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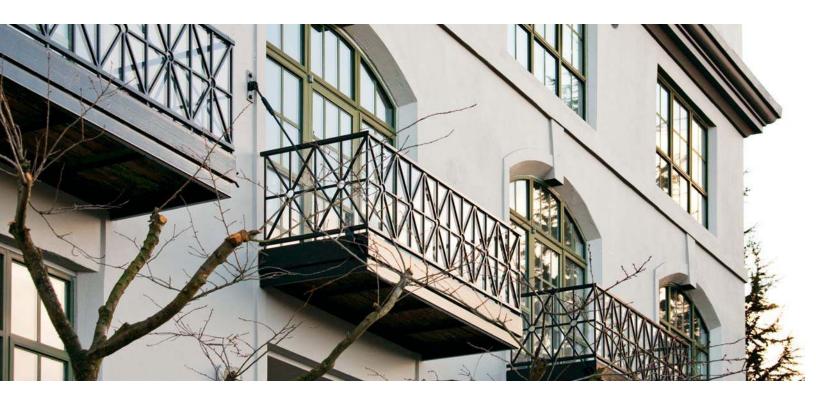
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INTRODUCTION



About the Vancouver Heritage Foundation

Imagine Gastown without its red-brick warehouses, Grandview Woodlands without its 100-year-old homes, Strathcona without its Edwardian and Victorian cottages, Kitsilano without its Craftsman bungalows and Shaughnessy without its lush estates: Heritage buildings contribute to the distinct identity of our neighbourhoods. They offer some of the most affordable housing in the city, their reuse and rehabilitation diverts tons of debris from the landfill and rehabilitated buildings are attractive places to live, work and visit. But, we are losing our older buildings at an alarming rate.

In 2011 there were 999 demolition permits issued in Vancouver representing a 14% increase over the previous year. The majority of these permits were for 1 and 2 family dwellings. There is a lot of work to be done to save our neighbourhoods from the wrecking ball. The public education and awareness programs of the Vancouver Heritage Foundation link more than 5000 people each year to the history and heritage of the city and its neighbourhoods. Through walking tours, bus tours, map guides, lectures, skills workshops and publications the Foundation is highlighting the important value historic buildings bring to our city.

Help us ensure there is a legacy of heritage buildings for future generations. Attend our programs, volunteer, donate, sponsor an event, leave us a gift in your will, or contact us with your ideas. We can each make a difference to help preserve the historic neighbourhoods of Vancouver.

Diane Switzer

Executive Director

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Message from the Chair

During 2011, the Board of the Vancouver Heritage Foundation devoted some of our time and energies to improving our fundraising and our communications while maintaining our diverse and popular calendar of programs.

Through the new position of Fund Development Officer and the leadership of our fundraising co-chairs, Mollie Massie and Mary Ann Clark, VHF has restructured its annual campaign and introduced a new program to engage our major donors more actively in heritage events.

VHF also started the process of reviewing and updating our print and web-based materials to create a more cohesive and recognizable identity for all our publications from the Heritage House Tour Guide to the homepage on our website. Look for a new, streamlined graphic look in 2012 and a website with easier navigation to the many sources of information that we host there.

The participation in the Brown Bag Lunch & Learn Series, launched in the fall of 2009, has expanded and continued to feature the stories behind Vancouver's heritage resources and their conservation and renewal processes. We appreciate the continued support of the BCIT downtown campus for our venue.

The Foundation has continued to make the case for the strong link between sustainable best practices and heritage conservation through the second Heritage & Sustainability Symposium that brought Barbara Campagna, the former Chief Architect for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and founder of the Trust's Sustainability Program, to both present both a public lecture and keynote a symposium to explore the many benefits of building retention and renewal.

I appreciate the hard work of Diane Switzer, Executive Director, and the staff of the Foundation and the dedication of our very engaged Board of Directors. I am looking forward to an even more active and interesting 2012.



Marta Farevaag, Chair, VHF Board



A Brown Bag talk in session.



Marta Farevaag with Barbara Campagna.



Board members in a planning session.

Marta Farevaag Chair of the Board

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EDUCATION & PUBLIC AWARENESS



Lectures and Workshops

OLD SCHOOL COURSES

Old School: Courses for Heritage Conservation brings design and construction professionals together with the interested public to learn practical skills and theory for making informed decisions about rehabilitating and maintaining old buildings.

