

# Report to Council



**Date:** January 25, 2021

**To:** Council

**From:** City Manager

**Subject:** Heritage Planning Best Practices Review

**Department:** Policy & Planning

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Policy and Planning Department, dated January 25, 2021, outlining best practices in heritage management;

AND THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a report to an afternoon meeting with a proposed approach for Heritage Management based on Council feedback.

## **Purpose:**

To review available heritage planning tools and heritage management best practices and provide Council with an opportunity to provide feedback.

## **Background:**

Over the last year, several development applications have illustrated the complexity around the identification and protection of heritage assets on private property, both inside and outside of the Heritage Conservation Area. In response, Council passed resolution #0639-40 on September 28, 2020 directing staff to bring forward information for a heritage policy and procedures workshop. This report and the attached presentation follow up on that resolution.

## **Discussion:**

Elana Zysblat, a certified Heritage Professional, from ANCE Consulting will provide a presentation that covers three key areas related to Heritage management. First, the presentation will provide Council with an update on the current best practices in heritage planning in Canada. Next the report will overview the main heritage planning tools available to local governments in British Columbia and the role of these tools. Lastly, the report will review the role of heritage professionals and heritage advisory committees in the development review process. This report will provide a foundation for Council to update its approach to heritage management in the coming years. Staff will be bringing a follow-up report forward to provide Council some recommendation on next steps.

**Internal Circulation:**

Development Planning  
Policy and Planning  
Office of the City Clerk

***Legal/Statutory Authority:******Existing Policy:***

*Official Community Plan Heritage Policies*

Objective 9.2 Identify and conserve heritage resources.

Policy .1 Heritage Register. Ensure that the Heritage Register is updated on an on-going basis to reflect the value of built, natural and human landscapes.

Policy .2 Heritage Resource Management. Require heritage resource management to be integrated in the development and review of pertinent plans.

Policy .3 Financial Support. Continue to support the conservation, rehabilitation, interpretation, operation and maintenance of heritage assets through grants, incentives and other means.

Policy .4 Conservation Areas. Development in the Abbott Street and Marshall Street Heritage Conservation Area outlined on Map 9.1 will be assessed using the Abbott Street and Marshall Street Heritage Conservation Area Guidelines in Chapter 16

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Attachment: Heritage Planning Best Practices Review Presentation