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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Director of Current Planning

SUBJECT: Form Of Development: 830 West Hastings Street

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the form of development for this portion of the CD-1 zoned site known as 826 - 848 West Hastings Street (830 West Hastings Street being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE 409808, prepared by Foster and Partners Architects and Designers / Walter Francl Architects Incorporated and stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services April 11, 2006", provided that the Director of Planning may approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of this site or adjacent properties.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Community Services RECOMMENDS approval of the foregoing.

COUNCIL POLICY

There is no applicable Council policy except that Council did approve in principle the form of development for this site when the rezoning was approved, following a Public Hearing.

PURPOSE

In accordance with *Charter* requirements, this report seeks Council's approval for the form of development for this portion of the above-noted CD-1 zoned site.

SITE DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

At a Public Hearing concluding on July 12, 2005, City Council approved a rezoning of this site from Downtown Official Development Plan (B) to CD-1 Comprehensive Development District. Council also approved in principle the form of development for these lands. CD-1 By-law Number 9183 was enacted on November 10, 2005.

The site is located between Howe and Hornby Streets on the south side of West Hastings Street. The site and surrounding zoning are shown on the attached Appendix A.

Subsequent to Council's approval of the CD-1 rezoning, the Development Permit Board approved Development Application Number DE 409808. This approval was subject to various conditions, including Council's approval of the form of development. The latter condition is one of the few outstanding prior to permit issuance.

DISCUSSION

The proposal involves development of this site with a 36-storey mixed-use building containing retail, office, and residential uses, with a total of 144 dwelling units, over 9 levels of under ground parking for 195 vehicles. The project includes the retention, rehabilitation and designation of a heritage façade and a heritage building at 840 and 848 West Hastings Street.

The proposed development has been assessed against the CD-1 By-law and Council approved guidelines and responds to the stated objectives.

Simplified plans, including a site plan and elevations of the proposal, have been included in Appendix B.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

The Development Permit Board has approved Development Application Number DE 409808, subject to various conditions to be met prior to the issuance of the development permit. One of these conditions is that the form of development first be approved by Council.

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