

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

NOVEMBER 18, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee (GHAPC) was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., at the City of Vancouver, Woodward's Heritage Building, 111 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC.

PRESENT: Carol Sill, Chair, Community Resident Owner
Glenda Bartosh, Local Property Owner
Alan Davies, Vice-Chair, Community Architect
John Nagle, Community Hospitality Representative
Glade Schoenfeld, Community Engineer
Samuel Suguta, Community Property Owner Representative

REGRETS: Shelley Bruce, Community Heritage Representative
Shelley Craig, Community Business Representative
Eddie Emerman, Community Business Representative
Braden Parker, Community Property Owner Representative
Councillor Kerry Jang, City Council Representative
Councillor Raymond Louie, City Council Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner
Tanis Knowles Yarnell, Planner 2 (Item 2)
Tom Wanklin, Downtown Eastside Senior Planner (Item 2)
Donald Luxton, Donald Luxton & Associates Ltd. (Item 2)
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Parks Board Representative

RECORDING SECRETARY: Christel Guenette, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

With a quorum present, Chair Sill called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

The meeting agenda was approved as circulated.

MOVED by Glenda Bartosh
AND SECONDED by John Nagle

THAT the Minutes of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee (GHAPC) meeting held October 21, 2015 be adopted, with minor amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Heritage Action Plan - GHAPC Input

Carol Sills, Chair, provided an overview of the workshop held November 16, 2015 detailing proposed changes that the Committee identified including:

- The HA-2 District Schedule and HA-2 Design Guidelines need to be more reflective of the heritage character and special nature of Gastown

- Strengthening the inconsistencies in the distinction between new buildings and heritage buildings in respect to height restrictions.

Tanis Knowles Yarnell, Planner 2, Donald Luxton, Consultant, and Tom Wanklin, Senior Planner, responded to a variety of questions from the Committee.

Discussion ensued on the Committee's concerns regarding lack of clarity on height restrictions in Gastown; potential loss of sawtooth profile, the original Gastown Management Plan that addressed many areas of current concern and need to be updated; and parallel discussions on similar issues being conducted with other advisory committees (Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee - CHAPC for Chinatown).

Commissioner Mike Wiebe left the meeting at this time (5:15 p.m.)

MOVED by Glenda Bartosh
AND SECONDED by John Nagle

THAT:

- 1) Based on the Gastown Heritage Area Planning Committee (GHAPC) recent experience, the Committee has determined that there is an immediate need to improve Gastown's Heritage Policy. Further to that, the HA-2 District Schedule and HA-2 Design Guidelines need to be reviewed and updated;
- 2) In the context of the Heritage Action Plan, the Committee requests that the Gastown Management Plan be reviewed, assessed and updated;
- 3) The Committee requests a meeting with the Director of Planning to share its findings of the recent Gastown heritage conservation policy review and to seek clarification on the intent of the HA-2 District Schedule and HA-2 Design Guidelines in relation to the Heritage Action Plan and the Gastown Management Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next meeting:

DATE: December 16, 2015
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Hastings Mill Room (4A), 4th floor
Woodward's Heritage Building
111 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1H4

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Chair

Date Approved