

**CITY OF VICTORIA  
HERITAGE ADVISORY PANEL  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 10, 2023**

**Present:** Alissa Wrean  
Deniz Unsal  
Genevieve Hill  
Imogen Goldie  
Jim Kerr  
John Boehme  
Liberty Brears  
Lorenda Calvert  
Valerie Lindholm  
Veronica (Nikki) Strong-Boag

**Regrets:**

**Guests:** **Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00254 for 836 Yates Street (Downtown)** - Karen Hillel (Applicant), John Newton (on-behalf of Owner)

Pamela Madoff

**Staff:** Kristal Stevenot, Senior Heritage Planner  
Laura Saretsky, Heritage Planner  
Justine Wendland, Secretary

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**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Moved** by John Boehme

**Seconded** by Veronica Strong-Boag

**Carried Unanimously**

**2. Adoption of the Minutes of the September 12, 2023 Meeting**

Highlights are edits requested by Liberty with the addition of:

“Has the potential retention of the existing windows been examined? If the windows cannot be retained as per the Conservation Plan, detail specifications for replacement windows and a full condition assessment of the existing windows and doors should be submitted to the Senior Heritage Planner. Testing was done with the windows and it's not possible to improve the energy efficiency for the current windows and make them waterproof.”

**Moved** by John Boehme

**Seconded** by Valerie Lindholm

Opposed: (1) Liberty  
Brears

In Favor: (9) Alissa Wrean, Deniz Unsal,  
Genevieve Hill, Imogen Goldie, Jim Kerr,  
John Boehme, Lorenda Calvert, Valerie  
Lindholm, Nikki Strong-Boag.

**Carried**

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None

4. **Announcements**

Christ Church Cathedral redevelopment information sessions October 13 and October 15, 2023. Information can be found on the cathedral's webpage.

5. **Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. 00254 for 836 Yates Street (Downtown)**

Applicant Meeting Attendees: Karen Hillel (Applicant), John Newton (on-behalf of Owner)

Staff provided a brief description and presentation.

**Panel Questions and Comments**

Will there be an agreement with the owner regarding public access? Yes. There is a proposed legal agreement to that effect.

Importance of mid-block thoroughfare as an element of the Heritage Conservation Area. Set-backs reduce security features aimed at being addressed with the installment of the gates, however the gates are supportable.

**Motion**

That the Heritage Advisory Panel recommend to Council that Heritage Alteration Permit Application No.000254 for 836 Yates Street be approved as presented.

**Moved** by Valerie Lindholm

**Seconded** by Alissa Wrean

Opposed: (0)

In Favor: (9) Liberty Brears,  
John Boehme, Imogen Goldie,  
Alissa Wrean, Jim Kerr, Deniz Unsal,  
Lorenda Calvert, Valerie Lindholm, Nikki Strong-Boag

**Carried Unanimously**

*Motion to adjourn: Jim Kerr*

*Seconded: Valerie Lindholm*

*Adjournment: Unanimous*

*Adjourned at 12:40pm*