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2017 Heritage House Tour home

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OUR MISSION

Vancouver Heritage Foundation promotes the appreciation and conservation of our city's historic places for current and future generations.

VHF does this by creating opportunities and resources to learn about Vancouver's history and heritage places, and providing practical support for the successful conservation of historic buildings and sites.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Heritage places have a vital role to play in the future of a vibrant, culturally rich and sustainable city. Encouraging appreciation, retention and restoration offers many public benefits and VHF continued to work hard to engage the Vancouver community and all ages in this.

During a full and varied year for the organization in 2017, over 65 events offered ways to get involved and learn about Vancouver's heritage places and their conservation. Starting with Heritage Week in February through to workshops and talks in November, established and new programs highlighted many aspects of Vancouver's diverse history and cultural heritage. The largest event in the calendar was the Heritage House Tour, attended by 1,300 people and continuing to engage and inspire in its 15th year. Important online educational resources also grew significantly including the Heritage Site Finder and the Places That Matter Community History Resource.

In October, I was delighted to participate in the national heritage conference in Ottawa and share VHF's innovative grant program linking heritage and sustainability as well as connect further with the extensive conservation community across the country.

Twenty-five years of VHF was worthy of celebration. A special logo highlighted this milestone throughout the year while a summer social media event encouraged people to explore Vancouver's historic places. An updated strategic plan for VHF was completed by mid-year and provided renewed focus for activities as we move into the next quarter century.

The successes of the year were only possible with the support and dedication of many people including VHF staff and board members, a large volunteer team, program partners, sponsors and a community of donors – all who care about the future of heritage places in our city. Thank you.

Judith Mosley
Executive Director
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FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



During 2017 we celebrated the 25th anniversary of Vancouver Heritage Foundation and the 15th year of our Heritage House Tour so it is natural to reflect on the work undertaken over that quarter of a century of activity and to recognize all of you who have contributed to the many achievements of VHF.

For the Board of Vancouver Heritage Foundation, the year began with a strategic planning session, an effort to set the course for the next chapter in the organization's life. The Board concluded this initiative with a focus on expansion of our efforts, growth in the range of programs offered speaking to a broader audience including youth and an expanded demographic which more closely reflects our community in all its diversity.

Amongst the many things we celebrated in 2017, the year ended with the re-lighting of the historic Burrard Street Bridge and 2018 started with the lighting of the bridge's four braziers, the product of a concerted effort by a dedicated group over many years including Vancouver Heritage Foundation.

This year as with every one of our 25 years, we are only able to do as much as we do because of the generosity of the many individuals who provide support through their gifts of time and resources. On behalf of the Board of Vancouver Heritage Foundation, I would like to thank you for your contribution.

David Dove
Chair of the Board
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EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Vancouver Heritage Foundation maintained existing awareness and education programs, improved online resources, launched new initiatives and continued to communicate about our history and heritage places. Two house tours, three series of lectures and courses, and special events offered throughout the year engaged a wide audience and supported VHF's mission.

OLD SCHOOL WORKSHOPS & COURSES



Masonry Workshop

Old School Courses and Workshops teach homeowners and professionals skills and knowledge for the care and maintenance of older buildings. In 2017, we offered several key and updated courses including a masonry workshop, a detailed session on fixing common issues with double-hung wood windows and practical tips for restoring interior wood surfaces. We also explored our city with two Neighbourhood Zoning Walks; one in Kitsilano and one in Chinatown. The year was rounded out with core courses *Heritage 101* and *Researching the History of a Building*.

2017 WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

Maintenance and Repair of Double-Hung Wood Windows w/ Jim Stiven

Masonry Workshop w/Barry McGinn and Bobby Skujins

Heritage 101: Introduction to Heritage Conservation w/ Donald Luxton, Marco D'Agostini and Judy Oberlander

Neighbourhood Zoning Walk: How We Got to Today's Chinatown w/ John Atkin

Neighbourhood Zoning Walk: Kitsilano w/John Atkin

Researching the History of a Building

@ City of Vancouver Archives w/ John Atkin

@ Vancouver Public Library w/ Kim McCarthy

Paint Stripping and Prepping Interior Wood Surfaces w/ Colin Griffinson

Two new graduates in 2017 brought the total of VHF Certificates in Heritage Conservation awarded to 24.

BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARN



Tamura House, restored pediment

Brown Bag Lunch & Learn talks offer professional insight into current heritage projects and topics through illustrated talks from industry speakers. This year Brown Bag found a new home at the Vancouver Public Library for seated lectures, but also took talk attendees onsite for a first-hand look at a project.

Three talks through the spring and fall covered some particularly relevant topics including restoration work in Vancouver's Chinatown and the effect of the city's high real estate values on retaining older buildings and neighbourhoods.

