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The Vancouver Heritage Foundation
402-510 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC
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Re: Schedule "A" Historical designation for Colbourne House in Marpole Area

I am writing to express my strong support for the request from the Marpole Museum and Historical Society to classify the Colbourne House located at 8743 South West Marine Drive, Vancouver, as a Schedule "A" historical designation.

Located in Marpole, one of Vancouver's oldest neighbourhoods, the Colbourne House was initially built in 1912 by Mr. T. Thomas, a local carpenter. The house was sold to Mr. Henry Colbourne in 1936 and occupied by his family for 45 years until 1981.

The Colbourne House has been recognized by the City of Vancouver Heritage Committee and the Marpole community for its significance as one of the original homes built in the community's transition from farming to a township.

As the local MLA for Vancouver-Langara, I was born and raised in South Vancouver. Both my wife and I have appreciated the work of the Marpole Historical Society and the Colbourne House's significance and heritage value for both visitors and the community.

Through my visits with the Marpole Museum and Historical Society, I appreciate the work that the Society is carrying out to maintain Colbourne House, including adding inside storm windows and painting the outside of the home.

Marpole continues to be a welcoming community for residents and small businesses. I believe that we must protect our community's heritage places. I again express my strong support for the Marpole Museum and Historical Society's request for the Colbourne House to be classified as a Schedule "A" historical designation. It is vital that the Colbourne House continues to be a place of pride for the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

Michael Lee, MLA
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