

GASTOWN HISTORIC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, October 18, 2023
TIME: 4:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room (3rd Floor, Vancouver City Hall)

Please e-mail ghapc@vancouver.ca if you are unable to attend this meeting.

1. Introduction 4 - 4:05

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes 4:05 - 4:15

Proposed meeting agenda, and minutes of September 21, 2022 to be adopted.

3. Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade – Staff Update 4:15 - 4:45

Staff will provide an update on the Vancouver Heritage Register (VHR) Upgrade project. The project, which commenced in early 2022, concludes the action items under the Council adopted Heritage Action Plan. The purpose of this work is to upgrade the Register to better align with the Vancouver Heritage Program, and be able to identify, embrace, and celebrate a broad range of places based on the principles of reconciliation and equity. Staff will present an overview of the proposed changes to the VHR framework, including a new heritage evaluation methodology.

Staff:

- Helen Lee, Heritage Planner, Planning, Urban Design & Sustainability

4. Gastown Public Spaces Plan – Staff Update 4:45 – 5:15

Staff from Engineering Services, will provide an update on the Gastown Public Spaces Plan. They will present on the purpose of the plan and scope. They would like to get feedback on the draft objectives and considerations from the Committee as we launch this project. The project will launch publicly on October 12. We are asking residents, businesses, local organizations and visitors to tell us about their experience with Gastown's public spaces. There will also be in-person opportunities to speak with staff and learn more. Information on the website: vancouver.ca/gastown

In response to Council direction, staff are creating a plan that will guide how to:

- Pedestrianize Water St seasonally or year-round, starting with a pilot in summer 2024
- Improve the street network to support a pedestrianized Water St, including walking, cycling, transit and vehicle connections
- Enhance Gastown's gathering places, streets, and laneways to support a range of activities
- Advance Reconciliation with the Nations and establish visibility on their lands
- Evolve and deepen the unique heritage feel of the area, including improved street materials and amenities
- Identify phased project timing and funding

Staff:

- Sam Khany, Senior Public Space Planner, Engineering Services
- Fausto Inomata, Planner, Engineering Services

5. New Business 5:15 – 5:30

6. Next meeting

DATE: November 15, 2023
TIME: 4:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room (3rd Floor, Vancouver City Hall)