2017 TALKS

Reviving Tamura House: Restoring Sheet Metal Pediments w/ Mitch Sakumoto and Randy Sewell

Heritage and Real Estate: Vancouver's Challenging Heritage Environment w/ Andy Yan and Gordon Price

The Mah Society Building Restoration: Talk and Site Visit w/ James Weldon and Fred Mah

EVENING LECTURES

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB AT HYCROFT



Man with Stills, from Rum-runners and Border Wars lecture

The Evening Lecture series, co-hosted with the University Women's Club at Hycroft, continued to be very popular, including a sold-out room for Professor Douglas Harris' lecture on the Kitsilano Indian Reserve.

A wide-ranging program of lecture topics all saw strong attendance. Talks covered rum-running and popular urban myths, Shaughnessy history, Stanley Park and False Creek Industry.

2017 LECTURES

Stanley Park Sites and Stories: Then and Now w/ Adrienne Brown

Rum-runners and Border Wars: Prohibition in BC w/ Daniel Francis

Ten Myths about Vancouver: The Real Stories w/ John Atkin

Shaughnessy's Backstory w/ Michael Kluckner

What a Mess: False Creek, the Industrial Waterway w/ John Atkin

The Kitsilano Indian Reserve: From Contact to Today w/ Douglas Harris

HERITAGE HOUSE TOUR



On June 4th, the Heritage House Tour celebrated its 15th year! We have opened hundreds of beautifully restored and cared for heritage and character homes across the city in that time and the 2017 tour was no different.

A diverse offering of homes was opened for over 1,300 participants including a stunning First Shaughnessy home with some modern touches and a sustainably upgraded character home complete with a hive to help the local bee population. The completed renovation of the Walter and Mary Chan House was a popular stop as were the principal rooms and gatehouse of B.T. Rogers' dream home, *Shannon*.

BUILDING RESILIENCE: OLDER BUILDINGS IN THE SUSTAINABLE CITY

Three days before the Heritage House Tour, VHF hosted a pre-tour lecture with Ottawa-based Conservation Architect Mark Thompson Brandt. The lecture focused on the role sustainability and "green goals" play in heritage conservation, and how heritage and the re-use of older buildings can become a bigger part of the conversation. The public lecture was held at VanDusen Gardens and was attended by 70 people.

VANCOUVER SPECIAL HOUSE TOUR



The blustery weather on April 22nd was no deterrent for Vancouver Special fans! Through the wind and rain over 500 people enjoyed five renovated Vancouver Specials. One inspiring home was personalized with the Métis and Okinawan heritage of the owners including a traditional Japanese room inside and exterior design that drew from the Indigenous medicine wheel. Homes on tour also showcased the adaptability of the Special with several homes reconfigured to suit multi-generational living.

Through events and communications VHF connected directly with over 10,000 people in 2017

WALKING TOURS



VHF's regular season of walking tours offered a sampling of lesser known spots across the city with John Atkin and a look at some evolving neighbourhoods and a fan-favourite architectural style with Maurice Guibord.

In November a small group toured the historic Chinatown neighbourhood with Historian and Author John Atkin. The afternoon included a look at the impact of ongoing recent efforts to restore Chinese Society buildings and retain the cultural heritage of the community. The group then warmed up enjoying the flavours of the area with a lunch of authentic Dim Sum at a nearby restaurant.

2017 WALKING TOUR THEMES

With John Atkin

The Southern Sunny Slope
Royal Nurseries
A Pleasant View
Bon Accord Park
Welton Heights

Strathcona Place
Selkirk Heights
Strathcona Hill
Edge of Shaughnessy
Tatlow Park

With Maurice Guibord

The Viaducts Quandary
East Fraser Lands
Vancouver's Art Deco
Vancouver's "Francophone Village"
False Creek South

WEST HASTINGS STREET WALKING TOURS



Vancouver Heritage Foundation partnered with the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association to offer a summer series of free walking tours. Guide John Atkin led the series which highlighted the history and heritage sites found along West Hastings Street. Each week the walks departed from The Perch at Lot 19 and went to locations nearby to explore a different aspect of local history.

ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



In the summer of 2018, Architectural Photographer Martin Knowles led a group of eager photographers on a free tour of interesting building facades found along West Hastings Street, supported by the Downtown Vancouver BIA. Participants enjoyed learning tips and tricks for how to best capture historic architectural elements using examples such as the Royal Bank and Birks buildings at Granville and West Hastings streets.

MAINTAINING HISTORY



In honour of Maintenance Week, a new initiative in November to educate home and building owners on the importance of maintenance, VHF created a short video highlighting three heritage buildings and the people who look after them. Featuring first-hand accounts from those involved with the Marine Building, a heritage home and the Walter and Mary Lee Chan house, the documentary-style film explores how these different locations handle annual maintenance in an entertaining way. The video was posted to social media channels and the VHF website as an ongoing resource.

