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ABOUT VHF

OUR MISSION

VHF advances the appreciation and conservation of our city's diverse heritage places and their stories. We raise awareness of the vital contribution that heritage makes to a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable community.

VHF does this by hosting informative events and creating resources about Vancouver's history and heritage places and providing financial and practical support for the successful conservation of historic buildings and sites.

VHF recognizes the diverse history and cultural heritage of Vancouver and that the city is located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵw̓x̓ wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples.

To find out more about Vancouver Heritage Foundation, visit:
www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org



THANK YOU

It is with great sadness that we at Vancouver Heritage Foundation share the news of Laura Saimoto's passing. Laura served on VHF's board of directors, starting in 2022. One cannot overstate the

impact that Laura Saimoto made on our organization. She possessed a razor sharp intellect, boundless motivation and a passion for Vancouver's heritage. We were very lucky to have spent the time we did with such a vibrant and inspiring person.

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

As Chair of the Board, looking back on the past year and the continued progress of the Vancouver Heritage Foundation it is evident of the hard work of our staff and volunteers the work that has been achieved. We have welcomed back staff members and hired new ones, and increased our outreach commitment to the community of Vancouver both through its rich architectural heritage as well as the deep and profound impact of our cultural heritage.

In a time of rapid growth and change, heritage conservation remains more important than ever. Through our programs, grants, and advocacy, we continue to champion the protection of Vancouver's historic places while also recognizing the importance of sharing and preserving the stories of our city's diverse communities.

Over the past year, we expanded our educational offerings with new workshops, tours, and online resources, while also welcoming participants back to in-person programming. These initiatives engaged a broad audience, including students, educators, homeowners, and members of the wider community. Demand for our grant programs remained strong, and we were proud to support numerous restoration and conservation projects that help ensure the longevity of Vancouver's heritage buildings and spaces.

We remain deeply grateful for the ongoing support of the City of Vancouver—not only for its financial contributions, but also for the dedication and expertise of its knowledgeable staff. We also extend our sincere thanks to our independent donors, local business supporters, long-time heritage advocates, and those who have recently joined our growing community.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers, donors, staff, and community partners. Your support allows us to advocate for heritage conservation, provide critical funding for restoration projects, and inspire a shared appreciation for Vancouver's unique character.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to strengthening our impact and ensuring that our educational outreach programs through schools and adult education, continue to be valued as an integral part of Vancouver's future. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend my sincere gratitude to all who support our mission. Thank you for your passion, generosity, and belief in the importance of heritage conservation.

2026 marks the 15th anniversary of the Places That Matter program. Since its launch, the initiative has invited residents to identify and share the places that hold meaning in their lives—from historic buildings to neighbourhood gathering spaces. The program has become an important way of recognizing that heritage is not only defined by architecture, but also by the memories, stories, and cultural connections that shape our City.

Monique Badun

Monique Badun

Chair, Board of Directors

Vancouver Heritage Foundation



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2025 was another terrific year for Vancouver Heritage Foundation!

In late 2024, our Director of Education, Sarah Carlson, went on maternity leave. To cover the leave, we brought on new Program Manager Golmehr Kazari, who has been a wonderful fit.

Each year, VHF is the primary organization offering Vancouver-focused heritage events during BC Heritage Week in February and national Historic Places Days in July.

For Heritage Week in 2025, we hosted our 8th annual Places That Matter Community Fair at Heritage Hall. This event is an opportunity for VHF to act as community connectors, bringing over 30 organizations representing Places That Matter sites with the public at this free social event. Deputy Mayor Sarah Kirby-Yung presented the Proclamation from City Hall declaring Heritage Week 2025 at our Winter Storytelling event at Hycroft Manor.

On June 7th, our annual Heritage Discovery Day took place in the Kitsilano neighborhood. The tour featured 9 sites including several heritage homes and community sites like Hastings Mill and City Farmer Garden. Over 700 people were in attendance, enjoying the heritage sites and stories in one of Vancouver's most iconic neighborhoods.

For national Historic Places Days in July, we worked with Equitable Real Estate offering two special walking tours of the Vancouver Block with heritage expert Donald Luxton. These tours concluded with a behind-the-scenes look inside the iconic clock tower with views from the rooftop.

