



**SINGLE ROOM ACCOMMODATION
CONVERSION* or DEMOLITION*
PERMIT APPLICATION**

SR No. 400003

Civic Address: 1212 Granville St. Vancouver, BC
 Legal Description: Lot 3 & 4 Subdivision _____ Block 103 District Lot 541 Plan 210
 Building Name: AMBASSADOR HOTEL

This area must be completed by the person signing this application.

Your Name: SHIRLEY LAM You are the:
 Mailing Address: 1212 Granville St. 01 Property Owner
 City: Vancouver 02 Agent for Property Owner
 Postal Code: V6Z 1M4
 Phone Number: 604-218-6718
 Company Name: AMBASSADOR HOTEL

Note: If the applicant is NOT the property owner, a letter of consent signed by the owner must also be submitted.

Owner's information (If owner is a corporation, provide Incorporation Certificate and names and addresses of all directors & associates):

Property Owner's Name <u>SHIRLEY LAM</u>	
Address:	City: <u>VANCOUVER</u>
Postal Code:	Phone Number: <u>(604) 218-6718</u>
Property Owner's Name <u>TAI CHUEN LAM</u>	
Address:	City: <u>VANCOUVER</u>
Postal Code:	Phone Number: <u>(604) 736-3897</u>
Property Owner's Name <u>YUET HA CHEUNG</u>	
Address:	City: <u>VANCOUVER</u>
Postal Code:	Phone Number: <u>(604) 736-3897</u>

This application is to: (Check applicable box)	
001 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Convert* occupancy of designated room(s)	Total # of storeys in this building: <u>3</u>
002 <input type="checkbox"/> Change term or nature of tenancy of designated room(s)	Total # of SRA rooms in this building: <u>4</u>
003 <input type="checkbox"/> Change frequency of rent payments for designated room(s)	Total # of non-SRA rooms in this building: <u>38</u>
004 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Convert* vacant designated room(s)	
005 <input type="checkbox"/> Repair or alter designated room(s)	
006 <input type="checkbox"/> Demolish* designated room(s)	
*see definitions of "conversion" and "demolition" on reverse side of form under "Explanatory Notes"	

Describe nature of the proposed conversion or demolition:

To convert the remaining 4 designated SRA rooms to tourist use.

	OFFICE USE
Are there any permanent residents needing to relocate as a result of this proposed conversion?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes, you must provide the following information:	
1. The number of permanent residents that will be affected? _____	
2. A list of names of the residents needing relocation, their room nos. and length of residency	
3. Proposed relocation strategy for existing tenants	
You must also include with this application the following required supporting documents:	
1. Two sets of existing floor plans and proposed floor plans as detailed below*	
2. An affidavit, sworn by the owner or, if the owner is a corporation, by a director of the corporation, setting out why the owner wants to convert or demolish the designated room	
3. Records required under the Hotel Guest Registration Act or Hotel Room Tax Act, tax assessment records, guest ledgers, and daily rent receipts, for the current calendar year and for the three immediately preceding calendar years, in respect of the designated room	
4. Tentative schedule for construction (if applicable)	

* Explanatory Notes:

- Definition of "conversion" or "convert" means the following under the Single Room Accommodation By-law:
 - (a) a change in the form of occupancy, intended form of occupancy, or customary form of occupancy of a designated room from living accommodation for a permanent resident to living accommodation for a transient guest or to another purpose,
 - (b) a change in the term or nature of the tenancy to which a permanent resident has the right in respect of a designated room,
 - (c) a change in the frequency of the rent payments a permanent resident must make in respect of a designated room,
 - (d) an occupancy or use, or the suffering or allowing of an occupancy or use, of a vacant designated room for a purpose other than living accommodation for a permanent resident,
 - (e) a repair or alteration to a designated room or any improvement or fixture in it or a replacement of any such improvement or fixture, except for repairs or alterations that are minor in nature and have no material effect on the enjoyment by permanent residents of their living accommodation,
 - (f) a reclassification of a building or any portion of a building from Class 1-residential to any other class referred to in the Assessment Act and its regulations, or
 - (g) a loss of exemption in respect of a designated room from an obligation to pay or remit hotel room tax under the Hotel Room Tax Act and its regulations;

