

# Edmonton Historical Board

**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Virtually via Google Meets

## MINUTES

These minutes were approved on March 24, 2021 by the Edmonton Historical Board

Chair

Recording Secretary

<p><b>Attending:</b>            Daniel Rose Alison McGavigan            Dominic Schamuhn Carrie-Ann Lunde            David Rynning Nancy MacDonald            Stephanie Bailey Neil Cramer            James McTague Anna Gibson Hollow</p> <p><b>Archives Staff:</b>            Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support            Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist</p>	<p><b>Guests:</b>            David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner            Sydney Gross, Graduate Heritage Planner            Councillor Scott McKeen            Amber Paquette, Historian Laureate</p> <p>Community guest:            Kyle Schole</p>	<p><b>Regrets:</b>            Fatima Fazeli, U of A Student            Board Intern            Andrew Lints, U of A Student            Board Intern</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item</b> <b>WELCOME</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b>            Meeting called to order at 5:06 p.m.            Welcome to everyone, especially the member of the community in attendance. Introductions were made.            Kyle works in the Planning and Development department for the County of Smoky Lake but</p>	<p><b>Person(s) Responsible</b>            Daniel</p>

	<p>is attending in a role of interest; Is able to provide further background on the Canadian Heritage River System</p> <p>Daniel would like to begin tonight's meeting by respectfully acknowledging that although today's meeting is taking place remotely throughout Edmonton, we are all on the traditional territory of Treaty Six First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples. The subject matter of our work is the product of a difficult legacy, and our hope is that in our work we can strive to honour the full history, culture, and contributions of all Indigenous Peoples who have and continue to call this place home.</p>	
<p><b>1. Approval of Agenda</b></p>	<p><b>Moved:</b> Anna <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)</p>	Daniel
<p><b>2. Consent Agenda Items</b> -January 27, 2021 meeting minutes -Heritage Conservation Unit Report</p>	<p><b>Moved: James</b> <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)</p>	Daniel
<p><b>3. Items for Discussion/Decision</b></p>		
<p><b>a) Follow-up:</b> Annual Heritage Stakeholder event</p>	<p>Held on Thursday February 18, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-This is an engagement required by the Bylaw when the two representative seats on EHB were changed to community members.</li> <li>-Well attended by EHB, EHC and EDHS.</li> <li>Unfortunately, no reps from NAPDA</li> <li>-Ideas were discussed on how to work collaboratively and collectively ahead of the upcoming municipal election.</li> </ul>	Daniel

<p><b>b) Discussion/Decision:</b> 2020 Annual Report</p>	<p><b>Motion: That the EHB approve the attached EHB 2020 Annual Report, 2021 -22 Work Plan and Budget for City Council.</b>  <b>Moved:</b> David  <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)</p>	<p>Daniel</p>
<p><b>c) Discussion/Decision:</b> Historian Laureate 2020 Annual Report attachment</p>	<p>Report attached.          -Amber provided an overview of her report.</p> <p><b>Motion: That the EHB approve the addition of the Historian Laureate's Annual Report as attachment 3 to EHB's Annual Report.</b>  <b>Moved:</b> Alison  <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)</p>	<p>Amber</p>
<p><b>d) Discussion/Decision:</b> Naming Committee representative</p>	<p><b>Motion: That the EHB recommend the appointment of Carrie-Ann Lunde as the EHB representative on the Edmonton Naming Committee for the 2021 term.</b>  <b>Moved:</b> Neil  <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)</p>	<p>Daniel</p>
<p><b>e) Motion:</b> North Saskatchewan River Nomination for Canadian Heritage River System</p>	<p>Information attached          -Currently 30 rivers have obtained Heritage Rivers System designated heritage across Canada  <b>Motion: That the Edmonton Historical Board recommend support for the application to recognize the North Saskatchewan River under the Canadian Heritage River System.</b>  <b>Moved:</b> Dominic  <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)</p>	<p>Daniel</p>

