

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

**September 8, 2016**

A meeting of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2016 at 5:30 pm, in the Boardroom of the Chinese Cultural Centre, 50 East Pender Street, Vancouver, BC.

**PRESENT:** Matthew Halverson (Chair)  
Helen Lee (Vice-Chair)  
Gregory Borowski  
Doris Chow  
Edmund Ma  
Inge Roecker (arrived at 5:43 p.m.)  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie

**ABSENT:** Pui Lam Ho  
Kelly Ip  
Andrew Lau  
Kenneth Liu  
Mark Silvanovich  
Ken Wong  
Brian Yu  
Commissioner Erin Shum, Parks Board  
Trustee Allan Wong, Vancouver School Board

**ALSO PRESENT:** Paul Cheng, Senior Development Planner, Urban Design  
Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner  
Helen Ma, Planner 2, DTES Neighborhood Group

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Rae Ratslef, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

Chair Halverson called meeting to order at 5:40 pm noting that any motions passed would be subject to ratification at a future meeting at which a quorum was present.

**1) Adoption of Agenda and Minutes**

MOVED by Helen Lee  
AND SECONDED by Gregory Borowski

THAT the Agenda for the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee meeting scheduled September 8, 2016 be adopted with amendment to add Item 3, "Review CHAPC Terms of Reference".

**SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION**

5:43 p.m.

Inge Roecker arrived at the meeting.

MOVED by Doris Chow

AND SECONDED by Edmund Ma

THAT the Minutes for the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee meeting held April 14, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION

### **Agenda Varied**

The order of the Agenda was varied at the meeting to consider Item 3 prior to Item 2.

### **3) Review Terms of Reference**

Vice Chair Lee noted that CHAPC's current Terms of Reference (ToR) were created in 1994, and suggested that they be reviewed in detail, potentially by a subcommittee whose members could include the CHAPC Chair or Vice Chair.

Staff suggested that there be consultation with the City Clerk's office and the Planning Department to determine the appropriate framework for the ToR review and to ensure consistency with ToR for other City committees as appropriate.

Suggestions and considerations in discussion were regarding: ensuring the ToR are updated and current; ensuring CHAPC's membership is representative of the community; clarifying CHAPC's mandate and advisory role; and support for scheduling regular monthly meetings.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Vice Chair Helen Lee brought forward a notice of motion to be considered at the next meeting:

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) form a subcommittee to review the CHAPC Terms of Reference in consultation with the City Clerk and Planning Department, and that the subcommittee report back to CHAPC with its related recommendations.

### **2) Chinatown Economic Revitalization Update and Development Policies Review**

Helen Ma, Planner 2, Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood Group, and Paul Cheng, Senior Development Planner, Urban Design, provided a presentation on the Chinatown Neighbourhood Plan and Chinatown Economic Revitalization Action Plan. Staff discussed proposed updates to development policies in Chinatown relative to:

- Maximum density, floors and height
- Land use to require increased non-resident uses

- Rezoning to support seniors housing
- Exploration of designation of Chinatown HA-1 and HA-1A as a Heritage Conservation Area.

Staff intends to provide a related presentation to Council by December 31, 2016.

Staff received comments and responded to questions regarding: timing for release of new district schedules; challenges of implementing standardized collection of waste; suggested policy revisions relative to number of floors, density and uses; potential to provide design incentives for smaller developments; potential perception of downzoning; how each side of zoning informs development; whether there could be a limitation on the development area of lots; frontage and rear property lines; and potential to allow for residential entrance from the lanes.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

Chair Halverson brought forward a notice of motion to be considered at the next meeting:

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) support the general direction of the Chinatown Neighbourhood Plan and Chinatown Economic Revitalization Action Plan policy development.

#### Next meeting:

DATE: October 13, 2016  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Chinese Cultural Centre Boardroom, 50 East Pender Street

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Chair

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Date Approved