



*September 14, 2020*

Mayor and Council  
Director of Parks, Culture and Community Services  
Mark Panneton, Director, Legislative Services

**Re: Interim Report, The Case for Restoration & Preservation of Navy Jack House**

Please find enclosed for your consideration the Interim Report noted above, prepared by the Navy Jack House Citizen Group.

On July 20, 2020, Council passed a resolution to pause the demolition of Navy Jack House. The resolution included questions relevant to the future use and purpose of the house, including the heritage value of the house, how and where a portion of the house might be located and preserved, the costs of doing so, and how the house might be used for community benefit.

The Navy Jack House Citizen Group, a group of volunteers, was formed to respond to these questions, and to do so by September 14, 2020. Our Report addresses each question in a short Executive Summary followed by appendices specific to aspects of those questions, concluding with specific recommendations.

The Navy Jack House Citizen Group has prepared a strong case for conserving and re-purposing the house, and envision a destination centre that showcases West Vancouver's unique community history and its equally unique natural setting, with a commercial component to offset operating costs.

We recommend moving the structure a short distance to the east (possibly the vacant Lawson Studio lot) and generally restoring the 1907 form of the house, possibly retaining the 2nd floor shed roof addition, a configuration which balances heritage character with usable space.

We recommend a staged approach to the preservation process that would meet the requirements of the already-approved Streamkeepers' salmon enhancement project, and to permit the planning and fund-raising stages required to ensure a viable, flexible and sustainable future for the house.



## Navy Jack House Citizen Group

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We ask that Council commit to the long-term preservation and re-use of the house for public benefit. In order that the Navy Jack House renewal move forward, we propose the following:

- the demolition order for Navy Jack House be rescinded
- the house be moved to the Lawson Studio site and the existing site remediated before May 1, 2021
- a project team be identified
- a plan for a "flexible/multi-use" building be pursued initially with more direction at a later stage as required
- District of West Vancouver issue a Request For Proposals to generate a variety of options for adaptive reuse
- heritage designation of the house be explored concurrent with the upcoming stages of evaluation
- Council make a financial commitment towards the costs of conservation

Thank you for the opportunity to make the Case for Conservation of this important house, in which the history of this community resides.

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