



## VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

### MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2019

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, April 8, 2019, at 11:00 am, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Michael Kluckner, Chair  
Jan Fialkowski, Vice-Chair  
Michael Gordon  
Denise Jacques  
Richard Keate  
Janet Leduc  
Doreen Leo  
Mollie Massie  
Jenni Pace  
Craig Rogers

**ABSENT:** Joel Massey

**ALSO PRESENT:** Trustee Estrellita Gonzalez, Vancouver School Board Liaison  
Amber Knowles, Heritage Planner, City of Vancouver  
Marie Linehan, Senior Development Planner, City of Vancouver  
Hugh McLean, Heritage Planner, City of Vancouver  
Maxine Schleger, Heritage Planning Analyst, City of Vancouver

**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.

### Introduction of New Commission Members

The Chair introduced the newest members on the Vancouver Heritage Commission, Doreen Leo and Jenni Pace.

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Commissioner Massie  
SECONDED by Commissioner Jacques

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approves a leave of absence for Commissioner Leduc for the April 29, 2019, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Commissioner Gordon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Jacques

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approves the Minutes from the meeting of March 11, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

### **2. Character Home Zoning Review - Update**

Marie Linehan, Senior Development Planner, provided a presentation and responded to questions.

The Commission noted the following in the workshop format:

- The loss of character homes correlates strongly with the loss of affordable rental suites, especially basement suites, and shared houses used by extended families and other living arrangements;
- The incentives offered do not appear to be sufficient, either in density or relaxations, to encourage retention;
- With declining school enrolment in city schools, discussion as to whether families with school-aged children were being displaced; and
- Staff is recommended to revisit the program with the intention of adding disincentives, such as a reduced Floor Space Ratio (FSR) for new-builds on a character home site, in order to stem this trend.

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The Commission recessed at 11:55 am and reconvened at 12:15 pm.

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### **3. Heritage Conservation 101 - Workshop**

Amber Knowles, Heritage Planner, led the Commission through a workshop on the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* and the different aspects of heritage conservation.

The Commission thanked Amber for her engagement during the workshop.

### **4. Staff Update**

#### **(a) City of Vancouver 2019 Heritage Awards**

Staff provided an update and noted that this year there are 21 nominations and 21 awards.

### **5. New Business**

#### **(a) Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Gordon highlighted the following for the Commission's attention:

- Celebrities Nightclub building at 1022 Davie Street;
- Commodore Ballroom building at 868 Granville Street; and
- Vancouver Skateboard Coalition interest in heritage preserved sites.

#### **(b) Report on the Development Permit Board Advisory Panel**

Commissioner Leduc provided an update from the April 1, 2019, Development Permit Board Advisory Panel meeting noting the Panel's consideration of a proposed development on Dunbar Street and highlighted the importance of streetscape in maintaining the character of the street and not just one site.

#### **(c) Report on the First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel**

Commissioner Massie noted that the First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel has been reinstated and is currently undergoing its recruitment process and having members appointed on May 15, 2019.

### **Adjournment**

MOVED by Commissioner Massie  
SECONDED by Commissioner Keate

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Monday, April 29, 2019  
TIME: 11 am  
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room  
Main Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 1:36 pm.

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