritage commission supports the designation of the reconstructed heritage façade and the accompanying restoration covenant to secure the façade's proper deconstruction and reconstruction; and
- F. THAT the salvaging of building materials of the Horie building such as heavy timber or balustrade be pursued and integrated into the new building; and
- G. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission strongly supports the “laneway reinterpretation façade” of the Stanley Brock Building on the east side of the site in order to compliment and reinforce the historic character of the wide laneway between Cambie and Beatty Streets; and
- H. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commissions recommends that a historic plaque referencing the 2 buildings' former uses be installed somewhere in a public location within the new development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Commissioner Boisvert absent for the vote due to conflict of interest)

5. Vancouver Heritage Register Evaluation Subcommittee - Staff Report

Staff provided an update on the three Vancouver Heritage Register (VHR) Evaluation Subcommittee meetings in 2025. Following the discussion it was:

MOVED by Commissioner Fraser
SECONDED by Commissioner Lai

The Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the submitted subcommittee report;

- A. THAT 2715 Yew Street and 2165 East 6th Avenue be added to the Vancouver Heritage Register,
- B. THAT the revised Statement of Significance for 218-222 Keefer Street – Keefer Rooms be referred back to the consultant for revisions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Liaison Updates

None

7. New Business

Commissioner Gordon updated the Commission on the November 17th Development Permit Board hearing that resulted in the approval of a mixed use development at 570 Columbia Street in the Chinatown district.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Macdonald
SECONDED by Commissioner Maxwell

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, January 26, 2026
TIME: 9:30 am
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall
/ Teams Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 1:43 PM.

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