Minute No. 437
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – June 6, 2017

Item No. 10 List of Historical Resources – Nomination of W.J. Guest Fish Company Warehouse/Great West Metal Company Building, 90 Alexander Avenue

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the W.J. Guest Fish Company Warehouse/Great West Metal Company Building, 90 Alexander Avenue, be added to the List of Historical Resources with the following character defining elements:

   Exterior:

   - Four-storey brick and stone building located near the southwest corner of Alexander Avenue and Waterfront Drive, main façade facing north onto Alexander Avenue, its side façades partially hidden by additions and its rear façade, partially hidden by additions, facing south towards Pacific Avenue;

   - The main (south) façade with its rusticated stone base with small basement windows, main floor with large rectilinear window openings and doors with smooth stone frames, a metal cornice, and upper storeys with large, multi-paned windows in rectilinear openings withy stone lug sills and wide lintels separated by plain brick pilasters and corbelled brick, patterned brickwork and a plain, stepped brick parapet above the fourth floor window openings; and

   - The visible portions of the east, west and rear (south) façades with painted signage, windows in arched openings with stone lug sills and open metal fire escapes on the side elevations.

   Interior:

   - Heavy timber mill structural system;

   - Two staircases;

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COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

- Sliding metal fire doors in the 1905 and 1910 buildings; and
- Original wood and glass partitioning and tin ceiling in the 3rd floor office area.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all the things necessary to implement the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Orlikow,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 14, 2017, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and submitted the matter to Council.

Martin Williams, President & COO, Great-West Metal Ltd., submitted a communication dated June 14, 2017 in opposition to the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 6, 2017, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development concurred in the recommendation of the Historical Buildings and Resources Committee and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Martin Williams, President & COO, Great-West Metal Ltd., submitted a communication dated June 5, 2017 in opposition to the matter.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 20, 2017, the Historical Buildings and Resources Committee recommended that W.J. Guest Fish Company Warehouse/Great West Metal Company Building, 90 Alexander Avenue be added to the List of Historical Resources with the following character defining elements:

Exterior:

- Four-storey brick and stone building located near the southwest corner of Alexander Avenue and Waterfront Drive, main façade facing north onto Alexander Avenue, its side façades partially hidden by additions and its rear façade, partially hidden by additions, facing south towards Pacific Avenue;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

- The main (south) façade with its rusticated stone base with small basement windows, main floor with large rectilinear window openings and doors with smooth stone frames, a metal cornice, and upper storeys with large, multi-paned windows in rectilinear openings withy stone lug sills and wide lintels separated by plain brick pilasters and corbelled brick, patterned brickwork and a plain, stepped brick parapet above the fourth floor window openings; and

- The visible portions of the east, west and rear (south) façades with painted signage, windows in arched openings with stone lug sills and open metal fire escapes on the side elevations.

Interior:

- Heavy timber mill structural system;

- Two staircases;

- Sliding metal fire doors in the 1905 and 1910 buildings; and

- Original wood and glass partitioning and tin ceiling in the 3rd floor office area.

and forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management.