In 2025, we created a new three-year strategic plan for 2026-2028. Our main areas of focus are public education, community connections, support for conservation, communications & marketing and long-term funding,

Financially, VHF is in good health. 2025 interest rates were lower than in recent years, which reduced the interest VHF earned on our investments. We were able to remain on budget with our cashflow, lowering some expenses from 2024 and increasing revenues where possible. Please note that the program revenue in 2025 is lower than 2024 as we received a grant to produce our Heritage 101 On Demand online program.

VHF continued to meet our fundraising and revenue targets even during this turbulent year, and we are so grateful to all our donors, volunteers, board members, in-kind sponsors and program participants for all you do to support our staff team.



Laura Carey

Executive Director

Vancouver Heritage Foundation



2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



70+
GRANTS
AWARDED



650+
HOUSE TOUR
PARTICIPANTS



1125+
EVENT
ATTENDEES



930+
STUDENTS &
EDUCATORS
REACHED



410+
WALKING TOUR
PARTICIPANTS



200+
VOLUNTEERS

OUR IMPACT TO DATE



470+
GRANTS
AWARDED



70.5k+
HOUSE TOUR
PARTICIPANTS



16k+
EVENT
ATTENDEES



8k+
STUDENTS &
EDUCATORS
REACHED



7.5k+
WALKING TOUR
PARTICIPANTS



1550+
VOLUNTEERS

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Returning to VHF from my maternity leave in November, I was so proud to see all that was accomplished this year. In 2025, the programming team continued to offer a broad range of programming, expanding existing events and programs, including offering evening walking tours, as well as pursue new opportunities and ideas to offer unique events, like 'A Night of Heritage at the Hollywood Theatre.'



One highlight from this year was the official launch of Heritage 101. It is exciting to know the reach this program can now have, with the content is now available to heritage professionals and enthusiasts across the country. In the coming year, I am looking forward to continuing to grow our programming over the next year and bring back some old favourites as we celebrate 15 Years of Places that Matter in 2026.

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

On Saturday, June 7th, we welcomed over 600 visitors to the Kitsilano as part of this year's **HERITAGE DISCOVERY DAY AND HOUSE TOUR**.

Nine heritage sites were featured during the Heritage Discovery Day, representing a wide range of housing styles and adaptive re-use – from a 1912 Craftsman, a 1908 Early Vernacular Style home to a beloved community site, the oldest non-Indigenous building still standing in Vancouver. A number of additional sites of interest and Places that Matter in the neighbourhoods were featured in the guidebook.

Over 170 dedicated volunteers were on hand to guide visitors through each home and showcase the unique features, answer questions, take photos and help visitors navigate between the tour stops. We are so appreciative of their support and dedication, as well as the generosity of our owners, who allow us to step inside so many incredible properties every year. In addition to our presenting sponsor, Equitable Real Estate Investment Corp Ltd., we would also like to thank our house sponsors – Buntain Insurance, Engel & Volkers, and Odlum Brown. We would also like to say a thank you to our event photographers, Martin Knowles and Kamran Safari.



Top Row L to R: Attendees at Faulkner House, Inside Chatwin House, Volunteer and visitor at Logan House
 Bottom Row L to R: VHF Staff at PTM Table, Attendees reading the Guidebook, Volunteer leading a tour of City Farmer
 (Photos: M. Knowles and K. Safari)

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

The **HERITAGE HOUR** program continued with five talks in 2025, which focused on on built heritage, history, and community connections throughout the year.

We began the spring season spending an evening with **Robert Lemon**, where he shared his lifelong experience working with heritage during his studies in Ottawa, Paris, London, Rome and York. To finish up the season, **Michelle Barile** from the West Broadway BIA shared the story of resilience of the iconic Hollywood Theatre located in the Kitsilano neighbourhood.

For our fall season, we began with celebrating **Catherine Clement's** new book, *Paper Trails*, which delves into a largely forgotten chapter in Canadian history - the Chinese Exclusion Act. South Vancouver expert, **Rob Howatson**, took us into the spooky fall season with an exploration of South Vancouver's darker past. We concluded 2025 with **Thomas Long**, who shared the fascinating history of the Hudson's Bay Company and their part in the fight for the 49th parallel.



