



**Council Member Motion  
For the Planning and Land Use Committee Meeting of November 12, 2015**

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**Date:** November 5, 2015

**From:** Councillor Madoff

**Subject:** Potential Heritage Advisory Panel Referrals

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**Background:**

The attached correspondence from the Heritage Advisory Panel Chair, Richard Linzey identifies two issues that the HAPL wishes to bring forward for potential consideration involving:

1. The continued loss of 1860's Heritage Houses in Victoria, and;
2. The Heritage Significance of the 1889 Courthouse in Bastion Square.

The correspondence notes some details around the request and that it may be something Council wishes to refer to the HAPL for advice.

**Motion:**

That Council approve referrals to the Heritage Advisory Panel for their consideration, comments and/or recommendations on:

- 1) Possible further losses of the 1860's houses in Victoria; and,
- 2) The Heritage Significance of the 1889 Courthouse in Bastion Square.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Pamela Madoff in black ink.

Councillor P. Madoff

Handwritten signature of Charlayne Thornton-Joe in black ink.

Councillor C. Thornton-Joe

Attachment: Correspondence for Heritage Advisory Panel Chair, Richard Linzey

City of Victoria  
Mayor and Council  
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November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

Dear Mayor and Council,

**Consideration of Miscellaneous Matters by Heritage Advisory Panel - Request for Council Direction**

I am writing to you in my capacity as chair of the City's Heritage Advisory Panel (HAPL) to seek Council's direction to consider and advise the Planning and Land Use Committee on two matters of importance raised by the panel.

Panel members have proposed that Council may wish to seek HAPL advice on:

1. The continued loss of 1860s houses in Victoria – two of the remaining fourteen houses have been demolished in the last couple of years.
2. The Heritage significance of the 1889 Court House in Bastion Square. While public concern has been focussed on the fate of the maritime museum, it is suggested that the future of the building should also be a matter of interest for council. A statement of significance would almost certainly identify:
  - the 1889 Courthouse is significant for its age; its design; its architect (Tiedemann) and as a time-anchor in a highly trafficked public area
  - the history that unfolded within its walls (Judge Matthew Baillie Begbie presided here)
  - the last open-cage elevator in BC if not Canada
  - extremely rare Colonial furniture from the Colonial Government Buildings (known as 'the Birdcages'). The furniture (benches with upholstery, railings, and judge's bench) was moved to the Court House in 1889 from the Birdcages and reinstated when the Supreme Courtroom was restored in the 1990's.
  - some of the furniture was saved from Barkerville, where it had been shipped in the 1960s.

The panel would be happy to provide such advice if Council is so inclined to seek it.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Linzey

Chair, Heritage Advisory Panel

Cc: HAPL members, M Miller, Senior Heritage Planner; J Appleby, C Havelka PLUC Secretariat