



**CHINATOWN HISTORIC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2023**

Minutes of the meeting of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) held on Thursday, October 12, 2023, via videoconference.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Siu, Chinatown Property Owner (Chair)
Julien Leger, Architectural Institute of British Columbia
Sarah Ling, Member-at-Large
Leslie Shieh, Planning Institute of British Columbia
Rufina Wu, Architectural Institute of British Columbia

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephen Bailey, Chinatown Property Owner
Lorraine Lowe, Perkins Will
Bonnie Ma
Grace Wong, Chinatown Merchants Association
Michael Yu, Chinatown Merchants Association

STAFF: James Boldt, Heritage Planner (Staff Liaison)
Emilee Lawrence, Heritage Planner (Item 2)

RECORDING SECRETARY: Debbie Reimer, Mosaic Writing Group

Call to Order

Eric Siu, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and acknowledged that the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee works on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations and thanked them for the care of this land.

The Chair conducted a roll call.

1. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOVED by Rufina Wu
SECONDED by Eric Siu

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee adopts the agenda for the June 9, 2022 meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

MOVED by Rufina Wu
SECONDED by Eric Siu

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee adopts the minutes of the April 14, 2022 meeting, with the amendment to indicate the departure of Lorraine Lowe at 6:50 p.m.

CARRIED

2. **Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade Project**

Emiliee Lawrence, Heritage Planner, led the review of a presentation titled “Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade” and highlighted:

- The Vancouver Heritage Register (VHR) recognizes the diversity of Vancouver and the need to protect its assets
- The City of Vancouver (City) recognizes registers are colonial tools that have perpetuated the erasure of Indigenous peoples
- Registers prioritize architectural values over cultural and social values
- Previous registers utilized a material-based approach to conservation
- Three main pillars of the project:
 - Understanding
 - Planning and managing
 - Sharing
- The VHR is a preliminary tool for the identification and recognition of heritage values
- The VHR reflects the culture and heritage of Vancouver
- History of the VHR
- The VHR has 2,400 listings:
 - Buildings are the most prevalent
 - Streetscapes
 - Landscape resources
 - Archeology sites
- The purpose of the project is to change or upgrade the VHR to be able to identify, embrace and celebrate a broad range of places with social cultural and historic values, based on principles and reconciliation, diversity and equity
- The project is in Phase 1:
 - Expectation that a report will be submitted to Council for approval in 2023
- The project’s draft goals and guiding principles are aligned with the Vancouver Heritage Program.

Discussion ensued on:

- Requested feedback from the community regarding structures included in the VHR
- Community consultations have begun with First Nations
- The three local First Nations will specify structures and sites to be included in the VHR
- Challenges with identifying intangible areas of heritage
- Potential for identification of archeological discoveries
- The importance in recognizing other immigrant cultures
- Various groups will be consulted regarding content to be included in the VHR.

MOVED by Julien Leger

SECONDED by Eric Siu

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee:

1. Supports the Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade Project as presented on June 9, 2022; and
2. Requests consultation at significant milestones of the project.

CARRIED

3. Adjournment

The Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee meeting held June 9, 2022 adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Date: TBD
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: TBD

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