

MOTION

3. Temporary Protection for the Hollywood Theatre

On November 5, 2013, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on November 6, 2013, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Affleck

WHEREAS

1. The Hollywood Theatre, built in 1935 and owned and operated by the same family until March 2011 as one of the last surviving single-screen neighbourhood cinemas in Canada, is listed as a category "B" building on the Vancouver Heritage Register;
2. Over the last year the theatre has been used as an arts, entertainment, cultural and community space;
3. A Development Application to change the use from a 651-seat theatre to a two-storey fitness facility, which would require gutting the heritage interior of the building, was submitted on September 5, 2013 and is currently under review;
4. Citizens passionate about the retention of the Hollywood Theatre as an arts, entertainment, cultural and community space have formed the Vancouver Hollywood Theatre Coalition and launched a Save the Hollywood Theatre petition which as of October 28, 2013 had 890 signatures.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 589 of the Vancouver Charter, orders that the whole of the exterior and the interior of the Hollywood Theatre located at 3123 West Broadway Street, be subject to temporary protection in accordance with the provision of Section 591 of the Vancouver Charter for a period of 90 days from November 6, 2013.
- B. THAT Council agrees the form of this Order shall be satisfactory to the City's Director of Legal Services and that the Order shall be executed on behalf of Council by the Director of Legal Services.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to discuss with the owner, local community representatives including the Vancouver Hollywood Theatre Coalition and the local business community including the West Broadway BIA, the feasibility of pursuing Heritage Category "A" status and of retaining the heritage features and community and theatre use of the Hollywood Theatre.

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