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**HERITAGE**  
FOUNDATION



*2016 Heritage House Tour*

# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT VANCOUVER **HERITAGE** FOUNDATION

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## OUR MISSION

Vancouver Heritage Foundation is a registered charity supporting the conservation of heritage buildings and structures in recognition of their contribution to the city's economy, sustainability and culture.

VHF does this by:

- Developing practical tools, information and incentives to help in the successful conservation of heritage buildings and structures.
- Creating opportunities to access and learn about Vancouver's heritage buildings.
- Fundraising in the public and private sectors to build an endowment that will protect our built heritage into the future.
- Promoting relationships that support heritage conservation.

To find out more about Vancouver Heritage Foundation visit [vancouverheritagefoundation.org](http://vancouverheritagefoundation.org).

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



We started the year with participation in Heritage Week, contributing to the celebration of historic places across Canada, and continued through the year to highlight the distinctive heritage and fascinating history of our city. Raising awareness and providing education and support for conservation continues to drive our work. Over 60 events included four house tours as well as lectures, walking tours, workshops and special events, attended by over 4,000 people. Through newsletters, social media, and media coverage we communicated about the value of heritage to many more.

VHF grants supported conservation work on a variety of homes and buildings. We also concluded the successful pilot of a new grant program, the Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant and were pleased to be able to renew it for a further two years. This offers a significant opportunity to assist older homes in reducing their environmental impact while retaining their heritage character and value.

As a small staff team with education at the core of our mandate, we were pleased to be able to offer a six-month internship experience with the help of grant funding that helped us revitalize our online information resources while offering a new graduate the opportunity to explore heritage conservation in depth. This was just one of many ways we worked to increase knowledge and skills capacity in our city during the year.

I would like to warmly thank all those who contributed to make 2016 another good year for VHF – our wonderful volunteers, generous donors, the Board of Directors, the staff team and many more. Thank you!

Judith Mosley  
Executive Director  
Vancouver **Heritage** Foundation

## FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



This year was another strong year for Vancouver Heritage Foundation, full of engaging programming and progress on key projects. With four house tours, our regular list of talks and special events, and projects like the Heritage Site Finder and the Burrard Bridge lighting restoration – a key element of restoration work that VHF has been seeking for a long time – 2016 was a very busy year.

Since I stepped into the role of Board Chair in April, I have been impressed with the commitment and dedication demonstrated by our Executive Director Judith Mosley, her talented team, the over 200 people who volunteer with the organization and my colleagues on the Board of Directors. The volume of initiatives undertaken by this collective in the interest of preserving our city's heritage assets and the desire to do even more is inspiring. At the end of 2016, we started a process to review and update VHF's strategic plan to set us on a course for further growth and impact in the future.

Many people supported the work of VHF this year be it through the gift of their time or their 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's educational programming in 2016 presented a variety of ways to learn about the city's history and heritage places as well as gain more technical knowledge and skills in conservation. House tours, evening lectures and special events explored diverse topics and neighbourhoods. Continued expansion of online resources provided valuable reference tools while hands-on workshops and technical talks introduced conservation techniques and the details of recent restoration projects. Communications through a variety of media continued to engage and inform people across the city about the value of heritage places and their conservation.

## OLD SCHOOL WORKSHOPS & COURSES

*Old School Workshops & Courses* offer practical training from experienced instructors for homeowners and professionals on heritage maintenance and conservation best practices. In 2016, 120 people attended 7 workshops and courses with practical information such as a primer on heritage conservation and how zoning has worked in specific neighbourhoods as a preservation tool. VHF would like to congratulate Eric Phillips and Robert Wilmott who both graduated from the Heritage Conservation Certificate program in 2016, bringing the total number of graduates up to 21.

Drafting a Statement of Significance w/ Berdine Jonker

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

Navigating City Hall w/ Marco D'Agostini and James Burton

Neighbourhood Zoning Walk: South Shaughnessy w/ John Atkin

Neighbourhood Zoning Walk: Delamont Park w/ John Atkin

Researching the History of a Building

@ City of Vancouver Archives w/ John Atkin and City of Vancouver Archivists

@ Vancouver Public Library w/ Kim McCarthy

## BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARN

*Brown Bag Lunch & Learn* talks offer an in-depth insight into current heritage projects and topics through illustrated talks from speakers' perspectives as working professionals. 105 people attended Brown Bag in 2016 and the year's diverse topics were all well received.