Since the program's beginning in 2008 more than 800 people have participated in Old School lectures and skills workshops.

Old School courses that were delivered in 2011 include:

- Avoid the Money Pit: Planning & Managing your Project
- Heritage 101: Understanding Heritage Conservation
- How to Research the History of a Building at the Vancouver Archives and the Vancouver Public Library Special Collections
- Navigating City Hall: Permits, Zoning and More
- Understanding and Restoring Wood Windows
- Writing a Conservation Plan

"I really enjoyed each speaker's expertise, knowledge and presentation. I found the entire day engaging and informative. Three very different perspectives made it thought provoking." Heritage 101 course attendee

In 2011 Old School received support from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Lohn Foundation, Heritage BC and Yosef Wosk. Professional development credits are available to members of AIBC, AICBC, BCSLA, BOABC and PIBC.



Heritage 101 course attendees inspecting the condition of a heritage building.



Old School certificate graduates, Adrian and Susan Lloyd with Rebecca Bishop, VHF Programming Manager.

HERITAGE AND SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM

The Vancouver Heritage Foundation was pleased to bring Barbara Campagna, FAIA, LEED AP, Principal BAC [A+P]; former Chief Architect of the National Trust for Historic Preservation to Vancouver to be the keynote speaker at the Heritage and Sustainability Symposium, 'Energy Efficiency in Older Homes'.

Campagna's public lecture 'Sustainability and Preservation: The Perfect Match' highlighted her experience reactivating older passive energy features in historic buildings. This often proved the most energy efficient, economical route to improving a building's energy consumption, which resulted in several examples being brought up to LEED standards.

The following day's workshop explored energy efficiency in older homes, the energy assessment process, assessment results and how to decide what interventions to consider, grants available and case studies of homes that chose different energy improvement paths.

BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARN

Brown Bag lunchtime illustrated talks held at the BCIT Downtown campus presented a wide range of topics each with a connection to the built environment of the city. In 2011 the audience grew from an average of 20 attendees per session to 40 attendees. The sessions showcased a heritage building rehabilitation project or a topic that was relevant to the future of historic neighbourhoods and buildings.

Brown Bag sessions in 2011 included:

- Alan Endall, Endall Elliot Associates: *The Downtown Robert Lee YMCA Project redevelopment on Burrard Street*
- Russell Acton, Acton Ostry Architects: *The Salt Building rehabilitation and adaptive reuse in SE False Creek*
- COV Planning Department: Laneway Housing and Vancouver's Single Family Neighbourhoods
- Kim Maust, Bastion Development: *The Opsal Steel Restoration Project*
- Proscenium Architecture: Remaking Cultural (theatre) Spaces for the Coming Century
- Malcolm Elliot, Endall Elliot Associates and Robert Lemon, Robert Lemon Architect Inc.: The Rehabilitation of the Rosewood Hotel Georgia for the 21st Century



Barbara Campagna presenting her lecture 'Sustainability and Preservation: The Perfect Match'.



Attendees at the workshop listen intently about energy efficiency in older homes.



A full house at a Brown Bag Lunch & Learn talk.

Tours

HOUSE TOURS

House and building tours bring people into private spaces spread throughout city neighbourhoods in the city. They help people understand how older buildings can be reused and rehabilitated for the 21st century. In 2011 the Heritage House, Mid-Century Modern, Vancouver Special and Laneway tours brought more than 3000 people into 25 different spaces.









Left to Right: Tour goers greeted by a VHF volunteer on a Heritage House Tour; a 2011 Vancouver Special Tour house; inside an original mid-century modern home; visitors enjoying the Laneway House Tour.

WALKING TOURS

Learning about historic and out-of-the-way places in the city helps tour goers to better understand and appreciate the distinct identity of each neighbourhood. Under the knowledgeable guidance of tour guides John Atkin and Maurice Guibord, more than 265 locals and visitors participated in 11 walking tours along West and East Hastings, and off the beaten track into the lanes, alleys, trails and creeks of Vancouver.

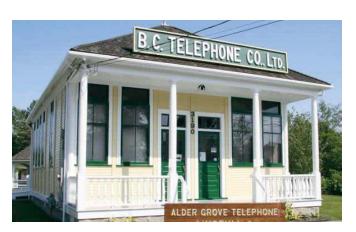




Left: John Atkin leading a tour through some of Vancouver's historic urban and residential neighbourhoods. Right: Maurice Guibord entertaining the walking tour goers with early Vancouver stories and facts.