L to R: 'An Imaginary Line' and 'Uncovering a Lost Chapter' with speakers Tom Long and Catherine Clement (K Figueiredo); Top to Bottom: 'Learning Heritage' with Robert Lemon (K Figueiredo) and the Hollywood Theatre (Martin Knowles Photo Media)

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

The **HERITAGE LUNCH & LEARN** series has continued to be a popular platform for discussing issues and topics that are relevant to the future of Vancouver's neighbourhoods and historic buildings, as well as highlighting major heritage conservation projects in Vancouver. VHF offered five Lunch and Learn sessions in 2025 that explored the following topics:

- **A History, and Examination, of Finn Slough as a Cultural Landscape** in April, presented by Guy Taylor, the 2023-2024 winner of the Robert Lemon Heritage Studies Prize.
- **Disaster Planning and Heritage: Imagining Earthquake Aftermaths in Vancouver** in May, presented by Dr. Jonathan Eaton, Executive Director of the UBC Disaster Resilience Research Network
- **The Oberlander Archives: A New Collection at the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre** in September, presented by Ada Alister and Ted Lee, archivists at the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre
- **Behind the Seams: Vancouver's Garment Industry in the 1900** in October, presented by Natasha Fairweather, Project Manager at the BC Labour Heritage Centre.
- **Vancouver's Chinese Societies: Keys to Living Heritage** in November, presented by Larry Chin, a 2022 VHF Publication Grant recipient.



Found and Freed, formerly Scott's Grocery on Victoria Dr (Jonathan Eaton)



Vancouver's Chinese Societies Map (Larry Chin and Chinatown Wonders)

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

VHF's **WALKING TOURS** have long been a favourite for many and the 2024 season was no different! Long-time tour guide John Atkin explored stops along the BC Electric Interurban Central Park Line, and Rob Howatson focused on South Vancouver. The 20 walking tours we hosted this year explored the following locations and topics:

- Pastimes and Play: Looking at Athletic Heritage in Vancouver's West End (John Atkin)
- Exploring Kensington Cedar Cottage (John Atkin)
- Walking the Line: Epworth (John Atkin)
- Walking the Line: Cedar-Cottage (John Atkin)
- Walking the Line: Lakeview (John Atkin)
- Walking the Line: Epworth (John Atkin)
- Walking the Line: Gladstone (John Atkin)
- Walking the Line: Nanaimo Road (John Atkin)
- Exploring Downtown South Vancouver (Rob Howatson)
- Exploring Fraserview's Riverfront (Rob Howatson)
- Walking the Line: Beaconsfield (John Atkin)
- Walking the Line: Earls Road (John Atkin)
- Walking the Line: Collingwood West (John Atkin)
- Walking the Line: Collingwood East (John Atkin)

We also offered a walk with Larry Chin in the fall that explored the origins of Vancouver's Chinese Societies and their importance to Vancouver's Chinatown. Each registered participant received a copy of the beautifully illustrated Chinese Societies Map authored by Larry Chin, supported by a Yosef Wosk Publication Grant in 2022.



Top to Bottom: Larry Chin leading his Chinese Societies walk through Chinatown; John Atkin leading his Heritage Week walk exploring 'Past Times In Past Times'; Rob Howatson leading his 'Exploring Fraserview's Riverfront' tour (K. Figueiredo)

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

In 2025, VHF hosted a number of special events that offered unique programming and behind-the-scenes tours, including 2 new Places that Matter plaques that were presented at ANZA Club and Electric Avenue. **HISTORIC PLACES DAY** was celebrated with a behind-the-scenes tour at the Vancouver Block with Don Luxton and a **SUMMER STORYTELLING** event featuring a retrospective by photographer Martin Knowles on 20 years of photographing heritage sites for Heritage Discovery Day. We also hosted **HERITAGE AT THE HOLLYWOOD**, which featured John Atkin and Tom Carter sharing about Vancouver's fascinating history of movie theatres. Our fall **BRICKS AND BREWS** at Saan Saan explored how one of Chinatown's newest cafes ties together a multigenerational family building, the intangible heritage of Chinatown and food. We were also grateful to host a special **BOOK LAUNCH TALK** and spent the evening in conversation with Larry Grant $s\gamma\alpha y\alpha t\alpha q$ 洪禮興, $x^w m\alpha\theta k^w \alpha y\alpha m$ (Musqueam) Elder as he shared his life story in his new book "Reconciling: A Lifelong Struggle to Belong."



