



## CITY OF VANCOUVER

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: Director of Current Planning  
SUBJECT: Heritage Designation - 2622 West 7th Avenue

#### RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT Council approve the designation of the Ainsworth House at 2622 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register in the "C" category, as Protected Heritage Property.
- B. THAT Council commend the building owners for designating their property on a voluntary basis and for participating in the Vancouver Heritage Foundation's *True Colours* program.

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Community Services RECOMMENDS approval of Recommendations A and B.

#### COUNCIL POLICY

Heritage Policies and Guidelines state, in part, that: The City's long-term goal is to protect through voluntary designation as many resources on the Vancouver Heritage Register as possible.

## PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

This report seeks Council's approval for the designation of the house at 2622 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, known as the Ainsworth House, as protected heritage property under the Vancouver Charter. The owners of the house are requesting the heritage designation on a voluntary basis as part of the Vancouver Heritage Foundation's *True Colours* grant program for 2006.

## DISCUSSION

The Ainsworth House at 2622 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue is listed in the "C" category on the Vancouver Heritage Register (Site Map, Appendix A), (Photographs, Appendix B). This two storey house has both historical and architectural significance. It was built in 1911 by the original owner, John Morley, who constructed over 20 houses in Kitsilano during the area's rapid development between 1910 and 1914. John Ainsworth, labourer, owned the house from 1921 to 1961. Its Craftsman style features a full width porch with square posts and curved decorative brackets, transom stained glass windows and decorative shingles in the upper gable. The owners have used the *True Colours* grant to assist in the painting of the house.

**Compatibility with Community Planning Objectives and Zoning:** The house is located in the RT-8 Zoning District. Heritage designation of 2622 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue supports the intent of the RT-8 District Schedule to encourage the retention and renovation of existing buildings which maintain a style and form consistent with the historical character of the area. There is no development application for this site.

**Support Required to Enable Conservation:** The property owners have submitted a letter (on file with the Legal Services Department) requesting the designation of 2622 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and waiving any future compensation demands. Therefore, no additional support to achieve appropriate conservation of this building is required.

**Notification:** The Director of Legal Services has prepared the necessary Heritage By-law and requirements have been met for notification as specified by the *Vancouver Charter*.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

## CONCLUSION

An important long-term heritage policy of the City is to protect heritage resources through voluntary designation. The owners of the Ainsworth House at 2622 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue have agreed to the heritage designation of this house as a condition of participating in the Vancouver Heritage Foundation's *True Colours* program. Designation will protect this heritage house from inappropriate alterations and demolition in the future. It is therefore recommended that, subject to Council's consideration of the representations made at the Public Hearing, Council designate 2722 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue as Protected Heritage Property.

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