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Mayor and Council Vancouver City Hall 453 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1V4

## RE: 255 E. 7th Avenue: Vancouver Brewery Boiler and Engine Room

On behalf of Heritage Vancouver, I am writing to express our Society's support for the proposed development that will restore the Vancouver Brewery Boiler and Engine Room located at 255 E. 7th Avenue in the historic Brewery Creek area of Mount Pleasant. This building is listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register. Constructed in 1913, it is one of the few remaining industrial buildings that is a legacy of the rich industrial heritage of the Brewery Creek area.

This significant building is located in Mount Pleasant, a neighbourhood whose heritage makes it the unique and special place it is today. The Brewery Creek area has been targeted for heritage interpretation, and is marked with interpretive cairns and public art to commemorate the many breweries and tanneries once located along the former creek. The restoration and adaptive reuse of this building will create a meaningful interpretation of this once industrial neighbourhood. With the proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement and designation of the building, the Vancouver Brewery Boiler and Engine room will remain in the community as a tangible remembrance of Mount Pleasant, and Vancouver's, industrial origins.

As the city currently grapples with the challenge of providing building owners with sufficient incentives to restore heritage buildings, the Amacon proposal - two additional stories above the allowed height on one of the proposed new buildings - is a fair trade off that will ensure the preservation of this important reminder of our early industrial heritage.

Heritage Vancouver regrets that we do not have representatives present to speak in favour of this proposal. Due to the change in date, this public hearing now coincides with our Annual General Meeting. Despite this, we wish to express our strong support for this project. We urge council to accept Amacon's restoration proposal for this significant building as part of this development package.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Donald Luxton, President Heritage Vancouver

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