Top L to R: BTS Tour with Don Luxton at the Vancouver Block (G. Kazari); John Atkin and Tom Carter speaking at Heritage at the Hollywood (K. Figueiredo)
Bottom L to R: VHF Staff with Elder Larry Grant, Scott Steedman, Sarah Ling and Larry Chin at "Reconciling: A Lifelong Struggle to Belong" book launch (S. Ling); Owner Eric Siu sharing his is journey and experience through rebuilding and establishing Saan Saan during a Bricks and Brews talk. (K. Figueiredo)

EDUCATION & AWARENESS



VHF's **HERITAGE IN SCHOOLS** Program continued to provide new Pro-D experiences for educators every school year, and see repeat attendees as well as many new faces.



This year, VHF provided 35 field trip grants that allowed over 800 students and educators to take part in a field trip or experience a guest speaker and learn about local heritage connections. VHF received double the amount of applications than funding allows, providing an area of growth for partnerships and increased donors.



We supported educators with 4 professional development sessions for over 75 participants. We partnered with Mackenzie Elementary School, John Oliver Legacy Society and John Atkin for a South Vancouver Pro-D. In October, VHF offered concurrent session, one in the West End with Roedde House Museum and King George High School and Alumni and one at the Chinese Canadian Museum. We rounded out the year with the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre, the Jewish Museum and Archives of BC and Temple Sholom.



Top to Bottom, L to R:

- 1) West End Pro-D at Roedde House (C. McDonald)
- 2) Pro-D session at Mackenzie Elementary (J. Quan)
- 3) Tour of the West End with John Atkin (J. Quan)
- 4) Tour of the Chinese Canadian Museum (K. Figueiredo)
- 5) Tour of the King George Secondary Archives (J. Quan)
- 6) Education kit materials from the VHEC (J. Quan)
- 7) Exploring Legacies Tour of the VHEC (K. Figueiredo)

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

From February 16th to 23rd, we celebrated the theme “Pastimes in Past Times” and invited the public to dig deeper into how their communities spend their free time. On February 22nd we held our first annual Places That Matter Winter Storytelling. Hosted at Hycroft, we had four Vancouver community organizations speak and share stories. Councillor Lisa Dominato presented the Heritage Week proclamation. John Atkin led two walking tours “Pastimes and Play: Looking at Athletic Heritage in Vancouver's West End”, on February 24th. To conclude Heritage Week, the 7th annual Community Fair took place on February 25th at Heritage Hall with table displays from 30 local organizations.



L to R: 1) VHF Staff Golmehr and Carolyn at the Welcome Table 2) Speakers from the PTM Winter Storytelling event
3) Exhibitors and Table participants (Photos: K. Safari)

FROM THE PROGRAM MANAGER

As I reflect in my role as Program Manager over the past year, I am grateful for the opportunities to connect with audience, plan our programs and grow my skills. It's been very meaningful to take longstanding projects and programs and mold them to exemplify community stories and Vancouver's heritage.

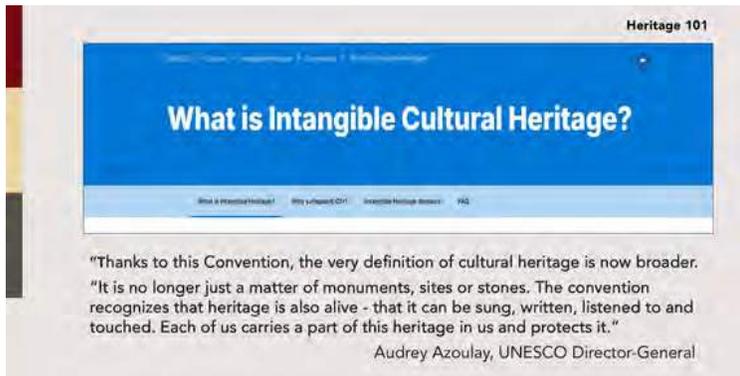


2025 was my first year taking on developing and planning all of our Heritage Week events. We had four separate events that each exemplified the theme of “Pastimes in Past Times.” Having the privilege to plan our first Places That Matter Winter Storytelling and our 8th annual Places That Matter Community Fair, speaks to the importance of sharing Vancouver's heritage with the community.

