## Report to Committee

To: Planning Committee Date: September 22, 2015
From: Wayne CraigFile: HA 15-702073
Director, Development
Re: Application by the City of Richmond for a Heritage Alteration Permit at 6540 Gilbert Road (Minoru Chapel)

## Staff Recommendation

That a Heritage Alteration Permit be issued to authorize interior and exterior modifications to Minoru Chapel, a heritage designated building at 6540 Gilbert Road and undertake landscape modifications in the area on the north side of the building, as outlined in the staff report dated September 22, 2015 from the Director of Development.


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| Parks Services |  |  |
| Project Development |  |  |
| Arts Culture \& Heritage Services |  |  |

## Staff Report

## Origin

The City of Richmond has applied for a Heritage Alteration Permit (HAP) to undertake maintenance works to the Minoru Chapel building and alter the landscaping north of the Minoru Chapel located at 6540 Gilbert Road (Attachment 1). Minoru Chapel is a city owned protected heritage building that was designated under Heritage Designation Bylaw 3738 in 1979.

## Findings of Fact

In October 2014, a separate Heritage Alteration Permit (HA 14-675087) was approved for Phase 1 of the Minoru Chapel works, which involved repairs to the roof structure and like for like replacement of the cedar shake roof. The current proposal under this HAP application is considered Phase 2 works for Minoru Chapel. If approved, works will be generally undertaken from November 2015 through to February 2016.

## Surrounding Development

The Minoru Chapel building is located in Minoru Park.
To the North: Existing landscaping followed by parking lot and service areas for the Gateway Theatre and hospital.

To the South: Landscaped areas and pathways associated with Minoru Park.
To the East: Formal garden area (Pierrefonds Gardens) and landscaping/pathways associated with Minoru Park.

To the West: Gateway Theatre and public parking lot.

## Related Policies \& Studies

## Heritage Procedures Bylaw 8400

Minoru Chapel was designated a protected heritage building (Bylaw 3738) in 1979. Bylaw 3738 covers the Minoru Chapel building and front yard area to the immediate north of the Chapel. Under the City's Heritage Procedures Bylaw 8400, any alterations to a designated heritage building and/or land subject to a Heritage Designation Bylaw requires a Heritage Alteration Permit issued by Council prior to any building/site modifications.

## Public Consultation - Richmond Heritage Commission

The HAP for the proposed Phase 2 works for Minoru Chapel was reviewed at the September 16, 2015 meeting of the Richmond Heritage Commission. Although there was no quorum for this Commission meeting, members supported the proposed maintenance works, revised access ramp and landscape modifications to Minoru Chapel and commented that it adhered with heritage preservation best practices. Please refer to Attachment 2 for an excerpt of discussion notes from the September 16, 2015 meeting.

## Analysis

## Proposed Scope of Works to the Building

For the interior of the building, the proposed works involve the following:

- Replace a portion of the existing wood floor (fir) with a new floor to match existing and undertake spot repairs to damaged areas.
- Repair and refurbish wood wainscoting.
- Replace washroom fixtures (toilet, sink, fixtures) and install new vinyl floor.
- Undertake structural upgrades to the crawlspace and sub-floor.

For the exterior of the building, the proposed works involve the following:

- Replace the existing accessible ramp at the north west corner of the building:
- The new ramp will be concrete and graded to be compliant with BC Building Code. It will also include a secondary set of access stairs.
- An existing wrought iron hand rail will be extended as needed for the new ramp and access stairs.
- Replace and repair portions of the exterior building cladding to match existing to address existing areas where rot and deterioration were observed.
- Replace exterior light fixtures with fixtures that are consistent with the heritage character of the building.

The architectural consultants have confirmed that all proposed works to the interior and exterior of Minoru Chapel are consistent with the conservation plan (Prepared by Don Luxton - Heritage Consultant) prepared for the building.

## Proposed Works by Parks - New Pathway and Landscaping

Parks Department staff, in coordination with the Phase 2 maintenance works proposed for the Minoru Chapel building, proposes to alter the landscaping in the area to the north of the building (front entrance). Although the work proposed by the Parks Department are limited to landscaping and pathway development (with no physical works to the building), the Heritage Designation Bylaw 3738 references both the building and area north of the Chapel. As a result, the landscape work proposed by Parks are included in this HAP.

The following is a summary of the proposed landscaping works by the Parks Department staff.

