

**GASTOWN HISTORIC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
A G E N D A**

DATE: Wednesday, November 15, 2017
TIME: 4 p.m.
PLACE: Woodward-5A-W Room, 5th floor
Woodward's Heritage Building
111 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1H4

Please call 604-873-7141 to confirm your attendance

1) Adoption of Agenda and Minutes **4.00PM - 4.05PM**
Proposed meeting Agenda, and Minutes of November 8, 2017 to be adopted

2) Gastown Complete Streets **4.05PM - 5.30PM**

Staff will present the Gastown Complete Streets initiative, general project framework, public engagement and consultation process plan as well as the project timelines. As the project continues to evolve there will be more opportunities for GHAPC to provide further input and receive updates.

Background:

Gastown's streets are in need of major repair and rehabilitation. Before the City undertake this major work staff would like to properly assess the current condition, underlying and related issues, in order to be able to identify appropriate ways forward. What is already working? What could be improved? What should be paid extra attention to?

One element that staff will be exploring is whether a "car-light" street might work in Gastown. Water Street was identified in both T2040 and the Downtown Eastside Plan as a potential "car-light" street.

A "car light" street provides quality spaces for people by restricting motor vehicles either by access, by time of day, or season of the year. There is no one-size-fits all approach. There are a lot of different versions of car-light and staff want to explore what might work for Gastown.

Consideration:

Gastown streets are special in part because of their unique heritage character. Gastown was designated a National Historic Site in 2009, and in later phases of the project we will work with a heritage consultant and the community to ensure the heritage values and historic character of the streets are maintained.

At the same time, it will be important to ensure that the streets are accessible and designed for everyone. We have heard from residents and advisory committees that entire sections of Gastown are inaccessible to residents and visitors with limited mobility. Furthermore, we have heard from residents that the area can be challenging for even able-bodied residents and visitors walking and cycling through and to Gastown thanks to the many delivery vehicles, tour buses, and other motor vehicles using the streets.

For more information about this project, please visit vancouver.ca/gastown

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Next meeting:
DATE: December 20, 2017
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Woodward's "W" Room, 5th floor
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