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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 11:58 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: First Shaughnessy Heritage Conservation Area

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**From:** Vicki Buchanan [mailto:5.22(1) Personal and Confidential]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 11:55 AM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Cc:** 5.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Subject:** First Shaughnessy Heritage Conservation Area

Dear Mayor and Council:

I write to ask you to please (please!) support this built heritage initiative in Shaughnessy and heritage conservation efforts in general in all of Vancouver. A world-class city needs its heritage structures, otherwise it becomes soulless.

BC Schools are trying to teach our children to respect all cultures and their histories (eg there is huge presence now in the incorporation of First Nations teachings in elementary school), yet we are ironically destroying the very unique and beautiful culture and history of others who settled in and built Vancouver itself every time we demolish a heritage building. I and my child have ancestral ties in Shaughnessy - is her heritage and culture to be almost destroyed as was the First Nations' peoples?

My understanding is that Shaughnessy would be the first area in Vancouver to be protected, whereas Victoria already has 10 areas protected. I can't even imagine how many areas are protected in places like San Francisco, England, etc. If we want to be a world-class city, we need to follow the example of other cities who value their history and heritage. Celebrate it, research it, advertise it - let the world know we are proud of the vision, energy and care that the original architects put into the original buildings of Vancouver by protecting those buildings.

Thank you for listening.

Vicki Buchanan  
North Vancouver, BC  
(former Kitsilano resident of 20 years)

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 1:15 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: First Shaughnessy Heritage Conservation Area meeting, 28 July 2015

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**From:** Karyn Huenemann s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 12:21 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** First Shaughnessy Heritage Conservation Area meeting, 28 July 2015

RE: First Shaughnessy Heritage Conservation Area

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am greatly distressed by the current trend towards destruction of the architectural heritage of Vancouver. Part of what makes Vancouver one of the most livable cities in the world is the grace and peacefulness of some of our older communities. Even those who do not live in them value their existence; the aesthetic richness as well as the historical significance of our older communities needs to be protected.

It should come as no surprise, then, that along with many others I wholeheartedly support the establishment of Heritage Conservation Area in First Shaughnessy.

Municipalities across North America have policies and programs in place to protect heritage neighbourhoods and districts. British Columbia has 70 Heritage Conservation Areas, 10 of which are in Victoria, yet Vancouver has none.

First Shaughnessy is recognized as a unique architectural and historical area. Despite this, 56 of the 317 pre-1940 homes there have already been demolished. Only 11 are protected. In the 18 months before the June 2014 temporary moratorium on demolitions in the area, there were a further 19 inquiries to demolish.

A Heritage Conservation Area will protect these homes.

A Heritage Conservation Area in First Shaughnessy will also have "city-wide applicability," meaning that other neighbourhoods, even certain blocks, could become Heritage Conservation Areas. A HCA is a much-needed tool for retaining our original, more sustainable and affordable housing stock, our green space, and our history.

I believe that there will be no significant long-term impact on housing values in a Heritage Conservation Area. As shown in other municipalities such as Sydney, Australia, value in heritage areas holds and grows due to the stability, beauty and desirability of these neighbourhoods.

I urge you to accept the proposed recommendations.

Sincerely,

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Karyn Huenemann  
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