		-Previously drafted letter will be submitted to Council. Copy will also be sent to Kyle Schole	
<b>f) Discussion/Decision:</b> EHB re-org		Information attached <b>Motion: That the Edmonton Historical Board approve the restructuring of Board committees as outlined in Attachment 1.</b> <b>Moved:</b> David <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)	
<b>4. Board Committee Reports</b>			
a) Historic Resources Review Panel		<b>Motion: That Massey Residence, located at 12009-95 Street, be added to the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton</b> <b>Moved:</b> James <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)	James
b) Heritage Outreach Committee		Discussion will be continued offline with Rob as to his next steps	Stephanie
<b>5. Issues/Project Updates</b>			
<b>6. Other Business</b>			
a) Building Agenda for Next Meeting		-Highlands Historical Society Presentation to EHB	
b) Ring houses		Daniel to send a letter to Council expressing concerns and requesting Council to either provide the letter to the U of A or express concerns to the U of A  <b>Motion : That the EHB provide a letter to Council advocating against demolition of the Ring Houses and asking for reconsideration of the demolition of the East Campus Village homes</b> <b>Moved:</b> Dominic <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)	

<p><b>c) Farewell to Stephanie</b></p>	<p>Today is Stephanie's last meeting. Thank you for your work and commitment and the Board wishes Stephanie the best of luck</p>	
<p><b>7. ADJOURNMENT</b></p>	<p>Moved by Stephanie at 7:19 p.m.</p>	

➤ **Next Meeting:** Wednesday March 24, 2021 5:00 pm

# HERITAGE CONSERVATION UNIT REPORT

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

February 24, 2021

## UPCOMING DESIGNATIONS FOR 2021:

Strathcona Garage (Strathcona) - Notice of Intention to Designate memo provided to City Council  
Nye Residence (Highlands) - Notice of Intention to Designate memo provided to City Council  
Bugis Residence (Strathcona) - Notice of Intention to Designate memo provided to City Council  
Hartley Residence (Westmount) - Notice of Intention to Designate memo provided to City Council  
Bashor Residence (Highlands) - Notice of Intention to Designate memo provided to City Council  
Edmonton Cenotaph (Downtown) - Notice of Intention to Designate being prepared

## Potential Designations:

Armstrong Residence (Garneau)	Stone House (Whitemud Equine Centre)
11344 - 62 Street NW (Highlands)	Singer Residence (McCauley)
Royal Bank Building (Queen Alexandra)	W.A. Griesbach Residence (Glenora)
St. Luke's Anglican Church (Holyrood)	Hangar 11 (Blatchford)

## Proposed Demolitions:

Glenora Patio Homes (North Glenora)	El Mirador Apartments (Downtown)
Jasper Place Health Unit (Jasper Place)	John Kelm Residence (Ritchie)
El Tovar Apartments (Oliver)	Commercial Block (Fort Road)

## Ongoing Discussions:

Dr. Leslie McIntyre Residence (Westmount)	Ritchie Triplex (Ritchie)
Frost Residence (Westmount)	Henry J. Wells Residence (McCauley)
Emerson Residence (Inglewood)	Henry Weitzel Residence (Strathcona)
Beaver House (Downtown)	St. Teresa School and the Dawson/O'Connell Buildings (Forest Heights)
Bellevue Community League (Bellevue)	Judge Downes Residence (Strathcona)
Carleton Sheldon Residence (Highlands)	Great Western Saddlery Building (Downtown)

**CURRENT UNIT INITIATIVES:**

1. The report on Hangar 11 was considered at the February 1, 2021, Executive Committee meeting and at the February 8, 2021, Regular City Council meeting. A good discussion was held on the options Administration had outlined, which included:

- City retains building, undertakes necessary rehabilitation work and seeks partners for future adaptive reuse
- City sells building to third-party group who offered to purchase the building, requires designation as a condition of sale and works with new owner on adaptive reuse
- City puts building up for sale and reviews offers to determine next steps The Administration report recommended the second option, which involves the sale of the building to a third-party group who has submitted a below-market value offer on the property, which would be conditional on designation as a Municipal Historic Resource. Dan Rose made an excellent presentation to Executive Committee on behalf of the EHB in support of the recommendation, and others spoke in favour of the recommendation as well. A good discussion was held, and Executive Committee voted 5-0 in favour. A similar good discussion was held at full City Council on February 8, and Council also voted unanimously in favour of the recommendation.

The support from groups like the EHB, Edmonton Heritage Council, the National Trust for Canada, former Historians Laureate and other citizens who either attended or wrote to Council was critical in achieving this outcome. Our next steps will be to start working with the prospective purchaser on developing the sales agreement and determining an approach to some basic stabilization work on the building, hopefully starting this spring.

2. The Historic Resource Management Program and the Heritage Resources Reserve are both undergoing audits through the City's Auditor's office. The team is working closely with the auditors to provide program information, and have provided them contact information to groups like the EHB for follow-up. We are anticipating the auditor's recommendations to be provided to the Audit Committee in June, at which time we will be expected to provide direction on how we will respond.

