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Mayor Gregor Robertson and Council  
c/o Vancouver City Hall  
453 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1V4

**RE: Firehall 15 - 3003 East 22nd Avenue**

On behalf of Heritage Vancouver, I am writing to express our Society's support for the retention and preservation of historic Firehall 15 located in East Vancouver.

This well-loved community landmark is known for its striking hose tower, complete with brass pole, its Craftsman detail and distinctive bracketed eaves, its handsome interior woodwork and its ornate pressed-metal ceilings. When talk began some time ago of replacing the 1913 firehall, local groups and community members banded together and worked tirelessly to convince city council to preserve this city-owned heritage building that is filled with community memories. Heritage Vancouver has supported these community initiatives to conserve this landmark's structure.

Heritage Vancouver urges city council to "do the right thing" and restore its own heritage building. This is a great opportunity for the city to become an exemplary heritage role model and a leader in the field of heritage conservation by preserving this community landmark.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Luxton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Donald Luxton, President  
Heritage Vancouver

Penny Ballem, City Manager  
Marco D'Agostini, Senior Planner, Heritage Group  
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