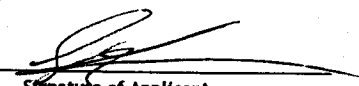
- Definition of "demolition" or "demolish" means the following under the Single Room Accommodation By-law:
 - "to pull, knock, or tear down or to raze, wholly or partially, a designated room"

- Floor plans must be professionally drawn, to a scale NOT less than 1/8" to 1', and must:
 - (a) Include dimensions and layout of all floor levels including basement and underground parking;
 - (b) Identify on each floor:
 - rooms that provide accommodation for permanent residents;
 - rooms that provide accommodation for transient guests (tourists);
 - rooms that provide other non-residential accommodation uses (e.g., lounge, storage rooms, etc.);
 - (c) Indicate on each floor the square footage of all rooms and common areas;

Office Use Only

As owner or owner's agent, I have verified that the information contained within this document and associated applications and plans is correct, and describes a use, a building or a work which complies with all relevant by-laws and statutes. I acknowledge that responsibility for by-law compliance rests with the owner and the owner's employees, agents and contractors. I will indemnify and save harmless the City of Vancouver, its officials, employees and agents against all claims, liabilities and expenses of every kind, in respect of anything done or not done pursuant to this application or fact sheet or ensuing permit, including negligence and/or the failure to observe all by-laws, acts or regulations.

SIGNED AT VANCOUVER, BC THIS 16 DAY OF February 2004


Signature of Applicant

Canada

Province of British Columbia

In the Matter of the City of Vancouver
Single Room Accommodation By-law (the "By-law")

AFFIDAVIT

I, SHIRLEY LAM, of 1212 GRANVILLE ST.,
Vancouver, British Columbia, make oath and say as follows:

1. I am the registered owner of real property in Vancouver, British Columbia bearing the legal description PARCEL IDENTIFIER: 012-678-058 LOT 3 BLOCK 103 DISTRICT LOT 541 PLAN 210; PARCEL IDENTIFIER: 012-678-074 LOT 4 BLOCK 103 DISTRICT LOT 541 PLAN 210 and civic address 1212 GRANVILLE ST., and as such have personal knowledge of the matters to which I depose in this affidavit.

2. I wish to convert or demolish the following rooms in the building on the property for the following purpose:

Rooms:

104 , # 108 , # 110 , # 114

Purpose: To convert the remaining 4 designated SRA rooms to tourist accomodation.

Sworn before me at Vancouver,)
British Columbia this 19 day of)
February, 2004)
_____)
A Commissioner for taking Affidavits)
for British Columbia)

Pauline Jang
Notary Public
105 - 1055 W Broadway
Vancouver, BC V6H 1E2
Tel (604) 738-0188



CITY OF VANCOUVER
CORPORATE SERVICES GROUP
Housing Centre

February 11, 2004

Shirley Lam (FAX: 604.648.9857)
1212 Granville Street
Vancouver, BC
V6Z 1M4

Dear Ms. Shirley Lam:

RE: Housing Agreement: 1203 Seymour Street

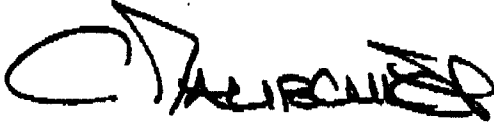
This is to confirm what we discussed at our meeting January 27, 2004. You own both the Ambassador Hotel (1212 Granville Street) and the Canadian Hotel (1203 Seymour Street). The Canadian Hotel provides monthly accommodation to permanent residents. Your application for exemption states that on October 21, the day the Single Room Accommodation By-law was enacted, the Ambassador contained 38 rooms that provided accommodation to transient (tourist) guests and 4 rooms provided accommodation to permanent residents.