- Install a new asphalt surface pathway, including low level lighting, that connects the new accessible ramp to the existing asphalt pathway to the entrance of the building.
- An existing conifer at the front of the building is proposed for removal.
- Perennials, shrubs and groundcovers will be planted to complement the pathway to provide variety and color year round.

The landscape plan proposed by Parks Department staff is intended to provide a complementary planting scheme in conjunction with the new pathway connection between the revised accessible ramp and main front entry to the building. The proposed removal of one conifer (approximately 10 m tall, 0.2 m diameter False Cypress tree) is proposed to visually open up the main front entrance elevation (north) of Minoru Chapel as it is currently concealed by the existing conifer. Parks will undertake tree replacement for the conifer proposed for removal at a 3 to 1 replacement ratio to ensure no net loss of trees in City Parks.

## Site Servicing and Frontage Improvements

No off-site works or improvements will be required as part of the proposed works for Minoru Chapel.

## Conclusion

This Heritage Alteration Permit application is for Phase 2 of proposed interior and exterior works to Minoru Chapel building and landscaping revisions in the area north of the building to complement a new accessible pathway. Repair and replacement works will be done to match existing cladding and materials used in the building. Any new works (i.e., accessible ramp) and new interior and exterior fixtures will be consistent with the heritage character of the building.

It is recommended that the Heritage Alteration Permit for the Minoru Chapel located at 6540 Gilbert Road be approved.


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Attachment 1: Location Map
Attachment 2: September 16, 2015 Richmond Heritage Commission meeting notes


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Original Date: 07/16/15
Revision Date:

Note: Dimensions are in METRES


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## Excerpt of Discussion Notes <br> Richmond Heritage Commission <br> September 16, 2015

## DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL 6540 Gilbert Road (Minoru Chapel)

The Commission received a presentation on the Heritage Alteration Permit for Phase 2 restoration works to the Minoru Chapel to provide a universally accessible ramp, undertake interior and exterior repairs and restoration work and install complementary landscaping.

Greg and Wendy Andrews (Consultants) and Kevin Connery (Parks Department) joined the Commission to present on the plans for Phase 2. It was noted that Phase 1 of this project involved a roof replacement to the chapel. Phase 2 will work on replacing the existing non-compliant ramp on the west side of the building, replacing damaged flooring and wainscoting, renovating the washroom, updating the outdoor lighting fixtures and repairing exterior cladding.

It was noted that the replacement floorboards will also be fir and will match the current floorboards that do not need to be replaced. The washroom (which is not original to the church) will be updated with new fixtures and a new vinyl floor. The consultants noted that the objective of the works was to choose materials and fixtures in line with the heritage character of the building that are sized correctly, durable and consistent with the conservation plan for the Minoru Chapel.

Discussion ensued on the ramp which currently does not meet code, which will be revised to reduce the slope and connect to a new pathway developed at the front (north) side of the building. Discussion ensued on materials, grade, lighting, continuation of the wrought iron railing and landscaping involved. It was noted that the Heritage Alteration Permit will have to go to Council for consideration and approval.

Mr . Connery provided an update on the landscaping features and noted that they hope to remove a cypress tree to open up the pathway and entrance to the building and improve the front façade. Discussion ensued on landscaping elements that will be retained and changed. It was noted that this landscape area is separate from the heritage designated Pierrefonds Gardens to the east.

Commission members appreciated that this proposal is keeping with best practices and conservation for heritage in Richmond, and support this proposal moving forward. Staff will communicate the scope of this work to the absent members and request any additional comments to pass along to the consultants.

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To the Holder: City of Richmond (c/o Michael Chan - Project Development)<br>Property Address: 6540 Gilbert Road - Minoru Chapel<br>Legal Description: Lot A Section 8 Block 4 North Range 6 West Plan LMP5323

(s.972, Local Government Act)

1. (Reason for Permit) $\quad$ Designated Heritage Property (s.967)
$\square$ Property Subject to Temporary Protection (s.965)
$\square$ Property Subject to Heritage Revitalization Agreement (s.972)
$\square$ Property in Heritage Conservation Area (s.971)
$\square$ Property Subject to s. 219 Heritage Covenant
2. This Heritage Alteration Permit is issued to authorize the following scope of works as outlined in the drawings contained in Attachment 1:
a) Replace and repair portions of the fir wooden floor and wainscoting to match existing;
b) Replace fixtures and flooring in the accessible washroom;
c) Undertake structural upgrades to the building crawlspace;
d) Implement a new accessible ramp with railing and supporting stairs at the north west corner of the building;
e) Replace and repair portions of the exterior building cladding to match existing;
f) Replace existing exterior lights with new heritage character lighting fixtures; and
g) Modifications to the landscaping along the north elevation of the building to remove one coniferous tree and accompanying shrubs and groundcovers, install a paved walkway and complementary landscaping around the walkway and north side of the building.
3. This Heritage Alteration Permit is issued subject to compliance with all of the Bylaws of the City applicable thereto, except as specifically varied or supplemented by this Permit.
4. If the alterations authorized by this Heritage Alteration Permit are not completed within 24 months of the date of this Permit, this Permit lapses.

