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HEATHER PAVILION LIKELY TO SURVIVE

A restored Edwardian granite building and a reborn salmon stream may grace green space to be created at Vancouver General Hospital.

All the options for developing a public area feature retention of Heather Pavilion's original 1906 wing. A 1910 addition by the same architect—George William Grant, who also designed the Carnegie Centre—may also be preserved.



Under an agreement with the city, the hospital must provide two hectares of public space. Restoration of the pavilion is proposed as a companion project.

City heritage planning analyst Jim Wolf said it is remarkable that an institutional building the size and age of the Heather Pavilion has survived with 90 per cent of its granite walls intact.

Tom Phipps, a senior city planner, said the open space to be provided on the 10-block VGH property could create a broad green corridor stretching from 10th Avenue to 13th Avenue and traversed east-west by a pedestrian walkway on the 11th Avenue alignment.

One proposal calls for the daylighting of a section of Mackie Creek, which currently runs beneath the hospital in a culvert.

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