In addition to the application for exemption you have submitted (38 of the 42 designated SRA rooms in the Ambassador Hotel), you will also seek Council's approval to convert the remaining 4 designated SRA rooms to tourist use. Staff is prepared to recommend support of the SRA Permit to convert 4 designated rooms in the Ambassador provided you enter into a Housing Agreement containing the following:

- The Agreement would cover all 26 SRA rooms in the Canadian Hotel.
- All rooms will be rented on a monthly basis and (as defined by the By-law) be used for permanent residents only.
- Rents on the first floor will not exceed \$420; rents on the second floor will not exceed \$450; rents on the third floor will not exceed \$495; and the single room on the fourth floor will be occupied by the caretaker or if rented, will not exceed \$495. *See page 2.*
- Period of Agreement: 5 years.
- Tenant service (maid and caretaker) will be maintained.
- Rent rolls will be provided to the City on a periodic basis.
- All 26 rooms will remain designated under the Single Room Accommodation By-law after the Agreement expires.

If you are agreeable to the above noted terms, please sign in the space provided below. Staff will then prepare a Council report seeking the SRA permit to convert the 4 designated rooms in the Ambassador and if approved, a Housing Agreement would then be drafted by the Housing Centre and our Legal Services department for your review. The Housing Agreement would be registered on the land title of the Canadian.

Yours truly,



Celine Mauboules
Planner

celine_mauboules@city.vancouver.bc.ca
Phone: 604.871.6198
Fax: 604.873.7045

CM/cm

cc: Jill Davidson, Senior Planner Housing
Centre
Property File



Owner's signature

SHIRLEY LAM

(Printed name)

Feb. 16, 2004

Date

Owner's signature

(Printed name)

Date

Rent will not exceed the following:

- 1) 4 Rooms at \$420.00 per month
Room Number: #3, #10, #11, #19
- 2) 11 Rooms at \$450.00 per month
Room Number: #6, #12, #15, #16, #17, #18, #21, #25, #26, #27, #28
- 3) 11 Rooms at \$495.00 per month (includes one caretaker's room)
Room Number: #1, #2, #4, #5, #7, #8, #9, #14, #20, #22, #24

APPLICATION TO EXEMPT DESIGNATED ROOMS FROM SCHEDULE A OF SINGLE ROOM ACCOMMODATION BY-LAW

To: Housing Centre Director
Vancouver City Hall
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4



City of
Vancouver

The undersigned applies to Council to exempt the following property or specific rooms therein from Schedule A of the Single Room Accommodation By-law.

1. Civic Address: 1212 GRANVILLE ST. VANCOUVER
 Legal Description: Lot 3 & 4 Subdivision _____ Block 103 District Lot 541 Plan 210
 Building Name: AMBASSADOR HOTEL

2. Total number of rooms in the above building: 42 Proposed # of rooms to be exempt: 38

Floor level	# of rooms on this floor	Proposed Room Nos. to be exempt	(Attach separate sheet if more space required)
<u>2nd</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>114, 110, 108, 104</u>	
<u>3rd</u>	<u>24</u>		
		Room Nos. _____	
		Room Nos. _____	
		Room Nos. _____	
		Room Nos. _____	

3. The following documents are attached and form part of this Application (see "Required Information for Application to Exempt Designated Rooms from Schedule A of SRA By-law" on the reverse side of this form):

- 1) HOTEL ROOM TAX CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION
- 2) DAILY & WEEKLY ROOM RENTAL RECEIPT OF AUG 2003 & OCT, NOV 2003.
- 3) PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT
- 4) Reference letters from COAST SOCIETY & KOCH B + Y INSURANCE.
- 5) Reference letters from tenants

4. Please print names and addresses of owner(s). If owner is a corporation, you must provide Incorporation Certificate and names and addresses of all directors and associates (Attach separate sheet if more space required):

- 1) LAM, TAI CHUEN
 - 2) CHEUNG, YUET HA
 - 3) LAM, SHIRLEY SU YI
- 1212 GRANVILLE ST. VANCOUVER, BC V6Z 1M4

5. I am the: Property Owner Property/Building Manager Agent for owner Other _____

6. I file this application with the full consent of the owner(s).

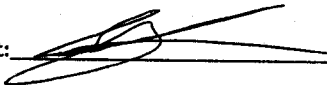
7. I declare that the statements contained in this application and all attached documents and plans are true and correct.

