

## NEW WESTMINSTER DESIGN PANEL

Tuesday May 22, 2012 3:00 p.m.  
Committee Room No. 2

### MINUTES

#### VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Vance - Chair, AIBC Representative  
Jay Hiscox - AIBC Representative  
Richard Vallee - AIBC Representative  
Steve Wong - BC Society of Landscape Architects

#### REGRETS:

Paul Goodwin - AIBC Representative  
Tom Morton - Development Industry Representative (UDI)  
Keith Ross - BC Society of Landscape Architects

#### STAFF:

Lisa Spitale - Director of Development Services  
Stephen Scheving - Senior Planning Consultant  
Donna Martin - Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m.

#### 1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

#### 2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

##### 2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of April 24, 2012

#### MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT the minutes of the New Westminster Design Panel meeting held on April 24, 2012 be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Panel voted in favour of the motion.

#### 3.0 DESIGN REVIEWS

## 4.0 DOWNTOWN DESIGN REVIEWS

### 4.1 777 Columbia Street (Multi Use Civic Facility –Alexander And Begbie Street Elevations) File: REZ00048 SDP00176

Changes have been proposed to the Alexander and Begbie Street elevations of the Multi Use Civic Facility. **(Roger Hughes, Architect)**

Lisa Spitale, Director of Development Services, reviewed the changes to the elevations on Alexander and Begbie Streets. More articulation was needed on Alexander Street and more signage was suggested for Begbie Street elevation.

Stephen Scheving reported due to budget considerations, the Alexander Street limestone panel facing the interior property line had been removed as there is a possibility another building will be built next to the panels and therefore, the panels would not be seen.

Ms. Spitale stated that consideration had been made previously for a green screen wall for Begbie Street but had been removed due to the interface with the mechanical systems of building. Panels along Begbie Street will be broken up with signage.

#### **Questions from the Commission** *(Response in italics):*

- What is the City's experience with green screen? *Using green screen on Carnarvon Street has not proved successful. The Parks, Culture and Recreation staff has cautioned the City with respect to the cost of maintenance. Feedback from engineers indicates problems with green screen in front of the mechanical systems for the theatre. Staff would like to find an architectural solution to the Begbie Street elevation.*

#### **Comments from the Commission:**

- Nice features facing south;
- Suggest stepping up limestone on Begbie Street;
- Like loading bay area;
- Begbie Street elevation is wedged, there is a need to create and enhance the pedestrian experience;
- The Begbie Street horizontal line is unrelenting, suggest variations in limestone or perhaps brick;
- Pleased how well MUCF is developing;
- Like folded plate on theatre side of the Begbie elevation.

## 5.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

## 6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 7.0 NEW BUSINESS

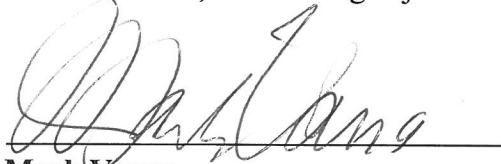
**8.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.0 NEXT MEETING**

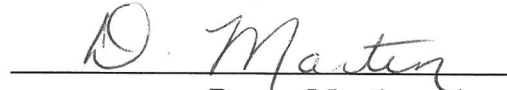
**June 26, 2012 at 3:00pm in Committee Room No. 2 as required.**

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m. p.m.



**Mark Vance**  
**Chair**



**Donna Martin**  
**Committee Clerk**