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September 27, 2007

Rick Michaels, Manager
Development Information Centre
Vancouver City Hall
453 W. 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Mr. Michaels,

**Re: Demolition Permit -
Budget Rent A Car (FIDO) Building – 450 West Georgia**

We understand a demolition permit was issued August 31 for this address at 450 W. Georgia. Demolition work is already underway, though as of today Thursday September 27 the main structure is still largely intact. The site should have been flagged for heritage review as it is listed in the City's Recent Landmarks Inventory in the 'B' evaluation category. Most recently a 'Fido' retail outlet, the building appears on the Inventory as 'Budget Rent A Car'; Const 1948; Architects Watson & Baxter; Style MOD (Comm).

We are urgently requesting an immediate stop work order on this site until a heritage review can be conducted, further demolition delay considered, and options for possible retention or relocation are pursued. As demolition is well underway, a stop work order would have to be issued and delivered immediately.

We beg your swift assistance to avert the destruction of this important early Modern Landmark which appears to have fallen through the regulatory cracks, perhaps due to the ongoing labour dispute. Please do not hesitate to contact myself directly at 604.688.1216 or Executive Director Janet Leduc at 604.331.8430.

Sincerely,

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

Donald Luxton, President
Heritage Vancouver

Please note that we have sent this letter to Mayor and Council as well.