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DESIGN RATIONALE : 1148, West 7th Avenue Vancouver

In order to retain this Heritage 'C' house on Fairview Slopes, we left the home in its existing location in the middle of three (originally five) Heritage 'C' homes set high on the property, reinstated the existing front porch walls and relandscaped the steeply sloped front garden to provide a more beautiful approach to the house and as a gift to the street. Except for one south facing window, we have retained or brought back the original character of the house.

Our clients need additional square footage for their young family, so we added an addition to the south. This addition is scarcely visible from the street as it is set back about 73' from the front property line. The addition's architectural expression of metal, stucco and wood cladding and large expanses of glass provide a distinct contrast to the restored heritage front.

A roof deck provides outdoor space for the family. It will be surrounded by landscaping to afford privacy for neighbours and for the homeowners. Almost all other properties along the lane and built to the edges of their properties with garage openings, two stories and roof decks.

We have been fine tuning our proposal with the Planning and Heritage Departments of Vancouver for over a year and are pleased to present this proposal.

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