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Mayor and Council
Vancouver City Hall
453 W. 12th Ave.
Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1V4

RE: Funding for Historic Railway

I am writing to you on behalf of Heritage Vancouver to express our support for continued funding for Vancouver's historic railway. We feel that it is important to identify funding to allow the railway to operate. Since a substantial investment has been made to purchase the land and upgrade the infrastructure it would be unfortunate to discontinue the service to save a relatively small amount of money. This funding also supports community volunteer efforts as well as Vancouver's cultural tourism initiatives.

The City of San Francisco operates a historic roster of streetcars, separate from their cable car service. This service has become so popular that it is now called 'Museums in Motion.' There is every reason to believe that, over time, Vancouver's historic railway could also become a landmark attraction for both residents and visitors to the city.

We urge you to take the necessary steps to make sure that this important reminder of our past is able to continue to operate for many years into the future. If it is not possible to operate the historic railway in 2012, we encourage Council to make every effort to restore funding that will allow it to operate in 2013.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "don luxton".

Donald Luxton, President
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