

# Planning and Land Use Committee Report

Date:

December 17, 2013

From: Steve Barber, Senior Heritage Planner

Subject:

804 Foul Bay Road

Heritage Alteration Permit Application #00177

Proposed exterior alterations to a Heritage-Designated building (pending) Current Zone: R1-G - Single Family Dwelling (Gonzales) (rezoning pending)

Within DPA 16 - General Form and Character

## **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is to present the Planning and Land Use Committee with background information, analysis and recommendations regarding a Heritage Alteration Permit Application for exterior alterations to the house proposed for Heritage Designation and located at 804 Foul Bay Road. The application is in conjunction with a rezoning and four-lot subdivision application to allow for the retention and relocation of the existing house to a newly created lot on the corner of Foul Bay Road and Runnymede Avenue. The applicant has agreed to the Heritage Designation of the house as part of the rezoning. New windows and window wells for a basement suite are proposed for the existing northeast and northwest elevations.

The application was reviewed by the Heritage Advisory Committee at its December 10, 2013 meeting and was recommended for approval.

Staff support the proposal.

#### Recommendations

That Heritage Alteration Permit Application #00177 for 804 Foul Bay Road proceed for consideration at a Public Hearing in conjunction with Rezoning Application #00414 and Heritage Designation Application #000132 and in accordance with:

- 1. Application dated November 29, 2013
- 2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements
- 3. Final plans to be in accordance with the plans dated November 29, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

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### 2. Background

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#### Issues

The issue is the installation of new windows, window wells and a new entrance for a basement suite.

### 4. Analysis

### **Description of Historic Place**

The building at 804 Foul Bay Road is a one-and-a-half storey Swiss Chalet style house located in the eastern part of the Gonzales neighbourhood in Victoria, BC.

### Heritage Value of Historic Place

This large house is of value for its unusual architectural style and its association with the rapid growth of Victoria's eastern middle class neighbourhoods during the building boom of 1908-1913. Built in 1912 for contractor Duncan Alcorn, the Swiss Chalet design is of value for its unusual combination of a curved bow of seven windows on the main floor, with a shallow box bay above. Clad in wood shingles in the Arts and Crafts style, with a granite foundation and front pillars flanking the front steps, the house features a shallow front facing gable roof with heavy wood brackets, and large gable roofs on each side. A large porte cochere on granite piers is located on the south side, providing a sheltered entry for arriving guests. The owners of the house over its history illustrate its appeal to the upper middle class of retired lawyers, stockbrokers, businessmen and doctors, and confirm the value of Foul Bay Road as a desirable location for this level of Victoria society. Many of the houses in the neighbourhood were designed by noted architect Samuel Maclure, the architect of choice for the upper classes.

The house at 804 Foul Bay Road complements the character of these grand mansions nearby and exemplifies the type of domestic architecture popular at the time.

### **Character-Defining Elements**

All elements characteristic of the Chalet and Arts and Crafts styles including, but not limited to:

- Front and side facing gable roofs with exposed wood brackets
- Original wood sash windows
- Original exterior finishes of wood shingles, wood window rim, granite foundation, and granite piers and pillars
- Porte cochere on south elevation.

Excerpts from the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada:

### 4.3.1 - Exterior Form

#### Recommended

17 Working with code specialists to determine the most appropriate solution to health, safety and security requirements with the least impact on the character-defining elements and overall heritage value of the historic building.

#### Not Recommended

Making changes to the exterior form without first exploring equivalent health, safety and security systems, methods or devices that may be less damaging to the character-defining elements and overall heritage value of the historic building.

### 4.3.5 - Windows, Doors and Storefronts

#### Recommended

**20 Designing** and installing new windows, doors or storefronts required by a new use on non-character-defining elevations in a manner that is compatible with the building's style, era and character.

#### Not Recommended

Installing new windows, doors or storefronts that are incompatible with the building's style, era and character, or that obscure, damage or destroy character-defining elements.

### 4.3.6 - Entrances, Porches and Balconies

#### Recommended

**16 Replacing** missing historic features by designing and constructing a new entrance, porch or balcony, based on physical and documentary evidence, or one that is compatible in size, scale, material, style or colour.

**17 Modifying**, replacing or designing a new entrance, porch or balcony required by a new use or applicable codes and regulations, in a manner that is compatible with the building's style, era and character.

