

**CITY OF VICTORIA
HERITAGE ADVISORY PANEL
MEETING MINUTES
May 13th, 2025**

Present: Nathalie Picard
Katie McEvoy
Steve Barber
Ben Clinton-Baker
Rosemary Sleigh
Liberty Brears (online)
Valerie Lindholm
Veronica (Niki) Strong-Boag
Alissa Wrean

Regrets: Deondre Smiles

Guests: **Heritage Designation No.000214 for 1466 Gladstone Avenue.**
Catherine Gusse (Owner) Not present

Staff: Kristal Stevenot, Senior Heritage Planner
Laura Saretsky, Heritage Planner
Kamryn Allen, Heritage Administrative Assistant
Alicia Ferguson, Administrative Coordinator
Kerri Wood, Administrative Assistant

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Nathalie Picard

Seconded: Valerie Lindholm

Motion: That the May 13th, 2025, Heritage Advisory Panel Meeting Agenda be approved.

Carried Unanimously

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the March 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Moved: Ben Clinton-Baker

Seconded: Rosemary Sleigh

Motion: That the March 11th, 2025, Heritage Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes be approved.

Carried Unanimously

Katie McEvoy joined the meeting at 12:05pm

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

- None

4. **Announcements**

- Follow up on the Get to Know Me piece.
- Steve volunteered to be the chair for June's meeting.

5. **Heritage Designation No.000214 for 1466 Gladstone Avenue.**

Staff provided a brief introduction to the Panel with a presentation.

Panel Question comments

- Comment was made expressing appreciation for the photographs included in the staff presentation. It was noted that the side entrance is unusual and should be clarified further, as the photos previously viewed online did not provide sufficient clarity.
- The Victoria Heritage Foundation has information on the builder and that may be worth putting on file.
- Correction in the Statement of Significance under Heritage Value, second paragraph should be 'finials' instead of finals.
- Concern on not being able to densify if its designated inside?
 - Not necessarily, as long as improvements go through the Heritage Alteration Permit process and would need to be done sensitively.
- Nice to see interior features being designated as well.
- Nice to see owners wanting the designation.
- Nice to see the hope of Heritage aspects remaining with integrity outside and inside.
- Are there a lot of interior designations in Victoria?
 - A few but not a lot, it is unusual.
- Not as much social history on this building, is there any information available?
 - Yes, the suggestion to include in the Statement of Significance will be passed along to their heritage consultant.

Moved: Valerie Lindholm

Seconded: Veronica (Niki) Strong-Boag

Motion: That the Heritage Advisory Panel recommend that Council approve the Heritage Designation Application No. 000214 for 1466 Gladstone Avenue.

Carried Unanimously

6. **Other Business**

- Concerned about not having the full picture or follow up from our conversations. Would appreciate hearing from them.
- Once gone from us to Council, it would be nice to be provided an update.
 - 603 Pandora has not been changed.
 - City Council did approve the Ducks Block hotel.
- Are there resources available that outline Victoria's heritage mission, particularly for neighborhoods like Rockland? How does heritage management function in other parts of the city, beyond Old Town, which is known for its strong policies and guidelines?
 - If you look at the existing Official Community Plan there are maps in there to show you the existing areas of development permits and heritage zones. Those maps could be quite helpful.
- Will there be any role for HAPL in the new OCP?
 - This will depend on Councils' direction.
- Are we allowed to lobby members of city council? What about the public hearing?
 - Yes, you can write to Council.

- Public hearings typically offer multiple ways to participate, written submissions, phone calls, video messages, or in-person comments, providing various options for engagement. After hearing from all participants, Council will close the public hearing portion and proceed with the adoption process. The cutoff is 11pm and usually multiple meetings to allow for everyone who signed up to speak.
- Is the new draft Official Community Plan available on the city website?
 - Yes.
- Can we make a motion to request Council ask HAPL to provide comment on the draft OCP?
 - Yes.

Motion: The Heritage Advisory Panel requests that Council refer the Official Community Plan for comment and recommendation to HAPL

Moved: Steve Barber

Seconded: Veronica (Niki) Strong-Boag

Carried Unanimously

7. Adjournment

Moved: Nathalie Picard

Seconded: Valerie Lindholm

Motion: That the Heritage Advisory Panel on May 13th, 2025 Meeting be adjourned at 12:42pm.

Carried Unanimously