
Heritage Alteration Permit
Application
for
603-607 Pandora Avenue
Victoria, BC V8W 1N8
HAP00235



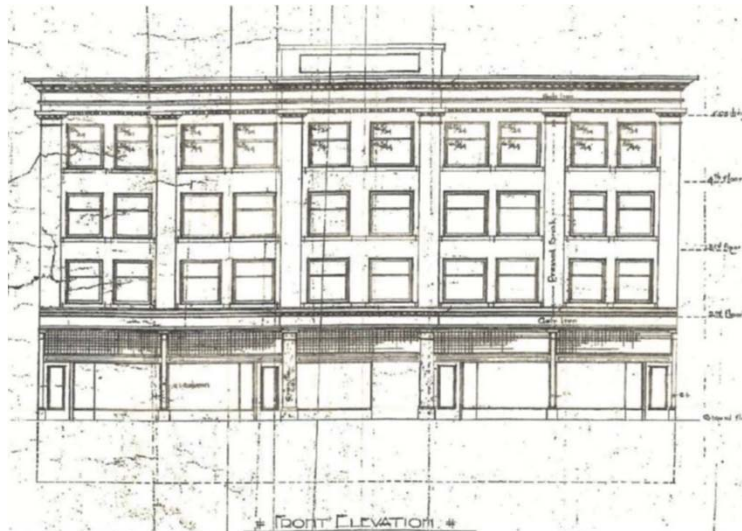
603-607 Pandora- Aerial Photo



603-607 Pandora: Pre-Fire



603-607 Pandora: Original Front Elevation



603-607 Pandora: Historic Photos



1963



1986



603-607 Pandora: Purpose of HAP

“The proposal is to allow for demolition of the fire damaged heritage-designated Plaza Hotel to address safety concerns, remove debris, and further excavate the site”...conditional on the applicant salvaging surviving elements of the building.



603-607 Pandora: Proposed Salvage



Initial Glimpse of Main Column #1 behind veneer



Location on building before fire



603-607 Pandora: Granite Columns



View from behind ground floor facade



Closeup of polished granite

Discovery of main column #2 behind ground floor facade



603-607 Pandora: Granite Columns



603-607 Pandora: Salvage Materials



Samples of glazed bricks



Old Growth Heavy Timbers

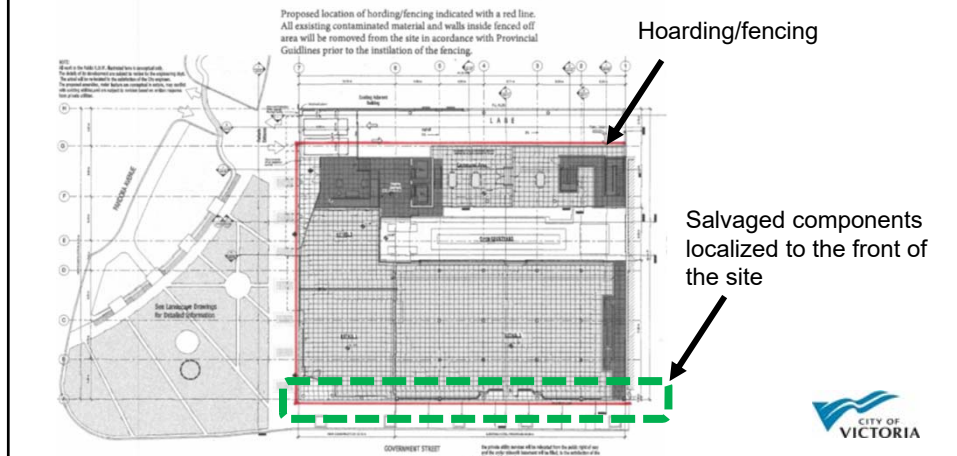


Decorative wood columns



603-607 Pandora: Removal strategy

- All rubble and wreckage to be removed except for salvage materials, which are to be securely stored
- Remnant walls to be pulled down and rubble removed
- Emptied basement level to be surrounded by hoarding
- New design concept for site expected in Fall 2019



603-607 Pandora: Staff Recommendation

That Council authorize the issuance of Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00235 for 603-607 Pandora Avenue to authorize the demolition of the heritage-designated Plaza Hotel, historically known as the Hotel Westholme, conditional upon the following elements being salvaged, documented and stored by the applicant with a photographic inventory provided to the City, all under the supervision of a heritage consultant, for the purpose of integration into a future proposed development, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development:

- two round polished granite columns
- a selection of white glazed brick
- heavy structural timbers that only suffered minor fire damage
- cast iron structural columns above and below grade from the Government Street elevation
- sidewalk prisms.