



**GASTOWN HISTORIC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2022**

Minutes of the meeting of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee (GHAPC) held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, via videoconference.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Harmony Cornwell, Local Property Owner, Chair
Marina Markoc, Community Business Representative
Alyssa Myshok, Community Business Representative
Colin Tougas, Community Engineer Representative
Gina Weaver, Community Resident Tenant

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeremy Cutler, Community Resident Owner, Vice-Chair
Christopher Martin, Local Property Owner
Nancy Stern, Community Architect Representative
Jurian ter Horst, Community Heritage Representative

STAFF: Emilee Lawrence, Heritage Planner
Elijah Sabadlan, Heritage Planner

RECORDING SECRETARY: Debbie Reimer, Mosaic Writing Group

Call to Order

Harmony Cornwell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

1. Introductions and Welcome

The Chair acknowledged the unceded ancestral territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh, and thanked them for having care for this land.

The Chair conducted the roll call.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOVED by Alyssa Myshok
SECONDED by Colin Tougas

THAT the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee adopts the agenda for the June 15, 2022 meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

MOVED by Alyssa Myshok
SECONDED by Colin Tougas

THAT the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee adopts the minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting with the following amendments:

- Correct the footer to read “Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee”
- Page 5, Item 7.0 – Correct the spelling of the name of the seconder of the motion.

CARRIED

3. **Standards and Guidelines Primer**

Elijah Sabadlan, Heritage Planner, presented an overview of the “Heritage Conservation Decision-Making Process” based on the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.

Discussion followed on appropriate conservation treatments when replacement of material are required.

A copy of the presentation will be circulated via e-mail to all committee members.

4. **Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade Project**

Emilee Lawrence, Heritage Planner, led the review of a presentation titled “Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade” and highlighted:

- The Vancouver Heritage Register (VHR) recognizes the diversity of Vancouver and the need to protect its assets
- A Community Heritage Register is an official listing of properties identified by a local government as having heritage value or heritage character
- The City of Vancouver (City) recognizes registers are colonial tools that have perpetuated the erasure of Indigenous peoples
- Three main pillars of the project:
 - Understanding
 - Planning and managing
 - Sharing
- The work of upgrading the VHR is a significant step to be able to identify and safeguard the City’s heritage and to support the values of diverse communities
- Currently, the VHR has 2,400 listings:
 - Buildings are the most prevalent
 - Streetscapes
 - Landscape resources
 - Archeology sites
- The purpose of the project is to change or upgrade the VHR to be able to identify, embrace and celebrate a broad range of places with social cultural and historic values, based on principles of reconciliation, diversity and equity
- The project is in Phase 1:
 - Expectation that a report will be submitted to Council for approval in 2023
 - The content support phase will seek additions to the VHR through public and community engagement
- The project’s draft goals and guiding principles are aligned with the Vancouver Heritage Program.

Member Departed

Marina Markoc departed the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued on:

- GHAPC members requested updates and information on how to get involved with the VHR upgrade work.
- Concerns were raised on effects of development pressure leading to loss of existing and potential heritage properties
- Presenter acknowledged that the VHR upgrade will to broaden the scope of inclusion, and go beyond architectural values
- Presented noted that the City continues to work on building relationship with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations to ensure appropriate protocol is observed during the VHR upgrade.

As quorum was not present, the following motion was drafted for consideration at the July 20, 2022 meeting:

“THAT the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee:

- 1. Recognizes and supports the work to upgrade the Vancouver Heritage Register to be able to identify, embrace and celebrate a broad range of places with social, cultural and historic values, based on principles of reconciliation, diversity and equity; and*
- 2. Requests ongoing periodic engagement and clarification on opportunities for involvement by Committee members, specifically related to the conservation of the Gastown Historic District (HA-2).”*

5. New Business

There were no items for discussion.

6. Adjournment

MOVED by Colin Tougas

SECONDED by Alyssa Myshok

THAT the Gastown Heritage Area Planning Committee meeting held June 15, 2022 be adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting:

Date: July 20, 2022

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: Videoconference (WebEx Events)

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Certified correct:

Harmony Cornwell, Chair

Date Approved

ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 21, 2022