#PERSPECTIVES HERITAGE AT THE LOOKOUT



In 2017 as VHF was celebrating its 25th anniversary, the Harbour Centre's Vancouver Lookout was also celebrating its 40th anniversary. To honour both these occasions a series of talks was offered. Perspectives: Talks & Discussions explored stories that have shaped Vancouver over time. The five talks from different speakers offered insight on a range of topics including Indigenous stories and context, South Asian history and immigration, architectural development and change, Vancouver's music scene and nightlife, and the city's seedy criminal history.

HISTORIC VANCOUVER BY NIGHT BUS TOUR



On a November evening, an intrepid group set out with guide John Atkin to tour four mystery locations across the city via a bus donated by International Stage Lines. The tour highlighted historic locations and explored the different experience of these locations in the evening hours. The group enjoyed snacks and treats at the top of Harbour Centre's Lookout and stops at the Lim Sai Hor Kow Mock Benevolent Association's building, Pacific Central train station and the Marine Building.

THE WALL AT THE CBC PLAZA



In partnership with CBC Radio-Canada, with support from JJ Bean Coffee Roasters, and produced in partnership with the City of Vancouver Public Art Program, The WALL at the CBC plaza saw a new installation in 2017. The work by Michael Love, *Excavations*, is a composite image made from numerous archival photographs of Vancouver, with the earliest images dating back to the 1880s. Elements were reconfigured to build an impossible structure growing out of a landscape destroyed by logging to express the challenge of piecing together a complete history while also suggesting the complexity of Vancouver's history and built environment.

HERITAGE WEEK 2017



Heritage Week in 2017 coincided with Canada 150 celebrations and adopted the theme of "My Canada!". VHF hosted several events to mark the occasion including a free launch event at JJ Bean Coffee Roasters in the Marine Building. Three walking tours explored the week's theme: *Francophones in Early Vancouver* with Maurice Guibord, and *Before the City: Eburne, Marpole and the River* and *New Liverpool: Before the West End* with John Atkin. We also spent a special morning with Cartems Donuterie on Main Street learning about the historic area of Mount Pleasant with Michael Kluckner.

PLACES THAT MATTER



Places That Matter honoured Vancouver's historic Francophone community with the 86th plaque presentation at the Francophone Village/Le Village Francophone on September 30. Plaques were printed in both English and French. The free event was held at Saint-Sacrement Church, where president of Société historique francophone de la Colombie-Britannique, Maurice Guibord accepted the plaques. The plaques are now installed outside the church.

COMMUNICATIONS



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YEARS

A theme of 2017 communications was VHF's 25th anniversary. A special logo was commissioned and used across all print and digital channels. We also created an interactive online summer campaign, #25WaystoHeritage to help us celebrate the milestone while encouraging people to explore heritage places around the city. Throughout the year, engagement on social media continued to grow, aided by media coverage for key events and supported with spring and fall newsletters, and a bi-weekly email newsletter. Contributor blogs on Vancouver Is Awesome and Spacing Vancouver continued to reach a varied audience and boost knowledge of VHF's activities and resources.

ONLINE RESOURCES



Online resources continued to be key to VHF's growth in 2017. The Heritage Site Finder received an Award of Honour from the City of Vancouver in the category of Heritage Education and Awareness, presented at the 2017 Heritage Awards. Work continued on the site with many thanks to a small team of volunteer researchers who have dedicated many hours to this project.

A new website was developed in 2017 designed to share a wealth of history, photos, personal stories and more for the 125 Places That Matter. Information was uploaded for 85 sites with assistance

from researcher Madeleine de Trenquallye, supported by a grant from Vancouver Historical Society. The website was launched in the fall of 2017 and a public event planned for early 2018.

During a six-month internship supported by the federal government's Young Canada Works program, VHF Heritage Resources Assistant Hannah Edmunds also made headway on the update of the Vancouver House Styles web tool. Working with Artist and Author Michael Kluckner, four additional house styles were identified for inclusion and updated information was created for existing styles. The web tool update will be completed online in 2018.



Lim Sai Hor Kow Mock Building, 2017 Restore It recipient

The Conservation Grants program continued in 2017, providing much needed encouragement to building and home owners for conservation work. A total of \$12,000 was dispersed between eight applicants, including three True Colours grants. A total of five Restore It grants were awarded, assisting the restoration of wood windows at the Cornerstone Apartments and historic façade elements of the Lim Sai Hor Kow Mock Benevolent Association building.

HERITAGE ENERGY RETROFIT GRANT

VHF continued to manage the Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant program, developed with the City of Vancouver Sustainability Group and City Green Solutions. Funding from the City of Vancouver assisted in a re-launch of the program at the end of 2016, with applications continuing through 2017. Over the year, 23 homes were accepted into the program, each one taking advantage of the grant's support to pre-1940s or Heritage Register homes to incentivize reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and water conservation measures. The annual per home GHG reduction achieved in the three homes that completed during the year ranged from 2.39 tonnes to 8.82 tonnes.

