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

Re: Heritage Incentives

On behalf of Heritage Vancouver, I am writing to express our Society's support for three motions before council regarding heritage incentives.

Heritage Vancouver strongly supports:

- The reactivation of the property tax exemption program until the end of 2013 *applicable in the former Heritage Building Rehabilitation Program (HBRP) area, utilizing the same eligibility criteria, application requirements and calculation methodology.*
- The density bank report and the City's efforts to get the bank back to a healthy level. We also support the recommendation that properties be eligible to apply for conversion of density transfer to property tax exemption subject to the guiding principles and approval process as outlined in the report to council.
- The report on historic landscapes that recommends that incentives in exchange for designation be limited to sites where the landscape resource can be substantially protected through designation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Donald Luxton, President
Heritage Vancouver

cc: Penny Ballem, City Manager
Marco D'Agostini, Senior Planner, Heritage Group
Brent Toderian, Director of Planning