

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

FEBRUARY 19, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee (GHAPAC) was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 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 (arrived at 4:30 p.m.)
Mila Kostic, Community Business Representative
Nic Meyer, Community Hospitality (arrived at 4:19 p.m.)
Ashley Pope, Community Architect
Glade Schoenfeld, Community Engineer

ABSENT: Shelley Bruce, Community Heritage Representative
Jon Stovell, Community Property Owner
Tony Tang, Councillor, Liaison to GHAPC

ALSO PRESENT: Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner
Tom Wanklin, DTES Senior Planner (Item 3)

RECORDING SECRETARY: Carol Lee, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

In the absence of a Committee Chair, the meeting was called to order by staff at 4:03 p.m.

- 1. Introduction of New GHAPC Members and Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2014**
Staff thanked all members for their commitment to the Committee, welcomed the new members and led a round of self-introductions.

Staff noted the duties of the Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

At 4:15 p.m., the Recording Secretary assumed the role of the Chair to conduct the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

Nominations were called for the position of Chair of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee for a one-year term expiring on December 7, 2014. Carol Sill was nominated, accepted the nomination and was elected Chair by acclamation.

Nominations were called for the position of Vice-Chair of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee for a one-year term expiring on December 7, 2014. Chris Fair was nominated, accepted the nomination and was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation.

The meeting was turned over to the Chair at 6:20 p.m.

Staff reviewed GHAPC's role and responsibilities. GHAPC members were invited to contact staff if there are any questions regarding the Committee's policies and meeting procedures, including the process for resolving any conflict of interest situations.

The agenda was accepted as circulated.

2. **Adoption of Minutes (December 18, 2013)**

MOVED by Chris Fair
SECONDED by Glenda Bartosh

THAT the minutes of the December 18, 2013 meeting of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Materials were distributed for the Committee's information:

- "Downtown Eastside Draft Local Area Plan Summary" Brochure
- "Downtown Eastside Local Area Plan, Vision of DTES" presentation slides, dated January 2014
- Chapter 13 of the Draft version of the Downtown Eastside Local Area Plan, dated November 28, 2013.

Tom Wanklin, DTES Senior Planner, reviewed the current status and progress to date of the DTES LAPP process. A committee has been established to provide community input to the DTES Local Area Plan (LAP). It is anticipated that the DTES LAP will be presented to City Council for approval on March 12, 2014.

Mr. Wanklin commented on the content of the DTES LAP and noted that the subject of heritage is addressed in many chapters of the Plan. The ongoing input of the GHAPC will be sought to implement, monitor and review the progress of the DTES LAP after it has been approved.

Discussion ensued during which the following comments were offered and questions raised:

- Very useful document
- Appreciate the broad appraisal and the breadth of areas covered in the DTES LAP
- How commercial and industrial activities would be enhanced and promoted, as DTES LAP does not include proposed policy changes to address this
- Need to increase inclusive employment opportunities in the DTES in partnership with business improvement associations
- How linkage between the updated Heritage Registry and DTES LAP will be done
- Need for guidelines, entrenched in principles, to ensure that decisions regarding the Heritage Registry are made in a consistent manner.

MOVED by Nic Meyer
SECONDED by Alan Davies

THAT the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee generally supports the intent, scope and conclusions of the Downtown Eastside Local Area Plan, as presented, particularly as it pertains to Gastown and the preservation and protection of its heritage values.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 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 Heritage 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 2013.

Staff reviewed the 14 action plan items contained in the Heritage Action Plan.

Discussion ensued during which the following comments were offered and questions raised:

- An opportunity exists to utilize laneway houses to encourage heritage and character retention
- Whether seismic issues will be considered in amendments intended to facilitate heritage conservation in the Vancouver Building By-law
- The expense associated with purchasing and installing building components to retain heritage elements when renovating existing buildings
- Apparent emphasis on residential neighbourhoods in the Heritage Action Plan
- Whether there is an ability to ensure that the heritage and character of buildings are retained while the Heritage Action Plan is being updated.

Mr. Jankovic reported that the Terms of Reference are being drafted to engage consultants to assist in the updating the Heritage Register. After the consultants are selected, the GHAPC will be engaged in the consultation process to update the Heritage Register.

5. Next Meeting:

DATE: March 19, 2014
TIME: 4.00 p.m.
PLACE: Water Street Café, 300 Water Street, Vancouver, BC

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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