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

In 2025, VHF officially launched **HERITAGE 101 ONLINE** after a successful pilot program in 2024. The core course of the **HERITAGE CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM**, which provides individual workshops as well as a certificate program for professionals, homeowners, and heritage building stewards, is now available on demand. Three additional workshops were also offered in 2025 included:

- Researching the History of a Building (City of Vancouver Archives)
- Drafting a Statement of Significance at Heritage Hall (Elana Zysblat)
- Urban Sketching and Heritage in Yaletown (Zandro Tumaliuan)
- The Vancouver Heritage Register and Heritage Designation – and What It Means for You at Heritage Hall (Jenni Pace)



L to R: Screenshot of Heritage 101 Online Module on Intangible Heritage ; Urban Sketching Workshop in Yaletown (Photo: K. Figueiredo)

FROM THE PROGRAM MANAGER

As a Program Manager, I'm excited for continuing to work on meaningful programs and to grow the capacity of our programming. It was rewarding to work on Heritage Discovery Day as one of my main projects in 2025 and a privilege to work with community storytellers, and cultural spaces across neighbourhoods.



A fulfilling part of my job has been the opportunity to expand our reach and audience by offering low-barrier programs such as virtual Heritage Lunch and Learn sessions and offerings during the Culture Days. Making connection between place-based histories, events and intangible heritage continues to be a focus of our public programming, and sold-out programs shows the public's interest.

PLACES THAT MATTER

PLACES THAT MATTER is an ever-evolving living project that inform the lens through which we tell the stories of Vancouver's cultural heritage, historic places, people and events. www.placesthatmatter.ca

In 2025, PTM celebrated two new community-nominated plaque sites! The **ANZA Club #95** during VHF's February Heritage Week festivities and **Electric Avenue #96**, at the 10th Anniversary McSpadden Park Fair in September.



ANZA Club plaque presentation in February 2025 (Rob Atkins)



Electric Avenue Plaque presentation in September 2025 (Rob Atkins)

FROM THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

2025 has seen steady interested and engagement with past, new and in progress Places That Matter sites, included some forward movement and new challenges. The Livestock Building (PTM #45) at the PNE's Hastings Park secured funding to move forward with the Japanese Canadian Hastings Park Interpretive Centre. Devastating fires burnt the site of the Dayton Boots (PTM #16) but the business continues to



operate out of a new temporary space. Team Choklit of Choklit Park (PTM #19) hosted a celebration to recongize the continued support of the City and Parks Board. Spending time at Musqueam for their annual Indigenous Peoples Day on June 20th with VHF's UBC CFE student was a great renewal of the work that continues around language and sharing local resources with educators, including 5 Musqueam sites that have not yet been marked but exist on the PTM website.

GRANT PROGRAMS



L to R Top: True Colours Painting, Preparing for Painting, Roofing Grant recipient (Photos: Edith Yiting Pan, Katrina Pacey, Rob Atkins)

L to R Bottom: Roofing Repairs in progress, Window Restoration grant recipient, Drainage System in progress (Photos: Mohammad Sharif, Karen Reed, Doug Wiggins)

The **HERITAGE CONSERVATION GRANTS PROGRAM** was launched in September 2019 with \$300,000 in annual funding from the City of Vancouver. In 2023, the City of Vancouver renewed their support for the next 4 years of the program. 2025 therefore saw the beginning of the seventh year of the program.

The conservation grants program opens twice annually in February and October. The program supports planning and maintenance for sites listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register. Sites looking to be added to the register can also receive support through this program.

In total, VHF offered 34 new conservation grants and 24 projects completed from these and previous intakes in 2025.