GET OUT OF TOWN TOUR

The region surrounding Vancouver is rich with history, much of it connected to our own more urban setting. Each year the VHF takes a group to a different place outside the city. In 2011 the bus tour led by John Atkin travelled to the Fraser Valley to take in the historic town of Clayburn, the industrial home of Charles Maclure's Clayburn Brick Factory; the Kilby National Historic Site; the Fort Langley Cemetery which is the resting place of some of the region's oldest and most illustrious pioneers; and the little known Alder Grove Telephone Museum.



One of the Get Out of Town tour stops, the Alder Grove Telephone Museum (photo: www.telephonemuseum.ca)

Special Projects

PLACES THAT MATTER

The Places That Matter plaque project celebrates Vancouver's 125th anniversary of incorporation as a city. The public nominated and voted on their favourite sites. An independent site selection committee made up of historians, writers, civic leaders, members of the interested public, students and young adults reviewed the nominations and selected the final 125 sites. Professional writers and historians were hired to research and write the plaque text.

The project has grown and evolved since its beginnings in January 2011. Collaboration with the nominators, sponsors, site owners, community groups, neighbourhood associations, BIAs, Park Board, local businesses, families and individuals has created new connections in the community for the VHF.

Plaque sites being celebrated may be known to everyone, like Canada Place and the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, while other sites tell unique stories, from Hogan's Alley, to a former Chicken Coop in Fraserview where Loretta Lynn performed. Many sites' original structures no longer exist, like the first Sikh Temple on West 2nd Avenue and the China Creek Cycle Track, now the VCC Broadway Campus, but they all speak to Vancouver's shared history. Join us in celebrating all 125 places that matter by attending a plaque presentation.

The plaque presentation schedule is posted at www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org/projects/placesthatmatter





The Stanley Park Rock Garden plaque unveiling in November 2011.



Presentation of plaque to the Out for Lunch Noon Hour Concert Series by Sean Ayers (L) from the VHF to Gene Ramsbottom (R).

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden

This Suzhou-style scholar's garden home built by craftsmen from China without the use of nails, screws or glue, was the first of its kind built outside China. The site of this unique Canadian museum was once home to buildings including a sawmill, brothels, opera house, opium factory and train station. The Dr Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden is an important bridge between cultures.

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Left: Presentation of the plaque presented to Dr Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden to Geoff Meggs, COV Councillor and Shirley Chan by Diane Switzer. Above: Example of the plaque.

ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE SALE

The VHF's goal is the reuse and rehabilitation of heritage buildings. Demolishing a 2500-square-foot house tosses 60 tons of debris into the landfill. By saving and retrofitting the building, we are not only diverting debris from the landfill, but we are paying tribute to the history of the city and creating an attractive place to visit, live and work. Although the Foundation is distressed to find out a building is coming down, once a demolition permit has been issued the building can no longer be saved. The issue then becomes one of recycling as much material as possible. To help people rehabilitate and renovate their buildings with sensitivity to their historic character and to keep usable material out of the landfill, the VHF started recycling salvage from older buildings.

In 2011 with warehouse space donated first from Porte Realty and currently from Cressey Development Group, the VHF gathered donated salvage such as windows, doors, hardware, sinks and other unique items. On May 14th we threw open the warehouse doors and 1000 people flooded in to snap up bargains suitable for their own projects. The one-day sale netted \$11,207 for the education and public awareness programs of the Foundation.





Top: Searching for hardware bargains at the Architectural Salvage Sale with help from VHF volunteers. Bottom: A window shopper.

THE WALL

This public art space is a joint project of JJ Bean Coffee Roasters, CBC and the Vancouver Heritage Foundation. A percentage of the sale of JJ Bean coffee at the CBC plaza kiosk funds the annual art exhibit on the wall above the plaza. All exhibits are the artist's interpretation of the theme of Vancouver's built environment.

In 2011, local artist Holly Ward partnered with City of Vancouver Public Art and the VHF on *News of the Whole World* which consisted of a digital image of a small-scale architectural model loosely based on a combination of Russian Constructivist Agitational Propoganda and theatrical stage designs.

