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Re: 1975 Trimble Street (DP-2017-00383); William A. Doctor House

We are in **full support of this initiative** which saves such an important and key part of Vancouver's architectural legacy, through the efforts of saving, moving, relocation, then detailed period restoration of the William A. Doctor House (1912), the architect's own home.

With a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA), we're thrilled that the relocated home will be legally protected through Designation, not only for the exterior, but also a rarely used interior Designation of the high Arts & Crafts designed living room — an attribute that will benefit future generations of owners and as a whole, a part of Vancouver's architectural story.

We also see the benefit to the neighbourhood through creative character retention, in a current development climate which favours new builds through the eradication of Vancouver's character properties and neighbourhoods. The project also helps in adding gentle density by creating two legal lots, into an area starved for housing options, which we fully embrace while still importantly maintaining—and improving—neighbourhood character and livability.

This initiative is a prime example of what the passion of one individual can accomplish, in saving the home originally located in Kerrisdale from demolition through a last-minute urgent move, then placing the home in storage until an appropriate receiving site could be found, though considerable personal expense and time.

We congratulate the City of Vancouver and staff, along with the Vancouver Park Board and Recreation, all who were involved throughout the process, in helping to make this complex project work, and will be a model of what can be done in helping to save key examples of Vancouver's heritage and history, a legacy for the 21st century, and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,
Heritage Vancouver Society

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