VHF was also invited to have a presence at several thermal imaging open house events held by the City of Vancouver. Attendees could learn about the City's pilot program to offer thermal imaging of individual homes, and also stop by VHF's booth to learn about the grant program.

In October, VHF's Executive Director Judith Mosley presented the Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant program to delegates at the joint conference in Ottawa for the National Trust for Canada and the Association for Preservation Technology International.

The Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant assisted in reducing over 8 tonnes of annual greenhouse gas emissions from a single home.



VHF relies on annual fundraising efforts to sustain educational and granting activities throughout the year. The annual campaign, corporate sponsorship and private donors are all key to VHF's continued success. In 2017 we held two special fundraising evenings, a summer dinner and, in the fall, City Drinks at the Vancouver Club. In the ballroom of the private club, the 140 guests were invited to bid on auction items, enjoy canapés and drinks, and take guided tours of the historic rooms of the club.

Thank you to The Vancouver Club and The Permanent for hosting these events.

SUMMER DINNER AT THE PERMANENT

Under the impressive stained glass atrium of The Permanent on West Pender Street, VHF offered a unique experience to dine in the restored heritage banking hall. Guests enjoyed cocktails on the upper mezzanine with a view of the historic details of the space including restored mosaic floors. An elegant dinner was served against a backdrop of soft jazz from James Danderfer, Sharon Minemoto and Andre Lachance. Donald Luxton presented a short talk about the architect of the building including a slide show of archival images. Later a live auction of unique items helped raise a total of \$30,000.

ENDOWMENT FUND

VHF's Endowment Fund now stands at \$1.4 million, managed by the Vancouver Foundation and by Odium Brown Limited. The interest generated each year helps support VHF's programs. Growing the Endowment Fund will help sustain VHF into the future. An initial gift of \$250,000 from Colliers International was added to by further donations, starting with the Founding Pillars campaign in 2003-04.

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Vancouver Heritage Foundation is grateful to the City of Vancouver for its continued support in 2017. An operating agreement with the City recognizes the value of the work VHF does to encourage the appreciation and conservation of Vancouver's heritage buildings and places, and contributed 25% of the 2017 operating budget.

In 2017, 26% of VHF's funding came from donations and fundraising events enabling us to deliver new programs, expand online resources and support heritage conservation.



Over 210 volunteers assisted with VHF programs, committees and projects in 2017. From two big house tour events, research and photography, to participating on committees and assisting at numerous other events, volunteers generously giving their time was key to VHF achieving so much during the year.

In December, we held the 7th annual volunteer recognition and awards evening, this time at the Museum of Vancouver, recognizing the many contributions volunteers make to VHF.

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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

ASSETS	2017	2016
Current		
Cash	164,271	133,434
Term Deposits	294,000	154,000
Accounts Receivable	24,560	29,837
Prepaid Expenses	2,541	5,041
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	485,372	322,312
Restricted Cash	1,000	1,000
Long-term Investments	1,050,511	1,032,352
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	1,536,883	1,355,664
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Current		
Payables and Accruals	37,238	36,964
Deferred Revenue	208,442	60,380
Heather Pavilion Restoration	1,000	1,000
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	246,680	98,344
Deferred Contributions	123,000	123,000
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	369,680	221,344
Fund Balances		
Internally Restricted Funds	1,050,511	989,780
Internally Restricted for Conservation Grants	2,920	2,920
Unrestricted	113,772	141,620
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	1,167,203	1,134,320
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	1,536,883	1,355,664

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

REVENUE	2017	2016
Donations and Fundraising	133,579	107,372
City of Vancouver Operating Grant	127,500	124,850
House Tours	78,498	111,545
Investment Income	72,871	64,346
Special Projects	48,170	30,870
Other Programs	25,581	17,499
City of Vancouver Funding for Grants	12,327	13,996
Other Grants Received	10,104	12,738
Old School - Courses for Building Conservation	7,122	7,356
	515,752	490,572
EXPENSES		
Staff and Contractors	283,851	276,944
Other Programs, Granting and Special Projects	63,273	55,756
Rent	28,734	35,822
Fundraising	21,201	6,596
Office Supplies, Utilities and Other	20,175	16,847
House Tours	17,963	18,351
Professional Fees	17,190	15,238
Investment Fees	9,862	9,410
Marketing and Communication	7,427	7,132
Bank Charges and Interest	5,102	5,859
Old School - Courses for Building Conservation	2,484	2,232
Insurance	2,315	2,262
GST Expense	1,827	544
Board of Directors	1,465	1,229
	482,869	454,222
Excess of revenue over expenses	32,883	36,350



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