

**MINUTES OF THE
GASTOWN HISTORIC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE**

NOVEMBER 20, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 4:00 p.m., at the Water Street Café, 300 Water Street, Vancouver, BC.

PRESENT: Carol Sill, Community Resident Owner, Chair
Chris Fair, Community Business Representative, Vice Chair
Glenda Bartosh, Local Property Owner
Alan Davies, Community Architect
Ashley Pope, Community Architect
Glade Schoenfeld, Community Engineer

ABSENT: Jim Lehto, Community Heritage Representative
Nic Meyer, Community Hospitality
Tony Tang, Councillor, Liaison to GHAPC

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Wanklin, DTES Senior Planner
Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner

RECORDING SECRETARY: Linda Tylla, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

Chair Sill called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for the regular meeting scheduled November 20, 2013, was accepted as circulated.

Adoption of Minutes (May 15, 2013 and July 17, 2013)

**MOVED by Glenda Bartosh
SECONDED by Alan Davies**

THAT the minutes of the May 15, 2013 and July 17, 2013 meetings of the Gastown Heritage Area Planning Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1) Downtown Eastside (DTES) - Local Area Planning Program (LAPP) - Update

Tom Wanklin, DTES Senior Planner, provided a presentation on the current status and progress to date of the DTES LAPP process. Proposed major

directions in the LAPP, including proposed changes to zoning in some areas, improvements to rental accommodations, and business district revitalization, were reviewed. Mr. Wanklin also noted the timelines for the LAPP process going forward.

Mr. Wanklin and Mr. Jankovic provided a presentation on the main Heritage Proposal, including Gastown. The draft chapter pertaining to Heritage was circulated for GHAPC's review. Mr. Wanklin advised that there is no intention to alter the current Heritage Policy that is in place for Gastown.

Mr. Wanklin referred to several critical community cultural and heritage assets that the plan will propose to be maintained, renovated, or improved. The Heritage Proposal will include recommendations such as better public awareness for Heritage, support for community Heritage initiatives, broader Heritage values, enhanced tools and partnerships, and a greater emphasis on the understanding of place and culture, as it relates to Heritage, for First Nations and other cultural groups.

Mr. Wanklin also advised that the working group would like to meet with the Gastown Residents Group in order to receive their feedback.

Staff received comments and responded to questions related to the program.

Mr. Schoenfeld left the meeting at this time (5:30 p.m.).

GHAPC members agreed that they have no current objections to the information presented, and that they would take the draft Heritage Chapter away and bring further comments back when Mr. Wanklin returns to a future meeting for a subsequent update on the DTES LAPP.

Discussion ensued relative to the Heritage fabric along Hastings Street, and related Heritage assets and preservation incentives.

GHAPC requested that staff bring back information to a future meeting relative to how many and what types of heritage assets are on the Heritage Register in the Hastings Corridor.

GHAPC also suggested that staff consider rezoning protection in the Hastings Corridor, as well as creating a Cultural Asset Register for the City.

2) Other Business

Discussion ensued relative to the Water Street Infrastructure program and ensuring protection of heritage assets during the street revitalization.

GHAPC requested that staff provide an update on the Water Street project at a future meeting.

GHAPC members whose terms expire in 2013 were reminded to reapply for appointment if interested in continuing to serve on GHAPC. The Chair offered to contact Heritage Vancouver to request that they recommend a representative for GHAPC next year.

Next Meeting:

DATE: December 18, 2013

TIME: 4.00 p.m.

PLACE: Water Street Café, 300 Water Street, Vancouver, BC

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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