#### Not Recommended

Creating a false historical appearance because the new entrance, porch or balcony is incompatible, or based on insufficient physical and documentary evidence.

Altering a secondary entrance to give it the appearance of a main entrance.

Enclosing a porch or balcony in a manner that has a negative impact on the building's heritage value.

Removing character-defining entrances, porches or balconies that are no longer needed for the new use.

Constructing an addition that requires the loss of a character-defining entrance, porch, or balcony.

**18 Adding** new features to meet health, safety and security requirements, such as a new handrail, in a manner that conserves the heritage value of the entrance, porch or balcony and minimizes impact on its character-defining elements.

Damaging or destroying an entrance, porch or balcony while making modifications to comply with health, safety and security requirements.

#### Discussion

The proposed moving of the house is supportable as it will allow its preservation and rehabilitation. While the new smaller lot will affect the spatial relationship of the house to its context, the alternative would be the demolition of the house to allow for the new subdivision which the City could not prevent.

The proposed basement windows and entrance are to accommodate a new suite in the basement. They are located away from the public views of the main elevations of the house and are designed to be compatible with the form, material and proportions of the existing window and door patterns. The proposed alterations to the porte cochere and front porch are compatible with the historic character of the house and the guidelines noted above.

### 4.a. Options

Council can recommend:

- 1. The application be approved as submitted.
- 2. The application be approved with conditions.
- 3. The application be declined.

#### 4.b. Conclusions

The proposed relocation of the existing house will conserve an important heritage house in the Gonzales neighbourhood. The proposed alterations are compatible with the historic character and do not damage its character-defining features. It is recommended that the application be approved.

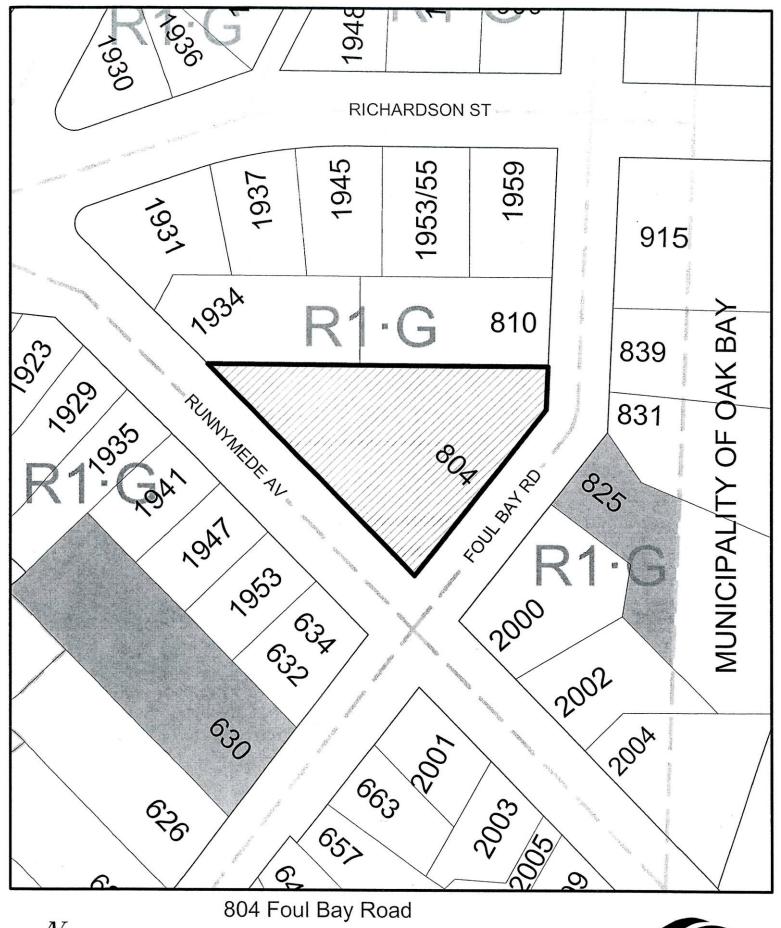
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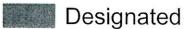
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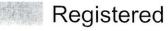
- Map of subject property
  Plans dated November 29, 2013.



