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City of **VICTORIA** British Columbia

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Memo to: Chairman and Members, Heritage Advisory Committee

From: S. Barber, Planning Department

Re: 1527 Amelia Street - Proposed porch for a Heritage Registry House. D. Vandy and B. Hotzhauer. Zoned CA-3 Central Area General Commercial.
FOR COMMENT TO THE APPLICANT.

1.0 Summary

The proposal is to add a wood front porch to the existing Heritage Registry house at 1527 Amelia Street.

2.0 Recommendation

That the building permit be approved in accordance with plans dated January 16, 1991.

3.0 Background/Analysis

3.1 The Proposal

The applicant proposes to construct a new wood porch with decorative wood posts, balusters and brackets. The new porch is proposed to be 8'high x 5' in depth running the full width of the front of the house.

3.2 Existing Standards/Guidelines

The City's Existing Guidelines for Rehabilitation and Restoration of Designated and Heritage Registry buildings states:

"Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties is suitable when such alterations do not destroy or alter the heritage components of the building and when such alterations and additions are compatible in size, scale, and finish and character with the buildings and its surroundings."

3.3 Discussion

The applicant's proposal for a porch on this house is based on the reproduction of the painting by Michael Kluckner in the book, "Victoria the Way it Was" on pages 36 and 37. The painting shows a wood porch on the front elevation of this house. There is insufficient archival historical information to determine whether or not a porch actually existed on this house. Nonetheless, the form and character of the proposed porch is in keeping with the folk Victorian style of this house. As evidenced on the attached excerpt from the book, "A Field Guide to American Houses" by Virginia and Lee McAllister which shows the various types of folk Victorian houses on pages 308 and 309.

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