The completed grants included:

- 4 New Roofs
- 9 True Colours Paint Schemes
- 1 New Balcony Membrane
- 5 Window Restorations
- 1 Restored Front Stairway
- 1 New Drainage System
- 1 Conservation Plan
- 1 Statement of Significance
- 1 Painting Refresh

GRANT PROGRAMS

The **ROBERT LEMON HERITAGE STUDIES PRIZE** is an annual scholarship which seeks to support the next generation of heritage conservation professionals to cover costs associated with their education and research. Robert Lemon is the sole funder, and a founding pillar of Vancouver Heritage Foundation.

We're pleased to announce the 2025 winner of the Robert Lemon Heritage Studies Prize was SFU Urban Studies student, Marion Benkaiouche!

Marion is conducting research using a collection of Canadian literary periodicals, which was partially destroyed. Having spent extended amounts of time salvaging and cataloguing the damage she has learned about the myriad literary communities that once thrived in Vancouver, and the literary presses that published their work. The proposed Prize project seeks to catalogue and map these presses in Vancouver, and to bring to the forefront the role that the built environment plays in fostering artistic creation.



Marion in her archive (M Lenz)

FROM THE GRANT PROGRAMS MANAGER

As I look back on my 5th year with VHF, I'm happy to see the many faces of our supporters, without whom I couldn't continue to administer our grants or manage our heritage conservation resources. The support and expertise of our granting committees, as well as our friends in the field who have generously offered their time for long evaluation



meetings, True Colours scrapings, and long phone calls working through the complex field of heritage conservation has been invaluable in my role. It's these connections that I treasure most in this role, both personal and professional. It goes without saying that the various contributors to Heritage 101, launched in January of 2025, fall into this category. Seeing that project take flight was especially rewarding in 2025, and I look forward to continuing to improve and share the course. Keep an eye out for new and exciting course offerings for our Heritage Conservation Certificate in 2026!

GRANT PROGRAMS

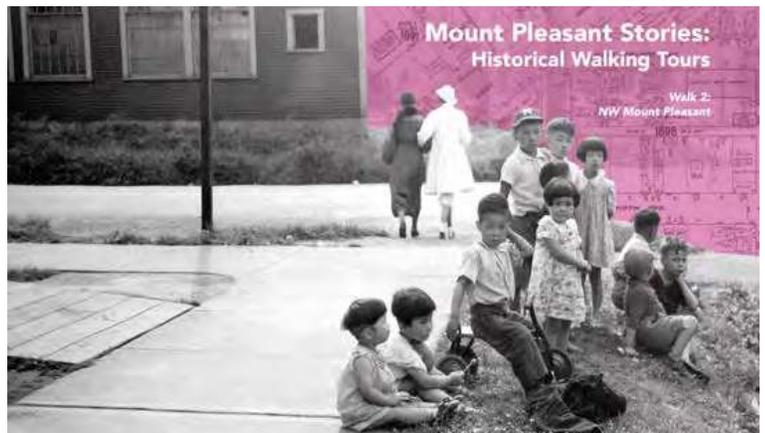
The **YOSEF WOSK PUBLICATION GRANT** program completed its seventh year with support for three new, original publications in a variety of media on aspects of Vancouver's heritage places, their conservation, and related topics.

In 2025, grants were awarded to three projects for a total of \$10,000. Supported projects will complete in 2026 and include,

- “Mount Pleasant Stories: Historical Walking Tours, Walk 2: NW Mount Pleasant” book by Christine Hagemoen
- “The Jewpanese Project” online oral history project by Carmel Tanaka
- “The Dodek Residence” documentary film by Jonah Lee-McNamee

We were also excited to see the completed projects from previous grant recipients, including:

- Leslie Van Duzer's book “updn: 88 Spins with Bill Pechet”
- Chad Townsend's documentary film “1910: The Uncovering”



Photos Left to Right, Top to Bottom: Filming of '1910: The Uncovering' documentary (Chad Townsend); 'updn: 88 spins with Bill Pechet' by Leslie Van Duzer (Oro Editions); The Jewpanese Project logo (Carmel Tanaka); Proposed book cover for 'Mount Pleasant Stories: Historical Walking Tours, Walk 2: NW Mount Pleasant' (Christine Hagemoen)

VOLUNTEERS

The theme of our volunteer program in 2025 was recognition and new opportunities. We marked a significant organizational milestone: 25 years of volunteers with VHF! During National Volunteer Week, 37 volunteers were recognized for surpassing 10, 15, and 20 years of dedicated volunteerism. As some of the most passionate advocates, these volunteers were special guests at our Gratitude & Gathering evening, an event to celebrate champions.