The newly renovated plaza and upgrades to the CBC building in many ways mirror agitprop ideas: Satellites that rest on top of the building gathering information from around the globe, while inside the building this information is processed and formatted for re-distribution. In the plaza, a public space surrounds strategically positioned information displays, such as a scrolling LED sign of current headlines, and a large-scale digital screen displaying a continuous feed of images.

A new display, launched in June 2012 features a 1957 CBC Archives image, 'Room at the Roxy'.





News of the Whole World by local artist Holly Ward adorns the CBC Plaza Wall.

In summary

- Education and public awareness programs generated 39% of annual revenue for the VHF
- Approximately 10,000 people participated in public programs in 2011

GRANTING





The VHF has 4 grant programs for the repair, maintenance and painting of buildings listed on the Heritage Register.

- **True Colours** for painting the exterior of buildings in the original colours of Vancouver;
- Restore It! For the repair and maintenance of the exterior of heritage buildings;
- House Call for volunteer heritage consultants to visit buildings and issue a conservation report to help the owners plan their projects;
- Get on the Register to help building owners write a Statement of Significance required to get a house listed on the COV heritage register.

The VHF is committed to granting programs that strengthen the city's distinct neighbourhoods. Once one building in a neighbourhood begins restoration work others soon follow suit. With a small economic investment homeowners are inspired to maintain and restore their homes.

In 2011 the VHF dispersed 10 grants for a total of \$18,361.

True Colours Exterior Painting Grants:

2925 West 38th Avenue 1928 Stephens Street 1469 East 10th Avenue 603 Atlantic Street

Restore It! Grants:

1450 West 64th Avenue (Kogawa House) - new roof 5825 Carnarvon Street - sewer line replacement 2714 Carolina Street - gutter replacement 1962 West 2nd Avenue - restored front stairs 868 Cassiar Street - restored terrazzo stair entrance 2925 West 38th Avenue - repaired rafter tails and sleeping porch

Get on the Register:

889 Union Street

In summary

• Since the beginning of granting programs in 2000, the VHF has awarded 100 grants totalling \$260,000 for the repair, maintenance and painting of heritage buildings

FUNDRAISING



Endowment Fund

The Vancouver Heritage Foundation sincerely thanks our endowment fund donors. \$1.3 million dollars is invested for endowment purposes and is managed by the Vancouver Foundation and Odlum Brown Limited. The interest the fund generates helps support our education, public awareness and granting programs.

The following individuals have given generously to help grow the Endowment Fund:

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In 2009, the Province of British Columbia made a significant contribution of \$350,000 to the Foundation's Endowment Fund through the BC150 - Heritage Legacy Fund.

Annual Giving

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Vancouver Heritage Foundation programs in 2011.

The VHF is creating a culture in Vancouver that reuses and rehabilitates our historic structures because we understand how beneficial heritage buildings are to our environment, our culture and our economy.

We are sincerely grateful to all of our supporters and thank them for including the Foundation in their philanthropy. Together we can continue to make a difference and see that Vancouver's history is preserved.

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Cameron Tsoi-A-Sue, Remax Littleoak

New VHF donor

Cameron Tsoi-A-Sue is a new VHF donor. He was approached by Sean Ayers, VHF Development Officer, with a unique proposal: For every house that Cameron sold in his real estate business, a percentage of the commission would be donated to the Vancouver Heritage Foundation to help grow our programs. We would like to thank Cameron for his ongoing commitment to the VHF.



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John Neate, JJ Bean Coffee Roasters Ongoing VHF donor

The JJ Bean coffee shop located on the CBC Plaza opened in February 2010, below the VHF's public art exhibit. A percentage of coffee sales from the kiosk are donated to the VHF to help fund the changing art exhibits on the WALL. John is happy to be giving back to the arts community – a community that understands and appreciates good coffee.

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Keith Jakobsen is passionate about architecture, heritage and Vancouver - sponsoring a house on the VHF's Heritage House Tour seemed like a great way to not only promote his design firm, but help the VHF. Keith has generously sponsored the Heritage House Tour for 6 years, and is one of our longest event sponsors.

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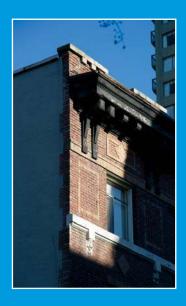
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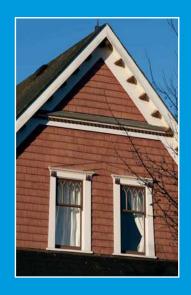
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A volunteer helping visitors on the Vancouver Special House Tour.