Name of Applicant (Please print): SHIRLEY LAM

Name of Company (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: 1212 GRANVILLE ST. City: VANCOUVER Postal Code: Y6Z 1M4

Telephone: 604-685-4741 Cell Phone: 604-218-6718 Fax: 604-648-9857

Signature of Applicant:  Date: Jan. 20th, 2004

Office Use:	
Application No. <u>SA400006</u>	Date Received: <u>Jan 20, 2004</u>
To Council: _____	Decision: _____

AMBASSADOR HOTEL

February 11, 2004

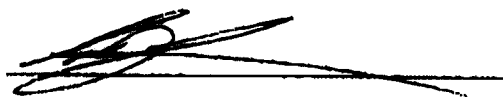
The City Of Vancouver
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC
V5Y 1V4

Re: SRA By-Law Exemption Application for Ambassador Hotel at 1212 Granville Street,
Vancouver, BC

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is to confirm that I have been made aware that the information provided to Vancouver City Hall with respect to the above application, will be attached to the report to Council and as such, be made available to the public.

Yours truly,



Shirley Lam, Ambassador Hotel

1212 GRANVILLE STREET • VANCOUVER • BC V6Z 1M4
PHONE: (604)685-4741 • FAX: (604)648-9857

Canada

Province of British Columbia

In the Matter of the City of Vancouver
Single Room Accommodation By-law (the "By-law")

AFFIDAVIT

I, SHIRLEY LAM, of 1212 GRANVILLE ST.,
Vancouver, British Columbia, make oath and say as follows:

1. I am a director of AMBASSADOR HOTEL, the registered owner of real property in Vancouver, British Columbia bearing the legal description PARCEL IDENTIFIER: 012-678-058 LOT 3 BLOCK 103 DISTRICT LOT 541 PLAN 210; PARCEL IDENTIFIER: 012-678-074 LOT 4 BLOCK 103 DISTRICT LOT 541 PLAN 210 and civic address 1212 Granville Street, and as such have personal knowledge of the matters to which I depose in this affidavit.

2. I make this affidavit in respect of each room ("room") on the property bearing the following room numbers:

Room #'s 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 215, 214, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 109, 111, 112, 115, 116, 117, 118, 120

3. From and after October 23, 2003 to the date of this affidavit:

- (a) no permanent resident as defined in the By-law has occupied or customarily occupied any room as living accommodation as defined in the By-law;
- (b) no room is in a building or portion of a building classified under the *Assessment Act* of British Columbia or its regulations as Class 1 - residential; and
- (c) each room is in a building or portion of a building in respect of which the owner has an obligation to pay or remit hotel room tax under the *Hotel Room Tax Act* and its regulations.

Sworn before me at Vancouver,)
British Columbia this 21 day of)
January, 2004.)
_____)
A Commissioner for taking Affidavits)
for British Columbia)



Pauline Jang
Notary Public
305 - 1055 W Broadway
Vancouver, BC V6H 1E2
Tel (604) 739-0188



Ministry of Finance
and Corporate Relations
Consumer Taxation Branch

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

pursuant to the
HOTEL ROOM TAX ACT

The holder of this certificate is a registered operator under the *Hotel Room Tax Act*.
The operator is deemed to be an agent of the Minister of Finance and Corporate
Relations and is authorized to collect taxes imposed under the *Hotel Room Tax Act*.

