

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

MAY 17, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee (GHAPC) was held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., in Room 5A-W at the City of Vancouver, Woodward's Heritage Building, 111 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC.

PRESENT: Glenda Bartosh, Local Property Owner
Mahbod Biazi, Community Property Owner Representative
(arrived 4:40 p.m.)
Rebecca Bishop, Community Resident Tenant Representative
Shelley Bruce, Community Heritage Representative, Chair
Eddie Emermen, (arrived 4:07 p.m.)
Franke James, Community Business Representative
Samuel Sugita, Community Resident Owner

REGRETS/ABSENT: Brady Dunlop, Community Architect
Glade Schoenfeld, Community Engineer, Vice Chair
Councillor Kerry Jang, City Council Representative
Councillor Raymond Louie, City Council Representative
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Vancouver Park Board

ALSO PRESENT: Marco D'Agostini, Senior Heritage Planner
Tanis Knowles Yarnell, Planner, Heritage Action Plan
Implementation
Bonnie Ma, Heritage Action Plan Implementation

RECORDING SECRETARY: Vivian Guthrie, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

With a quorum present, Chair Shelley Bruce called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1) Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

The meeting agenda was approved as amended to add Item 3, Enforcement of Bylaws.

MOVED by Glenda Bartosh
AND SECONDED by Samuel Sugita

THAT the Minutes of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee (GHAPC) meeting held January 18, 2017 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2) Heritage Action Plan Update

Tanis Knowles Yarnell, Planner, Heritage Action Plan Implementation, reviewed an overhead presentation on renewing the City's Heritage Conservation Program through the Heritage Action Plan (HAP), and highlighted: overview of the HAP; renewed vision and goals; emerging directions; strategic directions and potential actions for each goal; and next steps.

Staff received comments and responded to questions regarding: heritage property standards of maintenance bylaws; heritage designation and heritage alteration permit process; applicability of the Heritage Conservation Area tool to Gastown as currently utilized in Shaughnessy; interest in preventing deterioration of heritage properties ; heritage grants; tools for determining heritage designation; new character home zoning; transfer of density rate for Gastown; difficulty of maintaining heritage areas without incentives; support for maintaining the fabric of the area; the character of buildings adjacent to the Gastown boundaries; and seismic upgrades.

Members were encouraged to sign up for email updates from the Heritage Action Plan available on the Vancouver Heritage web page.

3) Enforcement of Heritage Bylaws

The level of interest for the City to enforce heritage bylaws referencing signage, lighting, (LED spectrum and blue lights in use in commercial buildings) restrictions to awnings, building colours, dumpsters, paving was queried.

Next meeting:

DATE: June 21, 2017
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Woodward's "W" Room, 5th Floor
Woodward's Heritage Building
111 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1H4

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:12 p.m.

Chair

Date Approved