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Dear Mr. Rawsthorne;

RE: Burrard Bridge – Proposed Pedestrian and Cyclist Improvements

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the options for the proposed improvements to Vancouver's landmark Art Deco Burrard Street Bridge. We appreciate the time and effort that has been spent in the resolution of this difficult issue.

The Board of Heritage Vancouver has now reviewed the options for pedestrian and cyclist improvements from a heritage standpoint. Our position on this issue remains firm, and is consistent with the stand we have taken since this issue was first discussed. We remain adamantly opposed to any widening of the bridge at the roadbed level. The Burrard Bridge is one of the premier heritage sites of Vancouver, a gateway to our city and a beautiful resolution of engineering and architectural design. Widening the bridge at the roadbed level would irretrievably alter the historic relationship of the bridge elements, destroy the sense of containment of the piers and pylons, and seriously affect our perception of the bridge's heritage value.

Our Society, however, is not opposed to the other improvement options, including under-roadbed solutions or lane closures, which we feel better respect the heritage character of the bridge. Again, this was consistent with our comments during the Stakeholder consultation during the False Creek Crossings Study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "don luxton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Donald Luxton, President, Heritage Vancouver

cc: Mayor Larry Campbell and Vancouver City Council
cc: Gerry McGeough, Senior Heritage Planner
cc: Richard Johnson, Planner, Community Services Group, Planning, Strategic Planning & Projects, Downtown Transportation