DELIVERED THIS DAY OF ,

## MAYOR

## City of

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SCOPE OF WORK


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 (D2) PATHWAY LIGHTING


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Minoru Chapel
Phase II Rehabilitation
6540 Gilbert Road, Richmond, BC
FINISHES SCHEDULE
Notes: - (OP): Please provide Optional Pricing for these items. For CODES refer also to Scope of Work on Arch'l Drawings.

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| DIV 06 WOOD, PLASTICS, COMPOSITES |  |  |  |  |  |
| C | CARPENTRY - <br> Siding Repair |  | Contractor | Repair to damaged Siding, Wall Shingles and Skirting Board as noted on Arch'l Plans - Profile, Material \& Finish to Match Exg |  |
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| DIV 09 FINISHES |  |  |  |  |  |
| D1 | FLOORING - Exg Fir Flooring (Replaced) |  | Contractor | New/Recycled Fir <br> Floor Boards to <br> Match Exg in Profile, <br> Grain \& Stain to <br> Match Exg - Refer to <br> Arch'l Plans for <br> Extent of Work |  |
| D2 | FLOORING - Exg Fir Flooring (Repaired) |  | Contractor | New/Recycled Fir Floor Boards to Match Exg in Profile, Grain \& Stain to Match Exg - Refer to Arch'l Plans for Extent of Work |  |
| E1 | ARCH'L <br> WOODWORK - <br> Interior Wainscotting (Refurbishment of Existing Hardboard Covering) |  | Contractor | Replacement and Repair to Match Exisitng as required to "Make Good" particularly below windows |  |
| E2 (OP) | Provide Optional <br> Pricing for: <br> ARCH'L <br> WOODWORK - <br> Interior Wainscotting <br> (Removal of Exisitng <br> Hardboard Covering <br> \& Refurbishment of <br>  <br> Trim) |  | Contractor | Repair \& Refinish Original Wainscotting \& Related Trim as required to Restore Original Character |  |

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| F1 | FLOORING - Vinyl Flooring | Karndean Design Flooring | Tara Day Go Resilient Canada 604-678-2712 tara.day@goresilient. ca | $12^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\text {In }}$ Vinyl Stone Tile Flooring, Italian Mosaic Collection, Michelangelo, MX98, Adriatic Blue Contractor to allow for removal of exg floor finish and surface preparation for level application. |  |
| F-2 | WALL \& CEILING FINISHES - Paint (Universal WC Walls \& Ceiling) |  | Contractor | New Paint to Match Exg (WC only) |  |
| DIV 10 SPECIALTIES |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | INTERIOR SPECIALTIES Mirror (Universal WC) |  |  | Exg to Remain |  |
| DIV's 11 \& 12 EQUIPMENT \& FURNISHINGS |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | SOAP DISPENSER (Universal WC) |  |  | Exg to Remain |  |
|  | GARBAGE - <br> (Universal WC) |  |  | Exg to Remain |  |
|  | HAND DRYER (Universal WC) |  |  | N/A |  |
|  | TOILET TISSUE HOLDER - <br> (Universal WC) |  |  | Exg to Remain |  |
|  | NAPKIN DISPOSAL <br> - Surface Mounted (Universal WC) |  |  | Exg to Remain |  |
|  | GRAB BAR - <br> (Universal WC) |  |  | Exg to Remain |  |
| DIV 21 FIRE SUPPRESSION |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | SPRINKLERS |  |  | No Change |  |
| DIV 22 PLUMBING |  |  |  |  |  |
| F3 | WALL-MOUNTED <br> SINK - (Universal WC) | American Standard |  | Murro Universal Design with Everclean, Vitreous China, 0954 004EC, $4^{n}$ Centres, White | $14$ |

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## Minoru Chapel

## Phase II Rehabilitation

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|  | Provide Optional <br> Pricing for: <br> Walkway Bollards |  | TBC - Refer to <br> Landscape and <br> Electrical Dwgs |  |  |


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