

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

October 13, 2016

A meeting of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) was held on Tuesday, October 13, 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
(Vincent) Pui Lam Ho
Inge Roecker (arrived 6:34 p.m.)
Commissioner Erin Shum, Parks Board (arrived 6:02 p.m.)
Mark Silvanovich

ABSENT: Kelly Ip
Andrew Lau
Kenneth Liu
Edmund Ma
Ken Wong
Brian Yu
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie
Trustee Allan Wong, Vancouver School Board

ALSO PRESENT: Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner
Heather Burpee, Senior Planner, City-Wide &
Regional Planning (Item 2)
Helen Popple, Planner, City-Wide & Regional Planning
(Item 2)

RECORDING SECRETARY: Rae Ratslef, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

Chair Halverson called meeting to order at 5:39 pm noting that any motions passed would be subject to ratification at the next meeting at which a quorum was present.

1) Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

The Agenda for the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee meeting scheduled October 13, 2016 was accepted as circulated.

MOVED by Mark Silvanovich
AND SECONDED by Gregory Borowski

THAT the Minutes for the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee meeting held September 8, 2016 be adopted as circulated and that all motions contained therein be hereby ratified.

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION

Consideration of Item 1 resumed later in the meeting, following Item 2.

2) Sign By-law Review

Staff led a review of the on-table presentation titled “Sign By-law Review - October 13, 2016”, providing information on the work of City-wide & Regional Planning Branch staff to update the Sign By-law.

6:02 p.m.

Commissioner Shum arrived at the meeting.

Members were referred to the Sign By-law Review webpage (<http://vancouver.ca/your-government/sign-by-law-update.aspx>) for more information.

Suggestions and considerations in discussion were regarding: proactive enforcement and education; non-compliance; support for efforts to simplify the By-Law; specific provisions for signage in Chinatown; heritage conservation best practices; inability of the City to comment on content of private signage; history of signage types in Chinatown; incentives to encourage bilingual signage; sign policies in other Chinatowns in big cities; potential for the By-law to selectively allow neon near residential; LED versus neon signage; consultation process to date; evolution of lighting technology.

6:34 p.m.

Inge Roecker arrived at the meeting. On her arrival, the Chair confirmed the presence of quorum.

Suggestions and considerations in further discussion were regarding: potential to address multiple real estate signs on a property through enforcement; concern regarding allowing 30% window coverage in historic areas; whether there should be an allowance for banners on historic buildings; options for construction signage that is a form of public art; interest to ensure that any window signage provides the opportunity for pedestrians to see through into the business.

MOVED by Mark Silvanovich
AND SECONDED by Inge Roecker

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) generally support the Sign By-Law Review with encouragement of the following considerations for Chinatown signage:

- a) Reflective of the local cultural and historic character of Chinatown
- b) Supportive of wayfinding
- c) Limited hours for illuminating signage in close proximity to residential
- d) Sufficiently flexible so as to accommodate evolving lighting technology.

CARRIED

Agenda Varied

As a quorum was now present, the Agenda was now varied to reconsider Item 1.

1) Adoption of Agenda and Minutes Cont'd.

MOVED by Gregory Borowski
AND SECONDED by Mark Silvanovich

THAT the Minutes for the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee meeting held September 8, 2016 be adopted as circulated and that all motions contained therein be hereby ratified.

CARRIED

3) CHAPC Terms of Reference

Vice Chair Lee reviewed discussion at the September 8, 2016 CHAPC meeting regarding the suggestion to review the CHAPC Terms of Reference (ToR), and reintroduced the proposed motion, for which notice was provided at that meeting.

Suggestions and considerations in discussion were regarding: updates to the ToR in 1999; need to ensure the relevancy of the purpose statement; and suggestion to have three members spearhead the review.

MOVED by Helen Lee
AND SECONDED by Mark Silvanovich

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) form a subcommittee Chaired by Helen Lee and with members Doris Chow and Inge Roecker, 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.

CARRIED

4) Chinatown Economic Revitalization Update and Development Policies Review

Vice Chair Lee reviewed discussion at the September 8, 2016 CHAPC meeting regarding the Review, and reintroduced the proposed motion, for which notice was provided at that meeting.

Staff provided information on related Open Houses planned in coming weeks.

MOVED by Gregory Borowski
AND SECONDED by Inge Roecker

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.

CARRIED

Next meeting:

DATE: November 10, 2016
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Chinese Cultural Centre Boardroom, 50 East Pender Street

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Chair

Date Approved