

West End Neighbours Survey for Davie and Bidwell Street
Results of June 12 to 20, 2010. Survey is ongoing. Results will be updated.

Link to survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5FBK8C8>

Comments on question #1

- Built in 1920, was Maxine's in 1930. Vancouver Heritage Society decided they didn't want to keep it. It does have interesting history....They already approved it while mayor and David Cadman were in Copenhagen. They did not listen to the people of the West End.
- Too close to other skyscrapers.

Comments on question #2

- Have you seen the inside? It's completely trashed. I don't consider it a heritage building as such.
- I don't agree with any development – until there is a development plan.
- Leave it as it is!
- Nostalgia please....What are we doing? Creating a city with no character?
- If it had to be compromised there's no reason that façade can't remain. It's Heritage!!!

Comments on question #5

- I own a suite in a leasehold building so have a mortgage, plus I pay \$875/month to the owner of the leasehold building. Talk about "affordability"! Leaseholds were supposed to be affordable to the working people until greedy owners bought up buildings.

Comments:

- Any buildings should be limited to low rise accommodations, like hotel at Pendrell and Denman Street
- Save our heritage please
- Being from Russia where heritage is preserved, I consider that Canada should preserve its heritage buildings too, since there are not so many of them here.
- Too many high rises are being built. Vancouver will never have any character like other cities of the world. Any heritage building should be preserved.
- We should have more rental units for seniors – but not market value.
- This building is of historical importance and should be saved.
- Fingers crossed – more input needed from neighbours before taking action!
- Save it.
- Thanks for the chance – leave our history
- I think it's great to save our heritage as long as it's not decrepit.
- Thanks and good luck.
- Keep West End less dense. Too dense already.
- I appreciate the efforts of this organization. You represent many of our points of view.

- No more high rises in the west end until there is community plan for development with community input.
- Stop high rise developments in the west end! Stick to existing limitations for residential buildings. Do not permit residential buildings of height on commercial zoned land.
- Where is the west end development plan that has been promised for years?
- Also with any new buildings there should be an Architectural Committee to decide on the aesthetical design concepts – no developers' on {*CHEE? illegible*}! The City has made some bad choices recently with the new waterfront convention centre. Also, in the recent past, how does one explain the strange temple structure at the entrance to Stanley Park on Georgia Street, which is totally unharmonious with the neighborhood. Furthermore, the cherry trees on Georgia Street were never replaced!
- I am sick and tired of money grubbing developers destroying and disturbing what belongs to the heritage and integrity of the residents of the west end!
- The City needs to listen to the residents of the west end regarding this petition. It is a caring neighbourhood and the residents wish to keep its beauty, its heritage buildings and its special quality of living here.
- The City needs an overall city plan so everybody knows where they stand buyers, developers, etc.
- Without a comprehensive plan, how will we know when our schools are overcrowded, our public transit can't have any more people, our community center needs expanding. Without a plan we are missing out on preparing the west end for the people who will live here. Wait for the plan.
- Bar/night club is not an adequate business for the neighbourhood.
- Good luck.
- Save our heritage buildings, we have enough high rises. Enough is enough!
- Too many towers = less sunlight on the ground.
- Go for it! *{re: petition for community plan}*
- Good luck. Go west end residents go!
- It would be helpful to know which other defined communities in Vancouver currently have local development plans which are taken into account by the city when – or if - site by site rezoning is proposed. Have these plans been respected under the current civic government? What can west end residents learn from the answers to these questions?
- We need to retain all of our heritage buildings, structures, and parks.
- Keep the character of the west end intact. Enough concrete!
- I would hate to see any new building over 4 storeys in the west end. This would change the flavour/charm of this area.
- I feel strongly about this and other attempts to re-zone the west end, allowing high rises where none exists at present – even though my own outlook would be undefeated by any current attempts to re-zone.
- Tricky questions are you trying to confuse us?
- Knocking down Maxine's is a travesty. The City is clearly catering to developers at the expense of the west end. The manner in which rezonings are occurring are not transparent and suspect.

- Make your questions “black and white” for answering! Too much room for wiggle room in interpretation!
- Too many people already in the west end!!
- I fear more absent owners who live in Hong Kong, etc... .. A heritage site would be a tourist draw.
- Thanks for taking the time to make me aware of this.
- Too much new development in Vancouver; why?
- Thank you for your work in trying to obtain a comprehensive livable plan for the west end. I would hate to see its unique beauty destroyed as more high rises would do. It is currently surrounded by a huge number of glass towers in Coal Harbour and False Creek and is a unique livable oasis.
- We don't need a high rise concrete jungle whilst robbing ourselves of all the beauty!!
- Best of luck.
- Lots of luck.
- Please protect our heritage buildings.
- Thanks to all you people who care enough to give so much time.
- Let's keep the character in the west end.
- Please stop the gradual destruction of the character of Vancouver's west end!
- Keep up the good work.
- Thanks to the people who have made this survey possible.
- Save our street scapes! The west end is already dense enough.
- Stop spot rezoning!
- Would like to know when there are meetings to be able to say yes or no if they want to build more high rises.
- An OCP is desperately needed.
- I'm not against skyscrapers, but it's too close to existing development. Space them out. This isn't Yaletown.
- We need an official community plan for the west end before any other developments are okayed.
- Unless there is a new official development plan, approved by a significant percentage of a neighbourhood, then the City should not be granting exemptions to the current zoning in that neighbourhood. That should be done throughout the city.
- Keep Maxine's.
- The city is quickly transforming itself towards a no character no fun city. Think about what you're doing to the tourists as well.
- We need to keep the city with a balance of low rise buildings mixed with the old.
- Leave Maxine's alone! Let's give decision making back to the people it impacts and not politicians beholden to developers.
- Official plan needs to be developed with consultation of west end residents.
- Shameful that heritage is being demolished.
- This city needs to think more about heritage buildings. We've got enough overpriced high rises.

- Tired of all the culture/heritage disappearing. I hear more and more from people who visit that they don't like it because it has no culture/warmth to it. Where's the history? Don't be fools.
- What about the Beach Towers applications for more development?
- Keep the flavour of the neighbourhood.
- Do not want the west end to turn into the latest Yaletown.
- Keep the west end the way it is, restore the old buildings.
- The thought of demolishing 1215 Bidwell literally makes me ill. It would be a travesty.
- We don't want another Yaletown, West end should stay heritage and unique.