



VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 22, 2018

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, October 22, 2018, at 11:00 am, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Michael Kluckner, Chair
Jan Fialkowski, Vice-Chair
Denise Jacques
Richard Keate
Joel Massey
Mollie Massie
Anthony Norfolk

ABSENT: Janet Leduc (Leave of Absence)
Craig Rogers (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Judy Zaichkowsky, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Helen Cain, A/Senior Heritage Planner, City of Vancouver,
Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Irina Dragnea, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged that we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Commissioner Fialkowski
SECONDED by Commissioner Norfolk

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approves leaves of absence for Commissioner Kluckner and Commissioner Keate from the meeting to be held on November 19, 2018, and a leave of absence for Commissioner Kluckner from the meeting to be held December 10, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Fialkowski
SECONDED by Commissioner Keate

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve the Minutes from the meeting of October 1, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Business Arising from the Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Keate
SECONDED by Commissioner Massie

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission (the "Commission") would like to acknowledge and appreciate Councillor Heather Deal for her support of the Commission as Council Liaison and for her exceptional work in the City's arts and culture sector.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Fialkowski
SECONDED by Commissioner Keate

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission (the "Commission") would like to acknowledge and appreciate Trustee Judy Zaichkowsky for her work with the Commission as Vancouver School Board Liaison.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Roundtable on the Regulatory Review

The Chair opened up the roundtable discussion with the commissioners on heritage-related issues and input into the Regulatory Review initiative.

The following comments were made informally in the workshop format:

- Heritage preservation should be a foundational component in the development of a city-wide plan as outlined in the previous staff presentation on the Heritage Strategy;
- The Vancouver Heritage Commission's Terms of Reference/By-law should be broadened and provide more clarification on the role of staff and the role of commissioners in this public advisory body to Mayor and Council;
 - Clarification is needed on interpretation of the Vancouver Heritage Commission mandate in By-law section 5, which states "the terms of reference of the Commission shall be to *advise* Council on the following matters which *may* be referred to it by Council from time to time". Commissioners and staff have differing interpretations of the By-law scope and intent.
- All applications regarding properties that are currently on the Vancouver Heritage Register and that are presented to neighbourhood-specific committees or panels should

also be reviewed by the Vancouver Heritage Commission; furthermore, new-build projects in Heritage Conservation Areas should be reviewed by the Commission;

- The Vancouver Heritage Commission should be made aware of all applications regarding properties that are currently on the Vancouver Heritage Register, and should receive an explanation from staff in cases where retention is not considered to be a viable option;
- The Vancouver Heritage Commission should be given ample time to properly discuss a project that is presented to them and report back to staff at a subsequent meeting if more time for consideration is necessary for advice to Council;
- Consideration should be given for a liaison/partnership between the Vancouver Heritage Commission and the Vancouver City Planning Commission, perhaps with a designated member of the Heritage Commission sitting on the Planning Commission, in order for the Planning Commission to incorporate heritage concerns into the overall planning of the City;
- The Vancouver Heritage Commission should receive a complete review of application processes involving houses on the Vancouver Heritage Register, specifically when and why applications are brought to the Commission for comment and advice to Council, and when and why applications are not brought to the Commission;
- The Vancouver Heritage Commission should be kept informed of any building being altered or demolished on a heritage streetscape that is listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register;
- The Vancouver Heritage Commission should receive feedback and follow-up through a staff update process on projects it has reviewed;
- The Vancouver Heritage Commission should have input into any situation whenever there is a clash of City policies that could be detrimental to buildings on the Vancouver Heritage Register;
- The Vancouver Heritage Commission and City staff should consider identifying particular sets of skills – such as builder, developer, architect, historian – that could assist Council in creating a well-rounded, effective Commission;
- It is important to develop heritage sensitivity among all non-heritage City staff as a long-term staff-development item;
- Design guidelines for infill accessory buildings and new primary buildings in heritage areas, such as Chinatown, Yaletown, Strathcona and Mount Pleasant should be clarified; and
- Conflicts between heritage conservation and the Vancouver Building By-law requirements for life safety and energy retrofits, and Federal Homeowners Protection Act requirements for building envelope standards in strata conversions, should be resolved to ensure that heritage buildings (and other historic buildings), do not lose their features and character.

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The Commission recessed at 12:15 pm and reconvened at 12:34 pm.

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3. Staff Update

Helen Cain, Staff Liaison, updated the Commission that Anita Molaro has accepted the position of Assistant Director in Real Estate Services, and that Jason Olinek is now the Acting Assistant Director in Urban Design.

Ms. Cain highlighted the City's preparation to start work on a new two-year process to create a Broadway area plan (Broadway Plan). Ms. Cain advised that the plan will focus on opportunities to integrate new housing, jobs and amenities with future transit, and that it will not be duplicating the work in the Making Room Program.

Also, Ms. Cain advised the Commission that there is a great deal of time available to further discuss the Regulatory Review, if desired, and that one of the main objectives of the Review is to create a genuine and open discussion of issues facing all advisory bodies and City staff.

4. New Business

(a) Report on Development Permit Board Advisory Panel

Commissioner Norfolk provided an update from the October 15, 2018, Development Permit Board Advisory Panel meeting noting the Panel's consideration of a proposed development at 1485 Davie Street where reincorporation of granite, an existing on-site and historic West End material, was advised and achieved.

(b) Report on the First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel

Commissioner Massie provided an update from the October 18, 2018, First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel meeting noting the Panel's discussion on whether or not new synthetic or other imitation material roof shingles and concrete unit paving (which is not the traditional natural paving material of clay and stone used historically in First Shaughnessy) are appropriate for new buildings in First Shaughnessy in light of the applicable guideline that states that manufactured materials imitating authentic material are incompatible with the heritage value and character of the Heritage Conservation Area. The Commission's opinion is that it would not recommend anything other than "authentic;" however, the Commission is open to amendments to the guidelines to allow a diversity of authentic materials for new builds and new infill buildings.

(c) The Vancouver School Board Heritage Consultation Committee – Vancouver Heritage Commission Representative

Past Commissioner Hulbert advised the Commission that a new Vancouver Heritage Commission representative is needed to fill the role on the Vancouver School Board Heritage Consultation Committee. Commissioner Jacques has offered to be the Vancouver Heritage Commission representative and will be getting in touch with past Commissioner Hulbert for all the details.

Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Keate
SECONDED by Commissioner Norfolk

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, November 19, 2018
TIME: 11 am
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room
Main Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 1:26 pm.

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