



## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: Director of Planning  
SUBJECT: Heritage Designation - 906 Salsbury Drive

### ***RECOMMENDATION***

- A. THAT Council approve the designation of the Pilling House at 906 Salsbury Drive, listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register in the "C" category, as Protected Heritage Property.
- B. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment the heritage designation by-law.
- C. THAT Council commend the building owners for designating this property on a voluntary basis and for participating in the Vancouver Heritage Foundation's *Restore It* program.

### ***GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS***

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

### ***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 906 Salsbury Drive, known as the Pilling 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 *Restore It* grant program for 2009.

### ***DISCUSSION***

The Pilling House at 906 Salsbury Drive is listed in the "C" category on the Vancouver Heritage Register (Site Map, Appendix A). Built in 1908, its history reflects the evolving social and economic character of the Grandview-Woodland neighbourhood in the early 1900s. At that time, Grandview-Woodland was envisioned as a prestigious area that lost out to competing interests, in particular the opening up of executive lots in Shaughnessy. By the 1920s and through the 1940s the neighbourhood, like the Pilling House itself, had a more middle-class, and eventually working class, character.

Between 1910 and 1913 the house was occupied by Charles Knight, president and general manager of the Western Pacific Development Company. William Walker, manager of the Canadian Electric Power Company, lived here from 1914 to 1915. The shift to middle-class ownership came in 1916. Long-term owners were James and Marion Pilling, who settled here in 1922; James was an adjuster with the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association. Following the death of James in 1938, Marion remained here until 1950. Various working-class families lived here through the 1950s and 1960s.

The owners have used the *Restore It* grant to rehabilitate the second-floor porch, based on a comprehensive Conservation Plan jointly funded by the Vancouver Heritage Foundation and the owners.

**Compatibility with Community Planning Objectives and Zoning:** The house is located in the RT-5 Zoning District. Heritage designation of 906 Salsbury Drive supports the general intent of the RT-5 District Schedule to encourage retention of existing residential structures and achieve external design compatible 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 906 Salsbury Drive 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*.

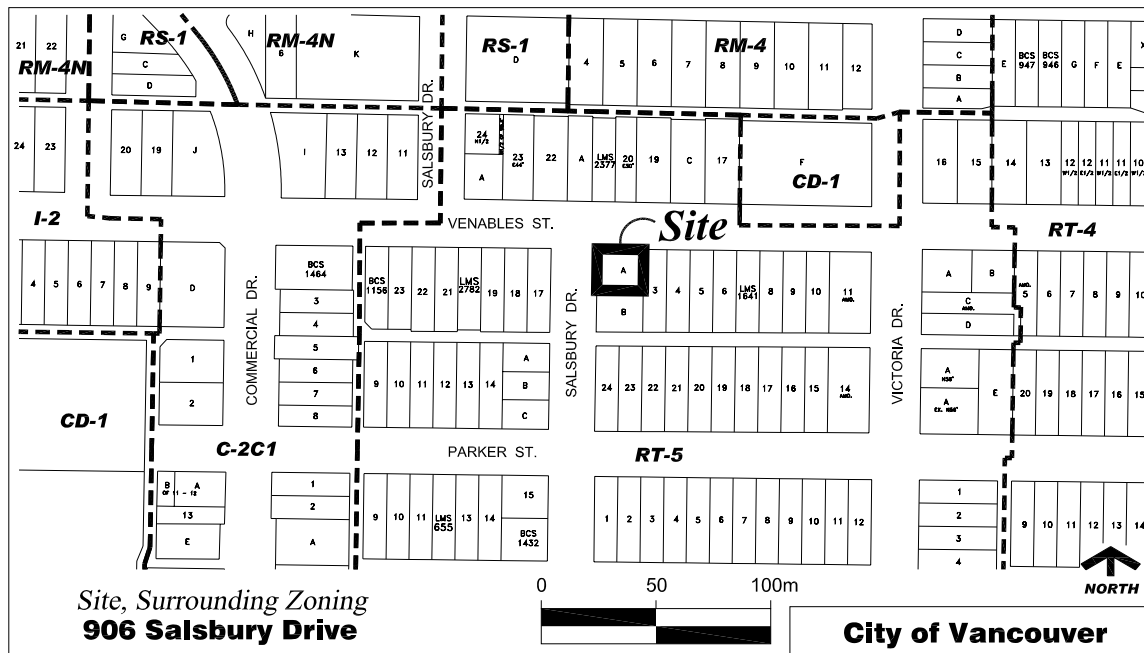
### ***FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS***

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 Pilling House at 906 Salsbury Drive have agreed to the heritage designation of this house as a condition of participating in the Vancouver Heritage Foundation's *Restore It* 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 906 Salsbury Drive as Protected Heritage Property.

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906 Salsbury Drive - Prior to rehabilitation of second floor porch