Michael Kluckner, long-term volunteer, receiving an appreciation award from Diane Switzer, VHF Executive Director



Volunteers enjoying themselves at the Volunteer Appreciation Event at the MOV on December 5, 2011.



A volunteer checking visitors in on the Laneway House Tour.

Betsy Morrow Elizabeth Murdoch Peter Mustard Daryl Nelson Mark Newman Paul Nursey Judy Oberlander Adele Oliver **Christine Pearce** Carolina Pouchard Colin Preston Gordon Price John Ouinton Kathy Reichert Elizabeth Reilly Stephen Rinfret Kathie Road Roberta Robertson Steve Rom Andre Rowland Karen Russell Lindsay Salt

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Sharon Schick

Mary Lou & Roel Schootman **David Scott** Nancy Singbeil Shelly Smee Brenda Snaith Heidi Solanki Charlotte Stenberg Rosa Stenberg Ellen Stewart Linda Suffidy **Bev Taylor** Gerry & Sue Teahan Linda Tenenbaum **Bonnie Thiele** Kamala Todd Lindsie Tomlinson **Curtis Foreman David Toole** Susan Torgerson April Underwood Mariken Van Nimwegen Iryn Vekay Teresa Whitehouse

Hal Wake

Catherine Wang
Wendy Warzoka
Bruce Watson
Rebecca Watt
Dorothy Watters
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Lindsay Wilkinson
Dot & Brent Williams
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Paul Wong
Helen Wood
Wayne Worden
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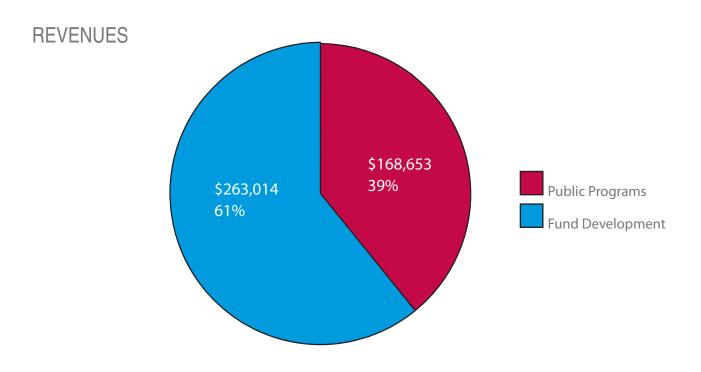
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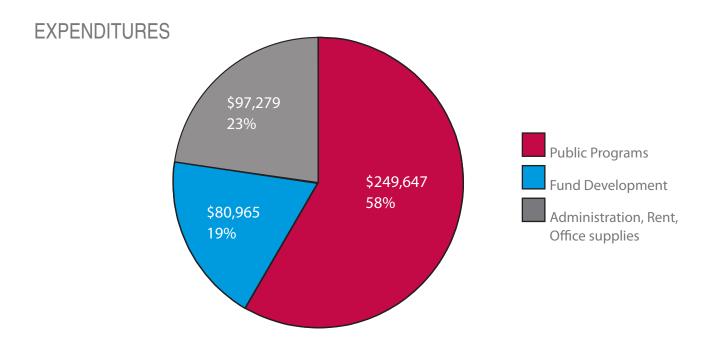
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ASSETS	
Current	440.400
Cash	119,480
Term deposits	104,000
Investments	1,128,337
Receivables	12,706
Art inventory	2,162
Prepaid expenses	2,583
	1,369,268
LIABILITIES	
Current	
Payables and accruals	14,763
Deferred contributions	15,583
Heather Pavilion restoration	1,000
	31,346
FUND BALANCES	
Restricted for endowment purposes	1,031,427
Save the Buildings Fund	143,092
Unrestricted	163,403

1,337,922

1,369,268

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The financial statements have been audited by Wolrige Mahon. You may request a copy of the full audited report by contacting the VHF at 604 264 9642.



We will always be grateful to those who helped us and never regret the day we looked at a 100-year-old tumbledown and said, "Let's save that house."

Jessica & Jeremy Holmes, VHF Grant Recipients

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