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

603-607 Pandora: Original Front Elevation
603-607 Pandora: Historic Photos

“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.