

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

**Meeting of the Advisory Design Panel  
Held at City Hall, 141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, B.C.  
In Conference Room A on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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**MINUTES**

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- Present:** B. Harrison  
K. Bracewell, RCMP  
M. Messer  
B. Phillips  
C. McLeod  
W. Chong  
K. Yushmanova  
B. Jones  
J-P. Mahé  
N. Petrie
- Staff:** D. Johnson, Development Planner  
E. Macdonald, Planning Technician  
R. Skene, Manager – Facilities and Real Estate  
G. Askraba, Facilities Project Coordinator  
R. Fish, Committee Clerk
- Guests:** 120 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Elena Chernyshov, Diamond Schmitt Architects  
Caroline Inglis, Diamond Schmitt Architects  
Deb Koep, Chief Librarian  
Stephen Smith, Library Board Chair
- Absent:** Councillor A. Girard
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A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**1. Minutes of Meetings of the Advisory Design Panel held December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

It was regularly moved and seconded

**THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Design Panel held December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adopted.

**Carried Unanimously**

**2. Business Arising**

D. Johnson thanked outgoing members for their contribution to the work of the Panel.

### 3. Staff Update

None.

### 4. 120 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street

The City has received a proposed design for the CNV Library to enclose the existing third-floor terrace. No planning application is required as the proposed change will comply with current zoning requirements; however, the Zone (CD-505) requires that exterior changes are reviewed by the Advisory Design Panel.

The proposed change will be visible from the south and west elevations, primarily impacting views from Civic Plaza and from the residential tower to the west.

Staff is seeking the Panel's input regarding the following:

- Appearance of the enclosure from the street and plaza; and
- Proposed materials and their application.

Elena Chernyshov, Diamond Schmitt Architects, described the project to the Panel:

- There is a demand for a community learning and collaboration space.
- The addition includes a new programming room which is digital skills enhanced and multi-purpose.
- The scope of work is very minor, virtually no impact to the form and massing.
- Providing an airy look with lots of light and a clear glass box.
- The room inside is fitted in warm, natural materials with wood finishes.
- The soffit will be reused.
- Wood finish paneling will be used on the exterior.
- 710 sq. ft. provides a generous open space, no gross floor area is being added.
- Wood veneer composite panel will be put on in a strip format using Prodema composite panel.
- We will maintain the existing LEED Gold Certification and outperform where viable.

#### **Questions from the Panel included but were not limited to:**

- Have you considered opening the windows or doors for natural air circulation? **A:** Not for this project. There are current issues with window control in the building and the windows are too small.
- How do you envision the Prodema panels fitting together? **A:** Not flush but with a small gap of about 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch. It will have a rain screen application but we want a shadow line in them.
- Do the existing solar shades work? **A:** We have challenges with this and have talked about shading in the spaces, it works up to a point.
- Is there something special about these windows to block out the sun? **A:** We chose to have extra panels on each side, we want to maintain views but there will be channeled black-out blinds that will completely closed down and user controlled.
- There is nothing special about the windows? **A:** No.
- It seems odd for the south side to not have a solar shading device, could this step be taken? **A:** We tested out 1 and 2 strips along the edge but it was muddying up the

language of the glass box. Practically speaking it was making everything very busy. We decided to address it with interior shading and a glass coating.

- Is the glass fritted? **A:** No.
- Can the exterior material be a wood product? **A:** The building code says we need a product that is non-combustible as it is a non-combustible building. It would be a financial burden to have the wood shipped out for treatment. This is a low maintenance product in comparison and is better long term.
- Prodema gives a non-combustible rating? **A:** Yes.

**Comments from the Panel included but were not limited to:**

- Consider mirroring the existing awning on the other side to create shading during the summer months.
- The parapet will have to connect with sill of the building. The detail of this will be imperative.
- Consider making the interior the same material to differentiate it from the rest of the building.
- Consider the edges and their transition. I'm not too sure about the black mullions.
- Strongly suggest the use of operable windows and big panel doors that can open, this would be effective in the summer months but ensure there is a level of control for operating it.

**Presenter's comments:**

Thank you for all the comments.

It was regularly moved and seconded

**THAT** the Advisory Design Panel has reviewed the application for 120 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street and recommends approval subject to addressing the following issues to the satisfaction of the Development Planner:

- Consider wrapping the overhang around to the south side of the building; and
- Explore the possibility of operable windows to replicate the existing condition as much as possible.

**AND THAT** the Panel wishes to thank the applicant for their presentation.

**Carried Unanimously**

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.

The next regular meeting of the Advisory Design Panel will be held on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Chair

