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July 23, 2009

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

Dear Mayor Robertson and Councillors;

**Re: Preservation of the Heatley Block and Adjacent Houses, 684 East Hastings Street, 407 and 417 Heatley Avenue**

Heritage Vancouver urges the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Library Board to remove the Heatley Block and the two adjoining heritage houses from the list of buildings under consideration as a potential site for the new Strathcona Library. In the recent Statements of Significance commissioned by the Library Board the conclusion was that the Heatley Block and the 1898 and 1889 houses have heritage merit and all three qualify for the City's Heritage Register. We request that these buildings be brought forward to Vancouver City Council and added to the Heritage Register as soon as possible.

It is completely within the City of Vancouver's power to ensure that the three above mentioned heritage buildings are preserved for the future. If the City demolishes heritage buildings under its direct control located in Strathcona, it sends the wrong message to private sector homeowners in this historic neighbourhood.

Please find attached a copy of Heritage Vancouver's position paper on these buildings, which were featured on our 2009 Top Ten Endangered Structures List.

Yours truly,

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

Donald Luxton, President

- CC. Paul Whitney, City Librarian  
Members of the Vancouver Library Board  
Marco D'Agostini, Senior Heritage Planner  
Penny Ballem, City Manager  
Brent Toderian, Director of Planning