3. The Implementation Program for City-Owned Historic Resources was unanimously endorsed at the December 2, 2019, Executive Committee meeting. The presentation and support by Board Chair, Dan Rose, on behalf of the EHB was

greatly appreciated. David will be engaging with the internal working committee to determine the necessary staffing and funding support for the program, as well as some prioritization of current City assets in terms of rehabilitation. Due to the COVID-19 circumstances, this report will likely be delayed until early 2022.

4. The Glenora Heritage Character Area Rezoning project is proceeding following pandemic-related delays last year. An updated project website and public survey launched in December. Using feedback from the online survey, together with their heritage character analysis and City input, the consultants have completed the initial draft of the Direct Control Zone. Our team will be meeting with the Old Glenora Conservation Association the first week of March to start reviewing the draft zoning in advance of broader public engagement. City Administration, our consultants, and the community working group are working to complete the project and proceed to Council prior to the municipal election in fall 2021.

5. A consultant team has been selected to undertake the Advanced Assessment and Priority Rehabilitation project for the Rosedale Power Plant complex. The team will be led by the Marc Boufin Architectural Collaborative (MBAC), who are presently also working with the City on the rehabilitation of the Ortona Armoury and the pavilions in William Hawrelak Park. MBAC has partnered with DFS Architecture and Design and Saucier + Perrotte, both out of Montreal. Collectively, they bring a very strong team to the project. Work is already underway for the Historic Building Record component of the exercise. The planned roof replacement work for the Turbine Hall, Switch House and Pumphouse No. 2 may be deferred until 2022.

6. David is working with the team at ILS on the rehabilitation of the Stone House at the Whitemud Equine Centre. The consultant team has been selected and the team is underway with the preparation of the required schematic design report, which will then inform the detailed design report. The project will involve full rehabilitation of the building, and will include its designation as a Municipal Historic Resource. Rehabilitation work on the building is expected to start in late 2021 and continue through 2022.

7. Scott continues to represent the Unit regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Archibald Block site on Whyte Avenue. The owner is proposing to rezone the site to accommodate an 8-storey building, which would involve the demolition of the existing building, which is listed on the Inventory. The property is also located within the Old



Strathcona Provincial Historic Area. The Province has requested the preparation of a Historic Resources Impact Assessment for the property, which the owner will be required to provide.

8. David continues to work with the Windsor Park Community League and the Open Space Strategy team on the potential designation of a portion of Windsor Park as a Municipal Historic Resource as a cultural landscape. The park was added to the Inventory of Historic Resources in November 2020. The Community League has indicated they wish to designate the park as a Municipal Historic Resource, which would be our first such designation. The next step will be to determine what elements of the park would be included under a potential designation and how this would dovetail into planned rehabilitation work on the site.
9. Scott is representing the Unit in recent discussions on the Centre LRT concept, and how this would potentially impact the High Level Bridge. We are reiterating to the consultant team and internal stakeholders that the bridge is a designated Municipal Historic Resource, and must be preserved. A report exploring a range of options will be advanced to Council for consideration in 2021.
10. A consultant team has been engaged to undertake a Rehabilitation Assessment of the Edmonton Iron Works in the Quarters. The project is being led by GEC Architecture, in partnership with ERA Architects of Toronto. The work will involve an identification of key rehabilitation work needed to the entire complex (the original 1909 Edmonton Iron Works building, and the north and south annexes), a conservation plan, and a detailed building record of the structure. The Quarters team is exploring opportunities for a new tenant to occupy the space.
11. A consultant team led by S2 Architecture is in the early stages of design work for a new parkade structure and some basic rehabilitation at the Orange Hub in the Jasper Place area. The building is the former location of the Grant MacEwan Community College Jasper Place campus, and is listed on the Inventory. We are working with the City's IIS team and the consultants to ensure that the new parkade is designed to be respectful to the historic building.
12. Like other groups, we have been contacted by several citizens regarding the proposed demolition of the Ring Houses on the University of Alberta North Campus. All four buildings are listed on the Inventory of Historic Resources. However, due to the legislation in the Post-Secondary Learning Act, we have limitations on how the City could

intervene. We have engaged with staff at Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women to determine what ability the Minister has under the Historical Resources Act to potentially intervene, but this matter is complex and requires further legal analysis.

Submitted by the Heritage Conservation Unit: David Johnston, Scott Ashe, Sydney Gross and James Haney