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**Marpole Community Plan**

Heritage Vancouver appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the consideration of Heritage aspects of the Marpole Plan, and has worked closely with Marpole Historical Society members. Material showing photos of Heritage Register buildings has already been submitted. Photos of candidates for inclusion in the Register were also submitted, supplied by residents. Buildings that were at one time on the Register but were removed, presumably as "isolated Cs", were also identified as candidates for restoration to the Register. There may well be others; historic farmhouses have been lost increasingly in Vancouver, and a number of churches are reportedly threatened.

Heritage Vancouver also appreciates the presentation of panel 25 at the recent open houses relating to the draft plan, particularly the recommendations that heritage resources significant to the Marpole community should be identified, recognised and protected. As the panel correctly mentions, the City has tools and incentives available through existing citywide heritage policies available for this purpose.

We recognise that zoning modifications, notably height and density increases, are mainly a matter for residents of Marpole to decide. However it should also be recognised that these matters can adversely impact heritage stock retention and preservation. Indeed Marpole was recently the location of a glaring example of the problem: the demolition of the Safeway building at Granville/70th, the demolition of a class A building for the first time in decades in Vancouver. Rezoning is in fact an opportunity to facilitate and strengthen the application of conservation incentives through the careful wording of zoning schedules.

Heritage Vancouver recognises the significance of the Marpole Midden and supports increased recognition of its importance. In light of the uncertainties respecting its character and extent there appears to be an opportunity to clarify both in close co-operation with Musqueam.  
Respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Leduc", written in a cursive style.

Janet Leduc

Executive Director, Heritage Vancouver Society