We relaunched our historical research opportunity to support the Heritage Site Finder. A cohort of 11 volunteers signed up for a 3-month pilot, who completed research on 13 buildings, and we are excited to launch this role officially in 2026.

Through 2025, volunteers committed over 1,085 hours of work and saw our largest event team in recent years of 165 volunteers on site at Heritage Discovery Day.

Top to Bottom: Volunteers Ellen and Abbey at Faulkner House on Heritage Discovery Day; Volunteer photographer, Kamran, on Heritage Discovery Day (K. Safari, M. Knowles)



FROM THE ADMINISTRATION & VOLUNTEER MANAGER

2025 was a creative year for me. I saw opportunity for long-term support in my role through creating passive resources. This meant teaching myself new skills, reflecting on processes and refreshing old resources. These projects took time but were worth it for the benefit of not only our volunteers but also our patrons. I independently created an infographic video to be used as a training resource for



Heritage Discovery Day. Through consolidating 25 years of records, I implemented a new annual recognition system during National Volunteer Week. Finally, after a year of promising the return of our Historical Research volunteer role, I rewrote the process now with the support of a full-time volunteer manager and modernized the training and resource documents. It was very exciting to end the year with our pilot cohort of volunteers and to once again have meaningful research support back at VHF.

VOLUNTEERS

CONSERVATION GRANTS COMMITTEE

Margot Keate-West
 Don Luxton
 Michael MacLean
 Hugh McLean
 Neil Norris
 John Quinton
 Ivonne Voekel

HERITAGE DISCOVERY DAY

John Atkin
 John Atkin
 Noel Best
 Martin Knowles
 Anita Lee
 Michael Levenston
 Nicole MacRae
 Natalie & Edwin Ochmanek
 Kamran Safari
 Jill Schnarr
 Beth Seaton
 Barb Shuman
 Kim Spencer-Nairn
 Judy Stoffman
 Elana Zysblat

HOUSE STYLES COMMITTEE

John Atkin
 Michael Kluckner
 Donald Luxton

ROBERT LEMON HERITAGE STUDIES PRIZE COMMITTEE

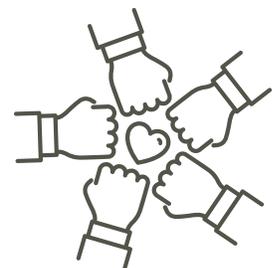
Robert Lemon
 Judy Oberlander
 Jeannette Hlavach
 James Ashby

TRUE COLOURS CONSULTANTS

Margot Keate-West
 Don Luxton
 Elana Zysblat

YOSEF WOSK PUBLICATION GRANT COMMITTEE

Monique Badun
 John Belshaw
 Beth Carter
 Sharon Fortney
 Imogene Lim
 Ann-Marie Metten
 Leslie Van Duzer
 Jim Wolf



VOLUNTEERS

EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Alla Zenova	Diane Alkalay	John Okpaladigbo	Montserrat Mora
Amy Figueroa	Diane Greenwood	John Pippus	Nassim Zand
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Becky Yan Hang	Frank Pauls	Kristy Hang Lam Lui	Roel Schootman
Leung	Geo Biju	Laurie Steen	Rob Olsen
Bonnie Low	Geoff Thiele	Liz Dohan	Rocco Commisso
Brenda Draney	Gerald Chik	Louis Girouard	Sahar Emili
Carmen Poetschke	Gurpreet Kaur	Lucy Godwin	Saman Torabi
Carrie Chan	Heather Oates	Maddy Duncan	Sasha Chamchourine
Cathy Hayes	Hillary Taylor	Mahsa Hafezi	Scott Ashton Swan
Channy Chow	Ingrid Hummelshoj	Manpreet Kaur	Sheila Butt
Chelsea Ching Mei	Iryna Tuchna	Mari Edwin	Sofia Rodriguez
Wong	Jack and Debbie	Marlene Conway	Suman Sohal
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Daniel Chow	Paing	Michelle Dodek	Wint MarLar Aung
David Ortiz	Jill Moberg	Mimo Zhang	Yasmine Semeniuk
Dean Bactung	Jo Scott-Baxendale	Miriana Wilson	Zelma Edgar
Dell Whelan	John Chung Yuen	Mon Myat Thu	
Diana Rose Simoy	John Godfreyson	Monica Bazan	