NAME AND ADDRESS

AMBASSADOR HOTEL
LAM TAI CHUEN & CHEUNG YUET HA & LAM SU YI
1212 GRANVILLE ST
VANCOUVER BC V6Z 1M4

DATE OF ISSUANCE		
DAY	MONTH	YEAR
15	12	2003

REGISTRATION NO.
H007589

DIRECTOR

**THIS CERTIFICATE SHALL BE DISPLAYED AT THE PRINCIPAL PLACE
OF BUSINESS OF THE OPERATOR IN THE PROVINCE AND IS
NOT TRANSFERABLE**

This Certificate of Registration must be returned to the Consumer Taxation Branch, PO Box 9443 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria BC V8W 9W7
if there is a change in the name, address, ownership or nature of the business, or if the business is discontinued.

FIN 495 Rev. 2000 / 3 / 10

Been filing Hotel Room Tax since 1989.



Decision Notice
2003 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT
REVIEW PANEL

ASSESSMENT ROLL NUMBER AND JURISDICTION

09-39-200-029-130-612-20-0000

City of Vancouver

OFFICE USE
NEIGHCD
029

PC182

02452

You have received this notice because the property assessment described below was reviewed by the Panel. The Panel has ordered the assessment to be changed as shown.

Copy of notice - original sent to: TAI C LAM

ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT		PANEL DECISION	
	VALUE CLASS		VALUE CLASS
LAND	776,000	LAND	210,000 RESIDENTIAL
BUILDINGS	505,000	BUILDINGS	565,000 BUSINESS/OTHER
ASSESSED VALUE	\$1,281,000 BUSINESS/OTHER	ASSESSED VALUE	107,000 RESIDENTIAL
Less Exemptions	-150,000	Less Exemptions	287,000 BUSINESS/OTHER
TAXABLE VALUE	\$1,131,000	TAXABLE VALUE	\$1,169,000
			\$1,019,000

PROPERTY UNDER REVIEW

1210 1216 GRANVILLE

Lot 3 & 4, Block 103, Plan 210, District Lot 541,
AMBASSADOR HOTEL .

PID - 012-678-058 012-678-074

RIGHT TO APPEAL

If you disagree with the panel decision shown on this notice, you may appeal to the Property Assessment Appeal Board. Your written notice of appeal must be filed at the address below no later than April 30, 2003.

Property Assessment Appeal Board

#10 - 10551 Shellbridge Way

Richmond, BC V6X 2W9

Fax: (604) 775-1747

E-mail: paabb@qcms6.gov.bc.ca

Include the following information in your notice of appeal:

- Address, legal description and roll number of the property (or include a copy of this panel decision notice),
- Your full name, a day time telephone number, and a fax number (if available),
- Whether you are the owner of the property,
- If you have an agent to act on your behalf, include the agent's name, and telephone and fax numbers,
- Address for delivery of any appeal notices,
- The grounds on which the appeal is based.

Enclose payment of \$30 for each assessment roll number appealed. Make cheque payable to Minister of Finance.

The Property Assessment Appeal Board is independent from BC Assessment and the review panel. Further information about the Board and appeals is available at:

www.assessmentappeal.bc.ca or from the Board office at (604) 775-1740 or through Enquiry BC at 1-800-663-7867.



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PLEASE CONTACT THIS OFFICE IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION:

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT REVIEW PANEL
C/O 200-1818 Cornwall Ave
Vancouver BC V6J 1C7
200-029-130-612-20-0000

CALL 604-739-8588 OR 1-800-661-1780
FAX 604-739-8666

THE OWNER/LESSEE/APPELLANT OF THIS PROPERTY IS:

