



GASTOWN HISTORIC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES January 21, 2026

A virtual meeting of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

PRESENT: Adrian Watson, Community Architect
Tanya Bennett, Community Business Representative
Brent Constantine, Community Hospitality Representative

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Kevin Wurmlinger, Community Engineer Representative
Lorelei Giang, Community Business Representative
Shreshtha Shokeen, Community Heritage Representative

LIAISONS PRESENT: Elijah Sabadlan, Heritage Planner
Rachel Magnusson, Branch Manager, Street Activities

Call to Order

Elijah Sabadlan (Heritage Liaison called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. Introductions (Election of Chair and Vice-Chair)

Staff opened with a land acknowledgement to recognize that we are on the unceded ancestral territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations, and expressed our gratitude for allowing us to inhabit in this land.

Due to half of the committee members on leave of absence, the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair was postponed until the next meeting when quorum is reached by the Committee.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

Proposed meeting agenda and minutes of [October 16, 2024](#) to be adopted at the next meeting.

3. Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee Primer

Staff went over the mandate of GHAPC, and discuss upcoming meeting dates and the format of a typical GHAPC working session.

4. Gastown Public Spaces Plan Update

Staff from Engineering Services presented the update on Gastown Public Spaces Plan. GHAPC members asked questions and provided feedback to staff to inform future work. No motions were carried as the presentation was provided as information only.

5. New Business

None discussed

Next Meeting

DATE: February 18 (cancelled; no items) March 18, 2026

TIME: 5:30 pm