



Council Adopts Order of Protection for Historic Roger's Chocolates Building

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VICTORIA, BC — At a Special Council meeting this morning, City Council approved a 60-day Temporary Order of Protection to prevent alterations to the original historic interior, including all fixtures, on the first floor of the Roger's Chocolates building located at 913 Government Street.

A National Historic site, the 1903 two-storey brick building is known for its original Queen Anne exterior, Art Nouveau interior and is considered to have one of the finest, most intact historic store interiors in Canada.

The City of Victoria is committed to working with Roger's Chocolates staff to find a solution that will preserve the significant heritage distinction of this site and have informed Roger's Chocolates of the City's commitment to continued discussions.

Council has also directed staff to commence work on a Heritage Designation Bylaw for future consideration.

A Temporary Order of Protection is in accordance with Section 962 of the Local Government Act which allows municipalities to protect properties of potential heritage value from alteration for up to 60 days.

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