SU Y LAM
1212 GRANVILLE ST
VANCOUVER BC V6Z 1M4

BC Assessment

www.bcassessment.bc.ca

ASSESSMENT ROLL NUMBER

029-130-612-20-0000

City of Vancouver

OFFICE USE
NEIGHBOURHOOD CODE028
PIN 0000667078NC-17
1293984

2004 Property Assessment

This is your 2004 Property Assessment Notice. The purpose of this notice is to provide you with an estimate of your property value. This information will be used by the provincial government, municipalities, regional districts, and hospital districts to calculate your 2004 property taxes.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	
Your property description may consist of a property address, legal description and the property identification (PID) number assigned by the Land Title Office.	<p>1210 1216 GRANVILLE Lot 3 & 4, Block 103, Plan 210, District Lot 541, AMBASSADOR HOTEL PID - 012-678-058 012-678-074</p>

PROPERTY VALUE		VALUE	CLASS
The value of your property is determined by local real estate market conditions. The ASSESSED VALUE is BC Assessment's estimate of the market value (most probable selling price) for your property had it been for sale on July 1, 2003 .	LAND	776,000	
This value reflects the physical condition of your property as of October 31, 2003 and ownership according to Land Title Office records as of November 30, 2003.	BUILDINGS	415,000	
	ASSESSED VALUE	\$1,191,000	BUSINESS/OTHER
	Less Exemptions	-150,000	
	TAXABLE VALUE	\$1,041,000	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
This information relates to your property and may be of interest to you.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of notice sent to all owners. • IF YOUR TENANTS PAY THE TAXES ON THIS PROPERTY, YOU SHOULD MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE ASSESSMENT ON THE PROPERTY. • The classification of your property has changed from last year. This may result in a tax change for 2004. • 'Buildings' may also include structures, fixtures, paving, etc. • 2003 assessed value (as of July 1, 2002) was \$1,169,000

<p>YOUR ASSESSMENT OFFICE FOR THIS PROPERTY IS:</p> <p>Vancouver Assessment Area 200-1818 Cornwall Ave Vancouver BC V6J 1C7 09-39-200-029-130-612-20-0000 (0968)</p> <p>Local Office 604-739-8588 or 1-800-661-1780 Fax 604-739-8666 Email bca09@gems4.gov.bc.ca</p>	<p>OFFICE HOURS</p> <p>If you have any questions about your 2004 Property Assessment, please call your local assessment office.</p> <p>During the month of January, the office will be open between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.</p> <p>For more information, please see the back of this notice.</p>
<p>THE OWNER/LESSEE OF THIS PROPERTY IS:</p> <p>TAI C LAM YUET H CHEUNG 1212 GRANVILLE ST VANCOUVER BC V6Z 1M4</p> <p>64 (A)</p>	<p>DEADLINE FOR REVIEW</p> <p>Please note that the deadline for requesting an independent review of your assessment is January 31, 2004.</p>

2002 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

This is your 2002 Property Assessment Notice. The purpose of this notice is to provide you with an estimate of your property value. This information will be used by the provincial government, municipalities, regional districts, and hospital districts to calculate your 2002 property taxes.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	
Your property description may consist of a property address, legal description and the property identification (PID) number assigned by the Land Title Office.	1210 1216 GRANVILLE Lot 3 & 4, Block 103, Plan 210, District Lot 541, AMBASSADOR HOTEL PID - 012-678-058 012-678-074

PROPERTY VALUE		VALUE	CLASS
The value of your property is determined by local real estate market conditions. The ASSESSED VALUE is BC Assessment's estimate of the market value (most probable selling price) for your property had it been for sale on July 1, 2001 .	LAND	629,000	
This value reflects the physical condition of your property as of October 31, 2001 and ownership according to Land Title Office records as of November 30, 2001.	BUILDINGS	652,000	
	ASSESSED VALUE	\$1,281,000	BUSINESS/OTHER
	Less Exemptions	-150,000	
	TAXABLE VALUE	\$1,131,000	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
This information relates to your property and may be of interest to you.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a copy-original sent to TAI C LAM IF YOUR TENANTS PAY THE TAXES ON THIS PROPERTY, YOU SHOULD MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE ASSESSMENT ON THE PROPERTY. 'Business & Other' typically includes office, retail and other commercial uses, vacant land zoned for such purposes and generally all 'other' property which is not in any other class. 2001 assessed value (as of July 1, 2000) was \$1,203,000