Former Remand Centre: Converting a Former Prison into Community Housing w/  
Jonathan Oldman and Naomi Brunemeyer

Taylor Manor: Creating Supportive Housing in a 100-year-old Mansion w/ Mitch Sakumoto

St. George's Renovation and Restoration: Updating a 1912 School w/ Robert Lemon  
and Neil Piller

Rehabilitation of the Burrard Bridge w/ Donald Luxton

Rejuvenating Christ Church Cathedral w/ Ian Birtwell

Impacts of Real Estate and Speculation on Heritage in Vancouver w/ Gordon Price  
and Andy Yan



Heritage 101: Understanding Heritage Conservation, 2016



Former Remand Centre adaptive reuse



On site visit to The Crescent with Adrienne Brown, 2016

## **EVENING LECTURES AT HYCROFT**

The *Evening Lecture* series, co-hosted with the University Women's Club at Hycroft, explored a host of new topics including early tourism, transit and neighbourhoods. 265 people attended the six lectures offered in the spring and fall.

Selling Vancouver to Tourists: 1890 - 1960 w/ Michael Kluckner

How Streetcars and Real Estate Shaped Vancouver w/ John Atkin

The Crescent: From the CPR and The Garden City to Today w/ Adrienne Brown

Sawmills and Opera Houses: The Origins of Chinatown w/ John Atkin

The Legacy Sites & Stories of the 1954 British Empire & Commonwealth Games w/ Jason Beck

Who was Major Matthews? w/ Heather Gordon

## HOUSE TOURS

House tours are a significant part of VHF's activities every year, both in fundraising and educational opportunity. Each tour offers a look at a different housing style that is related to the history and built heritage of our city and offers information on how each housing type contributed to the development of Vancouver.

In 2016, VHF offered four house tours: Vancouver Special, Heritage House, Mid-Century Modern and Laneway. We highlighted different eras and styles of significant homes and promoted the retention and reuse of our built environment through restoration and adaptive reuse. All of the tours were well attended, welcoming over 2000 people during the year.

Vancouver Heritage Foundation has offered 40 house tours since the inaugural Heritage House Tour in 2003, opening over 270 homes in that time. The funds raised during these key events support VHF's award-winning educational programming throughout the year.



## WALKING TOURS



Maurice Guibord and John Atkin led a total of 500 participants on two innovative series of walking tours from April through October, 2016. Maurice ventured into intriguing spots such as Hastings Park and the P.N.E. Fairgrounds, Mountain View Cemetery and the False Creek flats. John explored the areas around the city's "zero points", or the streets where east meets west.

During the warm summer months, VHF partnered with the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association to offer a series of free walking tours. John Atkin embarked on five separate dates to showcase the fascinating history and architecture found on the West Hastings Street corridor. *In the Footsteps of the Past: Retracing South Asian History in Kitsilano* was offered in October and featured Naveen Girn, Paneet Singh and Milan Singh sharing stories and history of the city's South Asian community.

## MAINTENANCE WEEK



In November, VHF took inspiration from a British initiative and launched Maintenance Week. Enlisting professional photographer, Martin Knowles, a series of images featuring VHF's Board of Directors performing various maintenance tasks were promoted across social media. The aim of the week was to create awareness about basic maintenance that can protect older buildings and help prevent major repairs in the future.



## HERITAGE SITE FINDER INTERACTIVE MAP



In 2016, further progress was made on the Heritage Site Finder and it received a City of Vancouver Heritage Award of Honour for education and awareness. Over 40 volunteers supplied images for 200 sites and completed the research and written information for 400 sites. At year end, the map had images for around 2000 of the 2200 sites on the Vancouver Heritage Register, and 1000 of them had informational write-ups. In-kind sponsorship from Split Mango Media Inc. and a grant from the Heritage Legacy Fund (Heritage BC) made this major project possible.

## PLACES THAT MATTER



While the Places That Matter plaque project slowed with just one plaque presented to the original Temple Shalom in 2016, the project did receive a boost as we started work on a new website dedicated to the 125 plaque sites. Work on the *Community History Resource* began early in the year with support from the Heritage Legacy Fund (Heritage BC) and included a design process with Split Mango Media Inc. and then the long-term process of collating images, history, personal stories and other information for each site. A public launch was planned for 2017.

Both the Heritage Site Finder and Places That Matter Community History Resource were made possible by the work of volunteers. Over 50 volunteers have donated their time to help these projects come to life.

