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Peter Fairchild, Chair
Pantages Theatre Arts Society

The Future of the Pantages Theatre

Peter - On behalf of Heritage Vancouver, I would like express our deep regret that you have been forced to abandon your three-year struggle to preserve and restore the 102-year-old Pantages Theatre. At the same time, I would like to thank you for the outstanding efforts that both your society, and the owner of the Pantages, have made to preserve this building. We only wish the outcome of all of your work and creative ideas had been more positive. This is yet one more example of how the lack of heritage incentives at all levels of government has thwarted community efforts to protect our precious built heritage.

The Pantages Theatre is Number One on Heritage Vancouver's 2009 Top Ten Endangered List. This historic landmark is also one of Heritage Canada's 2009 Top Ten Endangered Canadian Heritage Sites. Heritage Vancouver and our members will continue to urge the City of Vancouver to find a solution that will make the preservation of this important landmark theatre possible. We will continue to follow the process and keep our members informed of future developments.

It has been a pleasure working with you on this project over the past three years. Thank you for all your hard and dedicated work.

Sincerely,

Donald Luxton, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "don luxton".

Donald Luxton, President
Heritage Vancouver