GRANTS & OPERATING AGREEMENT

GRANTS RECEIVED

City of Vancouver:

- Heritage Conservation Grants Program funding



OPERATING AGREEMENT

Vancouver Heritage Foundation is grateful to the City of Vancouver for its continued support in the form of an annual operating grant. The existing 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.

The annual grant received contributed \$149,387 in 2025.

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FUNDS FOR LONG-TERM PURPOSES

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

VHF has two endowment funds that have been established to sustain the organization in the long term and support programs each year through interest income. They are managed by the Vancouver Foundation and Odlum Brown Limited. VHF is grateful to the Founding Pillars and Endowment Donors who have contributed generously to these funds, starting in 2003.

Value at December 31, 2025

VHF Fund at Odlum Brown Limited	\$1,292,832
VHF Fund at Vancouver Foundation	\$542,409

VHF FUNDS FOR LONG-TERM INITIATIVES

VHF has two funds that have been established to support long-term initiatives. The 'Save The Buildings Fund' was launched in 2008 to be used to purchase and protect heritage sites. The 'Yosef Wosk Publication Fund' was established with a generous donation from Dr. Yosef Wosk and provides annual funding for the Yosef Wosk Publication Grant program.

Value at December 31, 2025

Save the Buildings Fund	\$260,026
Yosef Wosk Publication Fund	\$39,936

VHF welcomes donations to all of these funds to help sustain the work of the organization to ensure a positive future for heritage places in Vancouver.

Please contact VHF's Executive Director if you would like to discuss how your gift can make a difference or how you can leave a legacy gift in your will.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Vancouver Heritage Foundation

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As at December 31

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	24,953	24,700
Term deposits <i>[note 3]</i>	650,000	855,114
Accounts receivable <i>[note 4]</i>	6,792	24,204
Prepaid expenses	2,901	3,097
	684,646	907,115
Restricted cash	—	1,000
Long-term investments <i>[note 5]</i>	1,592,794	1,490,607
	2,277,440	2,398,722
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accruals <i>[note 6]</i>	44,810	38,386
Deferred revenue <i>[note 7]</i>	578,484	669,600
Heather Pavilion Restoration	—	1,000
	623,294	708,986
FUND BALANCES		
Internally restricted funds <i>[note 5]</i>	1,592,794	1,490,607
Unrestricted	61,352	199,129
	1,654,146	1,689,736
	2,277,440	2,398,722

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

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Year ended December 31

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Funding for grants <i>[note 7]</i>	368,146	422,179
Investment income <i>[note 5]</i>	159,872	225,508
City of Vancouver - operating grant	149,387	146,458
Donations and fundraising <i>[note 10]</i>	72,891	57,431
Tours, events and other programs	70,247	104,765
Special projects <i>[note 7]</i>	34,879	25,480
	855,422	981,821
EXPENSES		
Staff and contractors <i>[note 11]</i>	446,333	440,749
Granting programs - conservation	256,291	207,279
- publications	12,500	14,911
- HERG	—	110,311
Tours, events and other programs	59,899	46,064
Office supplies, services and other	45,900	43,555
Special projects	18,229	50,375
Rent	15,775	15,871
Professional fees	13,863	14,425
Marketing and communication	9,925	9,699
Fundraising	4,265	3,040
Insurance	3,711	3,724
Bank charges and interest	2,529	3,217
GST expense	1,792	2,680
Board of directors	—	220
	891,012	966,120
Excess of revenue (expenses) for the year	(35,590)	15,701

See accompanying notes to the financial statements



Vancouver Heritage Foundation Staff at our Heritage Week Community Fair in February 2026 (Alireza), from left to right: Jessica Quan, Sarah Carlson, Golmehr Kazari, Katherine Figueiredo, Monique Badun (VHF Board Chair), Laura Carey, Caroline McDonald, Megan Lenz.

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