<p>YOUR ASSESSMENT OFFICE FOR THIS PROPERTY IS:</p> <p>Vancouver Assessment Area 200-1818 Cornwall Ave Vancouver BC V6J 1C7 09-39-200-026-130-612-20-0000 (0956)</p> <p>Local Office 604-739-8588 or 1-800-661-1780 Fax 604-739-8666 Email bca09@gems4.gov.bc.ca</p>	<p>OFFICE HOURS</p> <p>If you have any questions about your 2002 Property Assessment, please call your local assessment office.</p> <p>During the month of January, the office will be open between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.</p> <p>For more information, please see the back of this notice.</p>
<p>THE OWNER/LESSEE OF THIS PROPERTY IS:</p> <p>SU Y LAM 1212 GRANVILLE ST VANCOUVER BC V6Z 1M4 46 (Y)</p>	<p>DEADLINE FOR REVIEW</p> <p><i>Please note that the deadline for requesting an independent review of your assessment is January 31, 2002.</i></p>



C O A S T

...reaching out to people with mental illness

November 17, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:
RE: The Ambassador Hotel at 1212 Granville St.

My name is Sylvia Simmerlein and I work at the Coast Foundation Society Mental Health Resource Centre at 1225 Seymour St. in Downtown Vancouver. I provide Residential Placement Outreach Services for acutely ill adults in need of various supports and services. Along with my coworker Christine Jaciw, we have been working with Shirley Lam, the Manager at The Ambassador Hotel to provide emergency housing to our clients for over a year now. Our monthly rentals at The Ambassador have been fixed term during this time with a rent of \$480 per month. Since the early part of 2003, there have been no more fixed term tenancies available at The Ambassador, and instead, monthly residential tenancy available at The Canadian Hotel where we have been housing our clients. Management at The Ambassador informed us in the new year that they were changing their hotel for tourists only and that The Canadian Hotel, which they also run, is available for residential tenancy for the same price of \$480. The Canadian Hotel is situated above a restaurant called The Atlantic Tap & Grill and the rooms are clean, quiet, nice and secure. In September we were given notice that the room we have been using for our client was needed and The Management has given us time to find alternative housing to accommodate our client's needs. In general, working with the Management has been very beneficial for Coast Foundation Society in providing emergency housing and we will continue this relationship by using The Canadian Hotel for residential tenancy.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Simmerlein
Residential Placement Outreach Worker
Coast Foundation Society Mental Health Resource Centre
1225 Seymour St., Vancouver B.C.
cel. 604-377-9122 bus.604-683-3787

COAST FOUNDATION SOCIETY (1974)

293 East 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5T 2C4 • Tel: (604) 872.3502 • Fax: (604) 879.2363 • Email: info@coastfoundation.com

www.coastfoundation.com

Mr. Thai Lam
Owner
The Canadian Hotel

Robert Lyall Alexander
The Canadian Hotel - Rm. 17
Seymour Street
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Thai:

in answer to your request.

I find Rm. 17 to be adequate, and for my needs, to be quite comfortable, although every time I have recently gone to use the shower facilities the hot water has been at a trickle.

Merry Christmas, and a Happy New year to you and your family, and good luck.

yours In Anticipation,



Personal Note:

including the hot water, tap on sink,
first paragraph.

DEC. 13/2004

To

Management of the
Canadian Hotel

I have no complaints about the accommodation at this time. I feel that everything is working as it should. The hotel is quiet and kept very clean. I hope to remain a tenant for as long as I require low cost accommodation. I have no hesitation in recommending this hotel to any person I know.

Thanks for taking interest in my opinion.

