



VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 23, 2026

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 10:00 AM, in the Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

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

ABSENT Alison Fraser (Leave of Absence)
Michael Gordon, Chair (Leave of Absence)
Judy Lam Maxwell

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Mike Klassen, Council Liaison
Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner; Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Adeola Alle, 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

Alison Fraser
Michael Gordon

MOVED by Commissioner Arianfar
SECONDED by Commissioner La Pierre

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve leaves of absence for Alison Fraser and Michael Gordon for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Schachter
SECONDED by Commissioner Voelkel

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve the minutes from the meeting of Monday, March 9, 2026, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Prior to the start of item 1, 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 completed.

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**1. 555 W Georgia St.- Randall Building - RZ-2025-00046
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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 Schachter
SECONDED by Commissioner Lai

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver has received an application from Holborn Properties to rezone 501-555 West Georgia Street, 619 Richards Street, and 500 Dunsmuir Street from DD to CD-1 to allow for a new development which includes three high-rise mixed-use towers; and
2. The rezoning site includes the 1929-built Randall (Cavelti) Building at 555 West Georgia Street that was renovated in 1991 with significant seismic upgrades and exterior preservation, and which is on the Vancouver Heritage Register and designated as protected heritage property through a Heritage Designation By-law; and
3. The Application received by the City of Vancouver is accompanied by a Conservation Plan for the Randall Building, prepared by Luxton in May 2025, which includes a conservation strategy of façade-only retention; and
4. The proposed redevelopment scheme includes construction of a modern high-rise tower positioned directly behind and above the retained West George Street façade of the Randall Building.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission generally supports the project at 501-555 West Georgia Street, 619 Richards Street, and 500 Dunsmuir Street;
- B. THAT due to the heritage designation of the building, it is requested that the applicant ensure retention, heritage conservation and integration of the protected heritage Randall Building, its structural and/or major building components with the new tower;
- C. THAT the Commission supports the integration of Indigenous cultural heritage references in the proposed design.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Macdonald opposed)

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

2. Railtown Area Planning Process Heritage Scope of Work

Staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability and the consulting team provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED BY Commissioner Boisvert

SECONDED by Commissioner Schachter

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver is launching a local area planning process for Railtown including a values-based heritage evaluation approach; and
2. Six key sites, representing five thematic aspects of Railtown's heritage, will be identified for Statement of Significance development and prioritized for potential addition to the Vancouver Heritage Register.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT The Vancouver Heritage Commission endorses the use of a values-based heritage evaluation approach as part of the work being done for the Railtown Area Planning process, and the work being done to write Statement of Significance for selected sites;
- B. THAT the Commission acknowledges the great work of the consultants in developing the Railtown Area Heritage Planning Guidance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. 2400 Kingsway - 2400 Motel Sign - RZ-2025-00078 Proposed VHR Listing

Staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability and the applicant team provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

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During questions and comments, it was

MOVED by Commissioner Boisvert

SECONDED by Commissioner Voelkel

THAT the Commission extend the meeting past 1 pm in order to complete item 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Following discussion, it was

MOVED BY Commissioner Schachter

SECONDED by Commissioner Voelkel

WHEREAS:

1. A rezoning application has been submitted to redevelop a City-owned property at 2400 Kingsway, site of a 1946-built bungalow-style 2400 Motel (originally the “2400 Court”) and its iconic neon sign; and
2. The development proposal includes refurbishment and relocation of the “2400 Court” sign which has significant heritage value and is considered a character defining element in the statement of significance for the entire site; and
3. It is proposed that the sign be added to the Vancouver Heritage Register and protected with a Restoration Covenant that would be registered on title as a condition of the rezoning.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT The Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the retention, relocation and conservation of the 2400 Court sign, and the addition of the sign to the Vancouver Heritage Register, and that the Commission endorses the sign’s long-term protection with a restoration covenant to be registered on title;
- B. THAT the sign be situated closer to its current location with a similar orientation to Kingsway; and
- C. THAT the Commission recommends reusing the historic deconstructed materials as viable;
- D. THAT the Commission recommends the 2007 produced Statement of Significance for the 2400 Court be updated for the purpose of record keeping and commemorating the cultural values of the historic site.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Liaison Updates

Not dealt with.

5. New Business

Not dealt with.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner La Pierre
SECONDED by Commissioner Lai

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, April 13, 2026
TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall
/ Teams Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 01:30 PM.

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