



VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 26, 2026

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 9:30 AM, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

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

ABSENT Alison Fraser

ALSO PRESENT: Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner; Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Taimiya Khalid, Coordinator, Planning Committees

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Vice-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 La Pierre
SECONDED by Commissioner Schachter

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve the minutes from the meeting of Monday, January 12, 2026, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners Arianfar, Lai, and Maxwell absent for the vote)

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Prior to the start of items 1 and 2, Commissioner Boisvert declared conflict of interest under section 145.2(2.b) of the Vancouver Charter, as their employer is involved with the applications. Commissioner Boisvert left the meeting for the duration of the two items and returned when they were completed.

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**1. Heritage Incentive Program (HIP) Grant Recommendation
Vancouver Club, 915 W Hastings St (VHR-listed, M)
DP-2025-00870**

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

MOVED BY Commissioner Schachter
SECONDED by Commissioner Maxwell

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver has received a request for a Heritage Incentive Program (HIP) grant for the Vancouver Club, located at 915 West Hastings Street, designed by Sharp and Thompson, built in 1913; and
2. The building is listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register and legally protected by a heritage designation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT The Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the proposed building envelope and structural/seismic upgrades as presented in the Conservation Plan, including the proposed seismic upgrading of exterior masonry elements, prepared by Luxton dated May 2025; and
- B. The Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the proposed financial incentive for the upgrades and restoration work through the Heritage Incentive Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Commissioner Arianfar absent for the vote)

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

**2. 2345 Main Street – RZ-2025-00021
Royal Bank of Canada (Goh Ballet) Building – Façade Conservation
and Designation VHR Listed**

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

MOVED BY Commissioner Lai

SECONDED by Commissioner Macdonald

WHEREAS:

1. A rezoning application has been submitted for development of a 25-storey mixed-use building at 2345 Main Street which incorporates conservation of two principal façades of the Royal Bank of Canada (Goh Ballet) Building, designed by Thomas Hooper, built in 1912; and
2. The building is listed on the City of Vancouver Heritage Register;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the retention of the two façades and endorses the associated Heritage Conservation Plan, prepared by Luxton, dated February 2025; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the preservation and rehabilitation of the two façades via a Designation By-law with an associated Restoration Covenant to ensure the approved conservation work is implemented; and
- C. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission encourages the applicant to ensure the new building integrates further pedestrian-oriented uses into the historic Mount Pleasant neighbourhood "Village."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

**3. Heritage Façade Rehabilitation Program (HFRP)
Grant Recommendation
Vernon Block, 245 East Broadway (VHR-listed, M)
DB-2023-01433**

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

MOVED BY Commissioner La Pierre
SECONDED by Commissioner Voelkel

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver has received a request for a Heritage Façade Rehabilitation Program (HFRP) grant for the Vernon Block, a commercial/retail building at 225-245 East Broadway (built 1930, designed by Townley and Matheson, with later additions to both façades); and
2. The building is on the Vancouver Heritage Register and legally protected by a heritage designation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission, having reviewed the Conservation Plan for the Vernon Block prepared by McGinn Engineering & Preservation, January 2026, and the Site Review Report, prepared by McGinn Engineering & Preservation, December 2025, endorses the conservation plan and remediation strategy for the façade envelope repair; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the proposed financial incentive for the upgrades and restoration work through the Heritage Façade Rehabilitation Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Liaison Updates

None.

5. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Schachter
SECONDED by Commissioner Maxwell

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, February 9, 2026
TIME: 11:00 am
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall
/ Teams Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 11:47 AM.

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