Yours Truly
Mat R

#26

Dec. 15/2003

W. K. GECISO

#15

To whom it may concern;

I find the room to be completely satisfactory,
clean, bug free, warm and reasonably quiet.

Management is friendly & helpful

Bill Geciso.

Room 6

Dec 17/03

no complaints - good value
for the reasonable rent

A. Hutchinson

- Room 19

12/17/03

- MODERATE WATER PRESSURE IN
3RD FLOOR SHOWERS AT
CANADIAN MOTEL

Don McKAY

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NO COMPLAINT REGARDING
MOTEL OR ITS MANAGEMENT.

Good budget hotels hard to find

A complaint letter from Quebec about a moderately priced downtown hotel got me wondering about Vancouver establishments.

Whether you travel on business, on holiday, on a budget or on a shoestring, you want adequate accommodation.

Even when money is no object finding lodging that is both charming and inexpensive is to find travellers' bliss.

For the sake of checking out downtown Vancouver hotels, let's say "charming" denotes something special about character and hospitality; "inexpensive" means around \$50 a day; central means within 15 minutes' walk from Georgia and Granville.

I found only one hotel that more or less fits all the criteria.

■ **The Barclay Hotel, 1348 Robson St.** 688-8850. Winter rates from \$53, standard to \$103 for suites (\$68-\$125 summer).

Converted from two heritage apartment buildings, the Barclay's "touch of Europe" character comes via wrought-iron exterior window dressings and awnings, marble flooring, and a glassed-in sidewalk cafe.

Clean and bright rooms vary in size from cosy to expensive.

Hospitality, I judged, would be accommodating rather than warm. Continental breakfast (\$3.50) may be served in room. No elevators may be a problem for some.

Overall conclusion: A definite bargain for the price.

That's it for charming. Inexpensive hotels do exist downtown, although "cheap and tawdry" would better describe the majority of them.

Here are some exceptions, starting with possibilities for the shoestringers and moving up:

■ **Spinning Wheel Inn, 210 Car-**

rall St. 681-1627. This one has a good reputation among shoestringers. Located on the fringe of Gastown. \$120 weekly rate is a consideration for bottom-end budgets.

■ **Ambassador Hotel, 1212 Granville St.** 685-4741. Rates from \$35. Located in the heart of Granville Street's honky-tonk area, the Ambassador is nevertheless a reasonable choice for budget travellers. Rooms are sparse but spotless. Staff is security conscious.

■ **Vancouver YMCA, 955 Burrard St., (604) 681-0221.** Rates \$23-\$36. Basic co-ed singles and doubles. Share facilities. Pool, fitness centre.

■ **Vancouver YWCA, 580 Burrard St., toll-free (800) 663-1424, 662-8188.** For women, couples, families. Daily rates from \$34-\$59. Clean, safe, basic rooms with share facilities in pleasant downtown area. Pool, fitness centre and recreational program for women.

■ **Bosman's Motor Hotel, 1060 Howe St., toll-free (800) 663-7840, 682-3171.** Winter rates \$54-\$59 (\$74-\$79 summer). Nicely furnished, spacious rooms.

■ **Days Inn (was the Abbotsford), 921 W. Pender, toll-free (800) 325-2525, 681-4335.** Winter \$59-\$125 (summer \$85-\$125). Freshly refurbished rooms, some with shower only.

Between October and April, first-class and even some of the deluxe hotels are open to bargains.

The venerable **Hotel Georgia (801 W. Georgia, toll-free (800) 663-1111, 682-5566)**, for example, goes for \$126-\$146 in summer, but after Oct. 15 bed plus breakfast rates begin at \$73.95.

The **Holiday Inn, 1110 Howe, toll-free (800) 465-4329, 684-2151**, in summer is \$120 plus, but if you call now and ask for the "Great

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Virtually all hotels, everywhere, have rates other than those advertised. Whenever making reservations, always ask for the best possible rate — corporate rates, promotional rates, off-season rates, long-stay rates.

If you don't ask, chances are you won't get.