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2. Review and Improve Protection of Vancouver Heritage Buildings

MOVER: Councillor Heather Deal

SECONDER: Councillor Raymond Louie

WHEREAS

1. Heritage buildings are highly valued by Vancouver residents, and are an important component of neighbourhood character;
2. There are many pressures on retention of both commercial and residential buildings in Vancouver;
3. The City of Vancouver is required to compensate building owners for heritage designations by the Province under the provisions of the Vancouver Charter;
4. The City has tools in place, such as Heritage Revitalization Agreements and Heritage Density Transfers, to protect heritage buildings;
5. The Vancouver Heritage Register has not been updated since it was adopted in 1986.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back to Council on:

- The role of the City in retaining or protecting privately-owned heritage buildings;
- Existing heritage retention programs and information on how they are performing;
- The use of deconstruction, both to preserve heritage features and divert waste from the landfill;
- How heritage is defined for the purposes of these programs;
- Potential improvements to these programs, based on best practices in other cities.

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