## HISTORIC VANCOUVER BY NIGHT BUS TOUR



In April, 46 adventurers embarked on a mystery bus tour of Vancouver in the evening hours. With stops at the Old Hastings Mill Store Museum and Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, the tour wound its way through dusky city streets landing at the 9 o'clock gun in Stanley Park just in time to hear it sound its traditional blast. Guests also enjoyed apple tarts and hot chocolate to keep warm in the rainy weather. Thank you to International Stage Lines Inc. and guide John Atkin, for their support of the event.

## UNDER THE TENT at CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL



For the past 20 years Christ Church Cathedral, one of the city's oldest buildings, has been undergoing extensive restorations. In April and May of 2016, VHF offered a unique opportunity to learn more about the multi-stage project that most recently included installing a new roof and new stained glass bell tower. Guests heard from Christ Church parishioner Ian Birtwell and others about the restoration project and enjoyed a tour of the space.

Events such as *Under The Tent* allow us to explore contemporary heritage projects, relevant to those who live and work in the project area, and reach out to a new audience.

## 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 artwork in 2016. Installed on October 20th, *Picture window* features two photographs of a home taken before its demolition. In November, a free artist talk was offered at the CBC Studios to help the community explore Emily Neufeld's work. Emily spoke about her artwork and process, and how this installation varied from her previous work.

## HERITAGE WEEK 2016



VHF celebrated Heritage Week and its theme of *Distinctive Destinations: Experience Historic Places* by highlighting the unique history and built heritage of Vancouver. We launched the week with a reading of the official proclamation by Councillor Heather Deal at the Roundhouse Community Centre Plaza, a distinctive site in its own right. Launch attendees were then invited on a short free walking tour of historic Yaletown. Later in the week John Atkin led a walking tour of Vancouver's historic hotels, and Maurice Guibord offered a talk and tour of the history of Stanley Park. Michael Kluckner's Evening Lecture *Selling Vancouver to Tourists: 1890 - 1960* was also themed around Heritage Week.

## COMMUNICATIONS

VHF communications continue to raise awareness about Vancouver's history and built heritage, while engaging a diverse audience. Event-based promotions invite the public to learn first hand, while the sharing of positive heritage stories and updates on VHF resources allows for conversation about heritage in the city. Our print newsletter in the spring, and an online only newsletter in the fall offer a tangible way for followers to see events and programming that VHF has coming up, while the bi-weekly e-newsletter gives further detail. Our newsletters go out to 5,000 people while connections on social media continued to grow, reaching over 8,000 followers on Facebook and Twitter.

Support from media outlets, both traditional and non-traditional media, highlighted key events such as house tours and VHF updates such as granting and online resources.

Heritage Resources Intern, Jessica Blesch, researched and developed a new organizational system for the VHF website. Using information gathered from an online survey, Jessica discovered which areas of the VHF site were under-utilized or less easy to locate.

At the end of the year a new, easier to navigate organizational structure was released and a small social media campaign supported the changes. Jessica also created several new pages to house valuable information such as a *Building Owner's Guide* and a guide for funding sources for heritage projects. Since then efforts have been made to reintroduce followers and the public to important and useful resources available on the website.

5000+ newsletter subscribers

8000+ social media followers

200,000+ website page views

VHF communicates throughout the year about the positive role of heritage places, successful projects and innovation.

# GRANTS



*True Colours* grant recipient

In 2016, VHF distributed thirteen grants for a total of \$15,100.

Grants supported re-roofing for four buildings, the improvement of exterior drainage for the Mission to Seafarers building, and the Cornerstone Apartments continued its annual cycle of window restoration, fixing another bank of historic windows. A Strathcona home restored historic decorative brackets from historic photos, a Strathcona strata replicated two rotted wood sash, and Terra Vita Place, the historic Girls Industrial School converted to condominiums, started a large restoration project to repair water damage to the exterior historic stucco.

An additional four homes were granted with *True Colours* grants and paint to refresh their exteriors in historic or era-appropriate colour schemes.

## HERITAGE ENERGY RETROFIT GRANT



The pilot program of the Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant concluded in 2016. After a review of initial results, the City of Vancouver agreed to renew funding for the grant through to 2018. The grant program was re-launched with a few process changes as well as new inclusions such as funding for storm windows. Water-efficiency measures were also added to the grant as the City of Vancouver Water Engineering Department came on board.

