

Mayor and Council
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria BC V8W 1P6

February 29, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Heritage Designation
404 Henry Street, Victoria West BC

I wish to have my house at 404 Henry Street in Victoria West, designated as an Heritage property.

I wish also to acknowledge the extensive support of Prof. Martin Segger regarding the considerable substantiation for this request.

Despite the relatively youthful age of the original structure as well as the more recent additions, I feel the house, and its ancient rocky site, will become a vital extension to the historical inventory of the City of Victoria and needs to be saved now, rather than being heir for the development sector of the local economy.

The house, designed by the late Architect Alan J. Hodgson, using modest, locally produced materials, has resulted in a brilliantly seamless siting of what has become known as "mid- century modern" . The house is thus already part of the historic tapestry of Victoria.

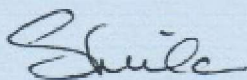
Alan Hodgson was a pioneer in the early years of West Coast Modern architectural design in Victoria. Of the many of his residential designs in Victoria, are two which carry heritage designation in recognition of this.

Being largely constructed of wood, the building has already become victim to the process of aging. This process has been addressed by the careful ministrations of Perma Construction Ltd. and returned, in the worn areas, to the original condition. (See north façade photo)

In future, I plan to renew any decks in need of restoration and the inclusion of *thermal windows*, thus adding to the comfort of the livable areas. It is my hope to stay in this house and maintain it as long as I am able. Above all, I wish to preserve the spirit of place.

Finally, I wish to thank the Mayor and Council for their kind and favourable consideration to approve my desire for an Heritage designation.

Yours sincerely,



Sheila C. Hodgson
Copied to: Prof. Martin Segger