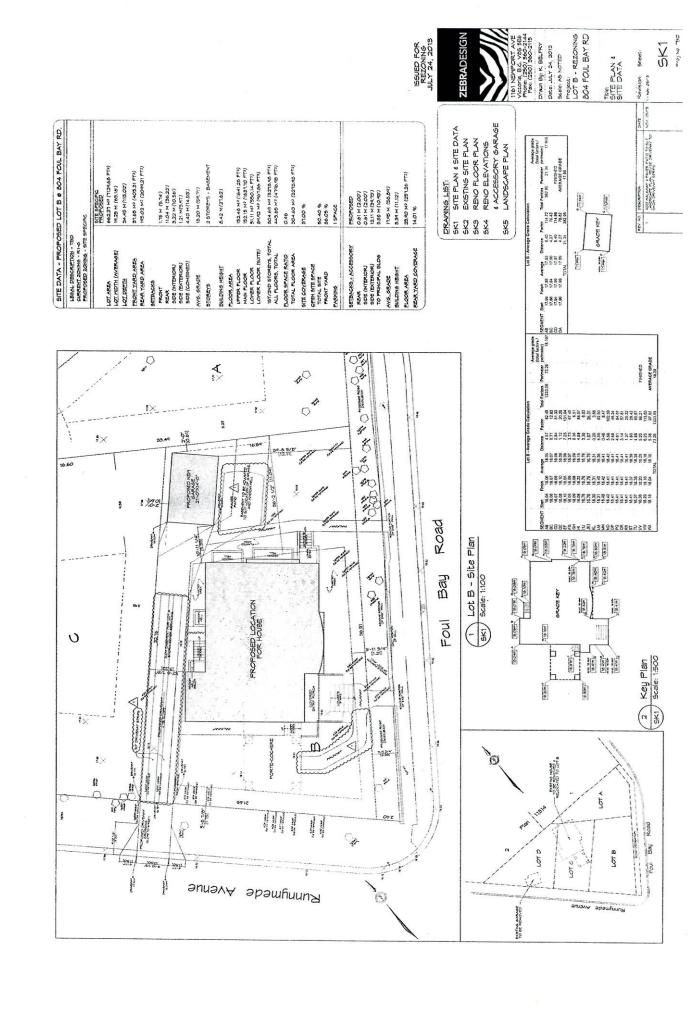


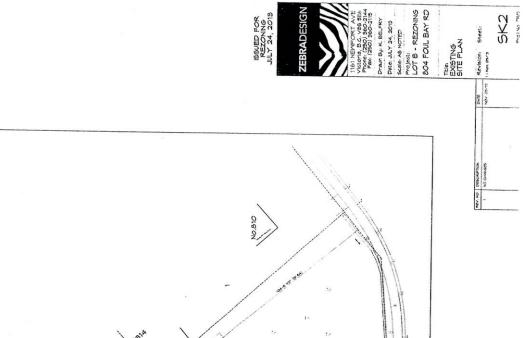
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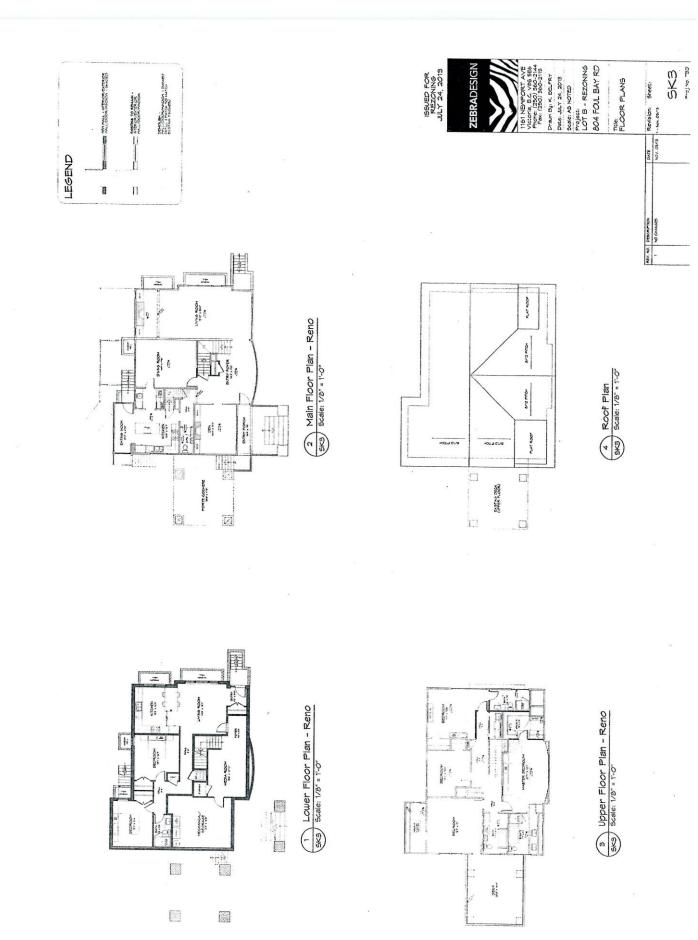
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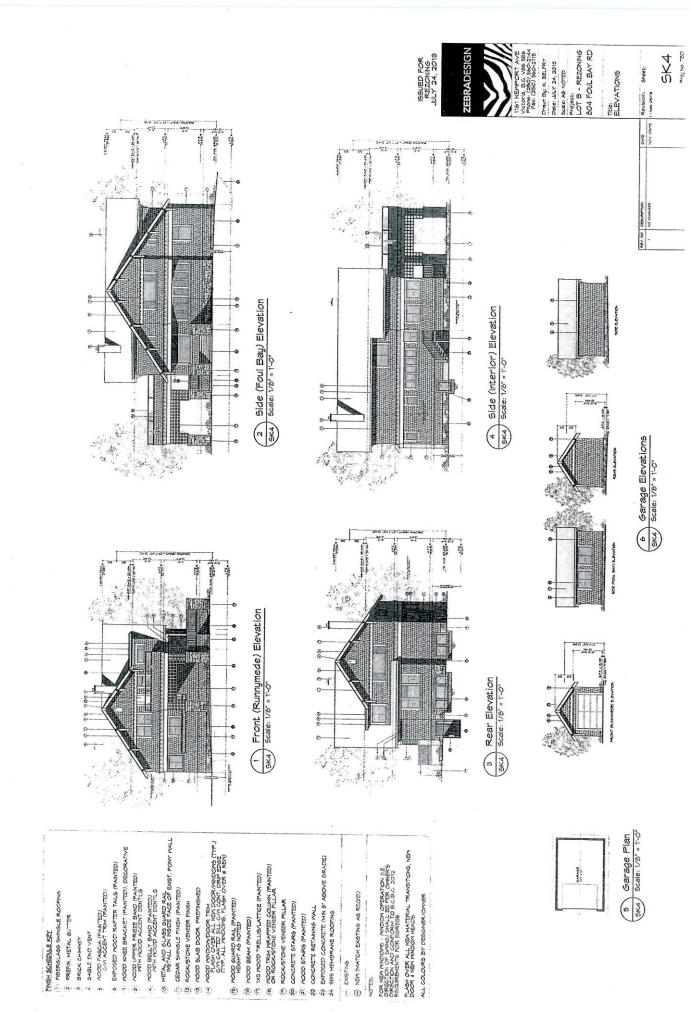
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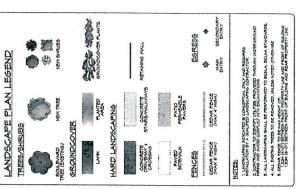
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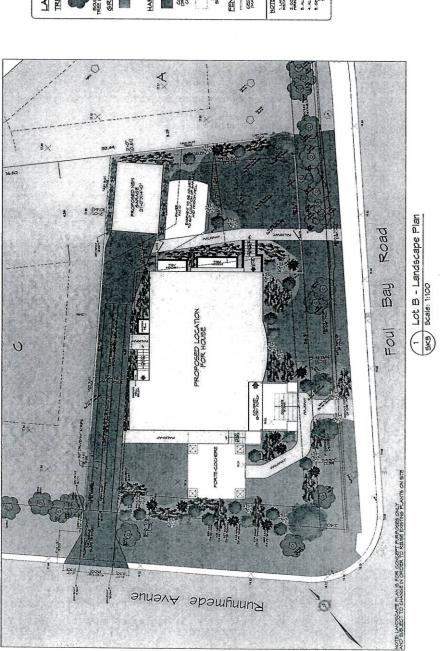
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