A case study was completed on one of the pilot program participant homes which achieved a reduction in annual greenhouse gas emissions of over 4 tonnes. The case study is available as a PDF on the VHF website.

VHF has granted over \$240,000 to 90 heritage buildings leveraging significant private investment.

# FUNDRAISING



Annual fundraising is an essential activity for Vancouver Heritage Foundation, providing funding to sustain educational programs, online resources and grants. The generous support of donors enables VHF to apply for matching grants for new projects as well as to plan ongoing initiatives and key events in the calendar. Fundraising in 2016 included a special evening event and silent auction, and the annual campaign in the fall. Both received a generous response from donors who demonstrated their support for VHF's efforts for heritage places and conservation in Vancouver.

## CITY DRINKS at CASA MIA



In late September, VHF hosted an elegant fundraising night at Casa Mia reminiscent of the history of grand parties this storied building is known for. With a special performance by celebrated Canadian musicians Roy & Rosemary and a silent auction of donated items from local businesses, organizations and individuals, the evening was capped off with private tours of the mansion. Over \$23,000 was raised by the evening and brought attention to the significant history and legacy of the mansion.

Did you know over 20% of VHF's annual budget comes from donations and fundraising?

## ENDOWMENT FUND

VHF's Endowment Fund now stands at almost \$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 2003-2004.

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Thank you to all who donated to Vancouver Heritage Foundation in 2016. Support from donors and sponsors as well as grants made it possible to deliver a full and engaging program and advance key projects.

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#### \$10,000+

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Vancouver Heritage Foundation is grateful to the City of Vancouver for its continued support in 2016. An operating agreement with the City recognizes the value of the work VHF does to encourage the retention, reuse and rehabilitation of older buildings, and contributed 25% of the 2016 operating budget.

# VOLUNTEERS

Over 200 volunteers helped VHF with many aspects of our programming. Four major house tour events relied on a large team of enthusiastic volunteers to welcome and guide over 2800 visitors through the open homes. Volunteers assisted with other events in the calendar including walking tours, special events and our annual fundraiser, City Drinks. Dedicated volunteers helped advance our online resources and special projects through research, writing and photography. We also benefited from the input of those who volunteered their time on VHF committees and the Board of Directors. We are grateful for the immense contribution of volunteers to our events, projects, governance and operations in 2016.

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Daren Zuk



# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Current		
Cash	133,434	153,567
Term Deposits	154,000	129,000
Accounts Receivable	29,837	17,694
Prepaid Expenses	5,041	2,541
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	322,312	302,802
Restricted Cash	1,000	1,000
Long-Term Investments	1,032,352	1,021,087
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	<b>1,355,664</b>	<b>1,324,889</b>

## LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Current		
Accounts Payable and Accruals	36,964	27,905
Deferred Revenue	60,380	62,014
Heather Pavilion Restoration	1,000	1,000
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	98,344	90,919
Deferred Contributions	123,000	136,000
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	221,344	226,919
Fund Balances		
Internally Restricted for Long-term Purposes	824,002	765,466
Internally Restricted for Save the Buildings Fund	165,778	158,678
Internally Restricted for Home Owners' Grants	2,920	5,300
Unrestricted	141,620	168,526
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	1,134,320	1,097,970
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	<b>1,355,664</b>	<b>1,324,889</b>

Auditors: Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co. Chartered Professional Accountants

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
City of Vancouver Operating Grant	124,850	122,400
House Tours	111,545	93,617
Donations and Fundraising	107,372	101,276
Investment Income	64,346	92,302
Special Projects	30,870	36,251
Other Programs	17,499	25,475
City of Vancouver Funding for Grants	13,996	3,000
Other Grants Received	12,738	5,000
Old School - Courses for Building Conservation	7,356	8,784
	<b>490,572</b>	<b>488,105</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Staff and Contractors	276,944	247,331
Other Programs, Granting and Special Projects	55,756	49,699
Rent	35,822	35,822
House Tours	18,351	18,704
Office Supplies, Utilities and Other	16,847	16,796
Professional Fees	15,238	12,688
Investment Fees	9,410	9,538
Marketing and Communication	7,132	6,906
Fundraising	6,596	7,358
Bank Charges and Interest	5,859	5,710
Insurance	2,262	2,363
Old School - Courses for Building Conservation	2,232	3,685
Board of Directors	1,229	1,047
GST Expense	544	793
	<b>454,222</b>	<b>418,440</b>
Excess of revenue over expenses	<b>36,350</b>	<b>69,665</b>



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