



February 2, 2026

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: 800 Granville Development

I am writing on behalf of the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association (Downtown Van) to express our support for the proposed redevelopment of 800 Granville by Bonnis Properties. Downtown Van represents more than 8,000 businesses and over 130,000 employees across our 90-block catchment, including the Granville Entertainment District.

Granville Street is one of Vancouver's most iconic and culturally significant corridors, yet it continues to face challenges related to vacancy, perception of safety, and underinvestment. Downtown Van has a long-standing vision for Granville as a premier entertainment and cultural destination, where arts, culture, nightlife, and live performance are prioritized in land-use decisions as the foundation of the street's identity and economic strength.

While Downtown Van has not historically supported the introduction of residential housing on Granville Street, we have made an exception in this case, given the overall strength of the 800 Granville proposal, its impact on the entertainment district's long-term success, and its alignment with the uses permitted in the Granville Plan, which was approved by Mayor and Council in June 2025. This project achieves a careful balance between heritage preservation, hospitality, entertainment, and active uses that will directly contribute to Granville's revitalization.

We strongly support the project's commitment to preserving and restoring the Commodore Building and associated heritage assets, ensuring these venues remain operational and viable for future generations. The Commodore Ballroom is a cornerstone of Vancouver's live music ecosystem and a defining cultural asset for the city.

The addition of new hotel accommodation and multi-level retail and entertainment uses will further animate the street, increase foot traffic, support tourism, and reinforce Granville as a vibrant, 24-hour destination. Importantly, the proposal aligns closely with the City's Granville Street Plan by advancing heritage conservation, cultural continuity, and economic diversification through private sector investment.

Downtown Van believes projects of this scale and quality are essential to restoring confidence in Granville Street, attracting reinvestment, and reaffirming the district's role as a leading entertainment and cultural hub.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective, and we look forward to seeing this important project move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Talbot".

Jane Talbot
President & CEO
Downtown Van