

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

**JANUARY 18, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee (GHAPC) was held on Wednesday, January 18, 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:** Mahbod Biazi, Community Property Owner Representative  
Rebecca Bishop, Community Resident Tenant Representative  
Shelley Bruce, Community Heritage Representative  
Brady Dunlop, Community Architect  
Franke James, Community Business Representative  
Glade Schoenfeld, Community Engineer (arrived 4:14 p.m.)

Councillor Kerry Jang, City Council

**REGRETS/ABSENT:** Glenda Bartosh, Local Property Owner  
Samuel Sugita, Community Resident Owner Representative  
Councillor Raymond Louie, City Council  
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Vancouver Park Board

**ALSO PRESENT:** Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner (Chair Pro-Tem)

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Vivian Guthrie, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

With a quorum present, Zlatan Jankovic called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. and members participated in a round of self-introductions.

**1.0 Adoption of Agenda and Minutes**

The meeting agenda was approved as amended to add Item 3, Heritage Action Plan update.

The Minutes of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee (GHAPC) meeting held December 21, 2016 were adopted as circulated with minor corrections to spelling.

**2.0 GHAPC Appointments and Chair Election**

At its meeting on December 14, 2016, Vancouver City Council approved the following appointments to the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee to a term of one year ending December 3, 2017 or until successors are appointed:

- Mahbod Biazi (Community Property Owner Representative)
- Rebecca Bishop (Community Resident Tenant Representative)
- Shelley Bruce (Community Heritage Representative)
- Brady Dunlop (Community Architect)
- Franke James (Community Business Representative)

The following members were nominated and elected to a one- year term of office expiring December 3, 2017:

- Shelley Bruce, GHAPC Chair; and,
- Glade Schoenfeld, Vice Chair.

Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner and City's liaison with the Committee conducted an orientation session to familiarize new members with GHAPC's role and mandate, meeting protocol and related procedures. Key points included the following:

- The committee is currently comprised of 8 members and has a capacity of 10 (Councilors and Commissioner serve as non-voting members)
- The relationship of the committee to other committees, the Director of Planning and how the findings of the committee assist to inform the planning process
- Committee protocols and confidentiality (discussions and findings of the committee are only discussed publically through the Chair) and dealing with conflicts of interest during meetings
- Staff support and contact information

Zlatan Jankovic referred to the HA-2 District Schedule and Design Guidelines attached to the agenda package and an online resource titled, "Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places".

In discussion members considered the following:

- Heritage terminology and important distinctions, e.g., preservation versus conservation
- Zoning restrictions related to density regulations (no FSR), height restrictions (75') and possible relaxations sometimes exercised by the Director of Planning
- A continuing member emphasized the importance of reviewing the guidelines regarding height restrictions
- Training opportunities (Heritage 101, contact Rebecca Bishop; Heritage BC on-line webinars, contact Shelley Bruce)

Chair Shelley Bruce discussed committee procedures and reference materials related to the projects under consideration noting that presentation materials could include the following:

- Renderings, plans, etc. typical to a development permit application
- Conservation plan considering the history, heritage value of the building, character defining elements and condition assessment
- Statement of significance (historicplaces.ca is the national repository)

### **3.0 Heritage Action Plan - Update**

Chair Bruce and Zlatan Jankovic provided an introduction and update to the Vancouver Heritage Action Plan initiative. Shelley Bruce represents GHAPC as a stakeholder to the plan. Information included the following key objectives of the Vancouver Heritage Plan:

- A review of the heritage conservation program
- Heritage Register update
- Heritage Conservation Program update
- Homes of character
- Potential heritage incentives for Vancouver
- New methods to evaluate heritage buildings
- New incentives to increase participation by property owners for proper heritage conservation
- Consideration of social, cultural and environmental needs of the community and sub-communities

**4:59 p.m.**

In response to a fire alarm the meeting concluded.

**Next meeting:**

DATE: February 15, 2017  
TIME: 4:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Woodward's "W" Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Woodward's Heritage Building  
111 West Hastings Street  
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1H4

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Chair

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Date Approved