

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

**February 11, 2014**

A meeting of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 5:40 pm, in the Boardroom of the Chinese Cultural Centre, 50 East Pender Street, Vancouver, BC.

**PRESENT:** Matthew Halverson  
Xiaohui (Sherri) Han  
Vincent Ho  
Bob Ip  
Kelly Ip  
Kenneth Liu  
Clinton McDougall  
Councillor Tony Tang  
Gair Williamson  
Brian Yu (arrived 5:45 p.m.)

**ABSENT:** Alison Appelbe  
Mike Newall

**ALSO PRESENT:** Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner  
Tanis Knowles, DTES Planner

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Linda Tylla, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

In the absence of a Committee Chair, the meeting was called to order by staff at 5:40 p.m.

**1) Introduction of new CHAPC members - Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2014**

Staff provided a brief overview of the history and purpose of the Committee. Introductions were made around the room and new members were welcomed.

Councillor Tony Tang welcomed Committee members and expressed his appreciation for their participation on behalf of Council. He also advised members of their important contribution to the process of Council as their diverse perspectives and input is greatly valued.

Staff advised of the duties of the role of both Chair and Vice-Chair in relation to the Committee.

At 6:05 p.m. Recording Secretary Linda Tylla assumed the role of the Chair on behalf of the Committee to conduct the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

Nominations were called for the position of Chair of Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee for a one-year term expiring on December 7, 2014.

The following members were nominated:

- Kelly Ip, who declined the nomination
- Kenneth Liu, who declined the nomination

- Clinton McDougall, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Clinton McDougall was elected Chair by acclamation.

Nominations were called for the position of Vice-Chair of Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee for a one-year term expiring on December 7, 2014.

The following members were nominated:

- Kenneth Liu, who declined the nomination
- Matthew Halverson, who accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations, Matthew Halverson was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation.

A succession plan was suggested for following years.

Staff reviewed the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee policies and meeting procedures, and discussed how to address any conflict of interest that may arise.

The meeting was turned over to the new Chair at this time (6:10 p.m.)

The agenda was accepted as circulated.

## **Adoption of Minutes**

The Minutes of June 11, 2013 and November 12, 2013 meetings were approved as circulated.

## **2) Heritage Action Plan to update Vancouver's Heritage Conservation Program**

Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner, advised of the history of the City's current Heritage Conservation Program review and the resulting action plan. The Action Plan consists of a number of immediate, as well as medium to long-term actions to update the overall program and was approved by Council in December of 2013. Staff presented the content of the approved Action Plan and steps to address its components.

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

Discussion ensued on the following:

- How the advice from the Committee is utilized by staff and Council
- Resources and regulations used to determine the suitability of a particular project for the Chinatown area
- Single family character homes
- Future discussions to review and comment on the approach to encouraging the preservation of Character homes pre and post 1940.

Staff advised that work related to the Action Plan will occur over the next year, and there are different timelines for the various action items.

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

Materials were distributed for the Committee's review:

- "Downtown Eastside Local Area Plan, Vision of DTES" presentation slides, dated January 2014
- Chapters 6-14 of the Draft version of the DTES LAP, dated November 28, 2013
- "Downtown Eastside Draft Local Area Plan Summary" Brochure.

Staff reviewed the presentation materials.

Tanis Knowles, DTES Planner, provided a presentation on the current status and progress to date of the DTES LAPP process.

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

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Viaduct removal as related to the future of Chinatown
- Urban design issues of small redevelopment sites
- The periphery of Chinatown such gates, entrance points and heritage considerations of adjacent areas such as the east side of Gore and the Strathcona neighbourhood
- Signage
- Small events
- Special sites for additional heights as identified in section 6.10.1 of the draft Plan
- How the surrounding zoning might affect the Chinatown Heritage Area
- Zoning conflicts in alleyways
- The Committee's level of comfort around the Plan and providing comment at this time.

Staff to provide more information on particular issues of concern via email.

It was decided that the Committee would continue a dialogue via email and generate a synopsis of areas of concern to be forwarded to staff. Councillor Tang will abstain from the discussions.

**Next meeting:**

DATE: March 11, 2014  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Chinese Cultural Centre Boardroom, 50 East Pender Street

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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