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City of **VICTORIA** British Columbia

October 26, 1984

Mr. J.H. Bramley,  
Municipal Manager  
City of Victoria.

Dear Mr. Bramley,

Re: Addition to Residential Heritage Registry

Would you please place this item on City Council's Committee of the Whole Agenda for its meeting on November 1, 1984.

In the Heritage Advisory Committee's recent re-evaluation of James Bay heritage houses the house at 652 Battery Street was considered to merit inclusion on the Residential Heritage Registry (see attachment).

For "Registry buildings" Council is advised of any impending demolition and owners planning exterior changes receive the expert advice/comments of the Heritage Advisory Committee before the issuance of a building permit.

At its October 15, 1984 meeting the Heritage Advisory Committee passed the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the house at 652 Battery Street be added to the City's Residential Heritage Registry.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary,  
Heritage Advisory Committee.

BMS/cb

INFORMATION SHEET

PROPOSED ADDITION TO HERITAGE REGISTRY

BUILDING ADDRESS: 652 BATTERY STREET

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1903

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 24, SECTION BECKLEY FARM, PLAN 248

PROPOSED LISTING CATEGORY: RESIDENTIAL HERITAGE REGISTRY

HERITAGE LISTING INITIATIVE: HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ZONING: R.2. (Duplex)

ADJACENT ZONING: R.3.2. (Multiple Dwelling)

ASSESSED VALUE: 49,800 land      28,500 building

PRESENT USE: Single Family Dwelling

PRESENT OWNER: Josephine Baker.

OTHER INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_



652 Battery St. HAC 20 Jan 1986  
delisting declined

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

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Josephine Baker,  
652 Battery Street,  
Victoria, B.C.,  
V8V 1E5.

Mayor and Council,  
City Hall,  
1 Centennial Square,  
Victoria.

28th December 1985.

Dear Sir/Madam;

I would like my home at 652 Battery St.  
removed from the Registry List.

Thanking you  
Sincerely

*Josephine Baker*



Brian

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Office of Municipal Manager  
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City of **VICTORIA** British Columbia

January 3, 1986

File 801

Ms Josephine Baker  
652 Battery Street  
Victoria, B.C.  
V8V 1E5

Dear Ms Baker:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 28, 1985 requesting that your home at 652 Battery Street be removed from the Heritage Registry.

Your request has been referred to our Heritage Advisory Committee for consideration.

Yours truly,

Mark Johnston  
Administrative Assistant

c.c. Secretary,  
Heritage Advisory Committee

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Information on wood frame windows.

Jim Stiven attended and presented information on the benefits of wood in comparison to aluminum windows. The major disadvantages cited for aluminum were the high installation costs, less heat savings than one might expect and the need to replace rather than repair these windows when they have worn out. In contrast, wood windows can be repaired and new quality paints can now last up to 10 years without repainting. Wood windows also benefit the city's economy being labour intensive and locally made.

533 Yates Street Change to a storefront on a registry building.

Mr. Sikstrom informed the Committee the storefront changes had been brought to the attention of the Building Department. The changes to the storefront were done at the same time as a City approved awning was installed but without the benefit of a building permit.

MOVED

SECONDED

The Committee recommends the City take action in the matter of unsympathetic alterations to the storefront of the Heritage Registry Building at 533 Yates Street as the work was done without benefit of a building permit and may set a precedent for future infractions of the City's Building Bylaws.

CARRIED

MOVED

SECONDED

That Council give consideration to Heritage Advisory Committee review of awnings on Heritage Registry buildings.

CARRIED

652 Battery Street - Request for deletion from the Heritage Registry. Referral from Council Committee of the Whole.

Mrs. Josephine Baker attended and presented her request. Mrs. Baker informed the Committee that the house is in poor physical condition and she is financially unable to undertake repairs. She also indicated she had an offer to purchase the property if the

652 Battery Street

house was removed from the Registry. The purpose of the Heritage Registry was explained to Mrs. Baker and a suggestion made she consider the possibility of heritage designation which would make her eligible for funding assistance from the Victoria Heritage Foundation.

MOVED

SECONDED

That the request for deletion of 652 Battery Street from the Heritage Registry be TABLED.

CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Proposed "Whaling Wall" mural at 1244-52 Wharf Street (McQuade's Building), a heritage designated building. Request for support.

Bill Herbert of the Cetacean Watch Society, Sandra George & Chris Coleman from Chandler's Restaurant and Glen Wakefield of Wakefield Construction attended to present the proposal.

MOVED

SECONDED

That the Committee is sympathetic to the idea of a mural on the building because of the historical association of Victoria with the Whaling industry in the early part of this century. The Committee recommends, however, the following points be addressed in the consideration of any mural:

- i) the heritage character of the building, streetscape and Old Town area.
- ii) the possibility of "framing" the mural rather than having it cover the whole wall
- iii) muted rather than bright colours
- iv) the species of whale(s) to be depicted.

LOST

MOVED

SECONDED

That the Committee supports the concept of a "Whaling Wall" mural, but not on the McQuade's Building at 1250 Wharf Street. If need be the Committee will be happy to recommend alternative locations.

CARRIED

Brian / H.A.C.

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25 March 1986

Kerry Armour, Chairman  
Heritage Advisory Committee  
City of Victoria  
1, Centennial Square  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr Armour,

I wish to convey to the Committee, through you its chairman, my concern about the Committee's handling, at its March meeting, of an application to remove from the heritage registry 652 Battery Street, by one of its owners, Miss Josephine Baker.

As a close neighbor, and as a James Bay resident involved with an ongoing review of community planning, especially zoning, and with heritage conservation, I am puzzled and dismayed by the Heritage Advisory Committee's action of tabling the request for de-registration. If the Committee was inclined to refuse de-registration, in principle, generally, and in this particular case, when it considered this property before, why should it not simply say "no" to de-registration now? What has altered the situation? Surely it is not within the mandate of the Heritage Advisory Committee to consider speculative offers for the property in question as a factor in determining its heritage value.

Although the minutes of the March meeting do not record this remark, a neighbor who attended that meeting has conveyed the gist of a suggestion by a member of your Committee that the owner of 652 Battery apply for a demolition permit for the property. I find it hard to square such a suggestion with the mandate of the Committee--the preservation of Victoria's architectural heritage. Could you please explain what conceivable advantage might accrue to the City's stock of heritage buildings from an application to demolish 652 Battery?

Is the Committee also aware that the fate of 652 Battery is connected with that of an adjacent property, on the heritage registry, namely 648 Battery? I understand that the same speculative purchaser has his eyes on both properties, with little likelihood that he wishes to preserve or restore them.

I would appreciate your reassurance that the H.A.C. is closely watching and guarding a particularly significant block of Victoria's architectural inheritance.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Madoff/Pamela Madoff

cc: Gretchen Brewin, Mayor  
Alderman Eric Simmons  
Alderman Martin Levin  
Alderman Murray Glazier  
Alderman Suzanne Hansen  
Alderman Geoff Young  
Alderman Frank Carson  
Alderman Whitey Severson  
Alderman Janet Baird  
Peter Crisp