

# Edmonton Historical Board

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

**LOCATION:** Virtually via Google Meets

## MINUTES

These minutes were approved on April 28, 2021 by the Edmonton Historical Board

Chair

Recording Secretary

<p><b>Attending:</b> Daniel Rose      Dominic Schamuhn David Rynning   Nancy MacDonald James McTague   Anna Gibson Hollow</p> <p><b>Archives Staff:</b> Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist</p> <p><b>Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Guests:</b> David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner Sydney Gross, Graduate Heritage Planner</p> <p>Community Guests: William Pick, Highlands Historical Society Tyrel Brochu</p> <p><b>Action</b></p>	<p><b>Regrets:</b> Neil Cramer Alison McGavigan Carrie-Ann Lunde Amber Paquette, Historian Laureate</p> <p><b>Person(s) Responsible</b></p>
<p><b>WELCOME</b></p>	<p>Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m. Welcome to everyone, especially the member of the community in attendance. Introductions were made.</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,</p>	<p>Daniel</p>

	<p>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>Moved:</b> Anna  <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Dominic  <b>Approved (unanimously)</b></p> <p>William Pick, Vice President Highlands Historical Society (HHS), provided information on what has happened over the past 3 years concerning the Highlands Neighbourhood Renewal.</p> <p>The EHB thanks William and the HHS for their work and encouraged the community to let the Board know of any other items that may come up and vice versa.</p>	<p>Daniel</p> <p>Daniel</p> <p>William Pick</p>
<p><b>1. Approval of Agenda</b></p> <p><b>2. Minutes Items</b>  -February 24, 2021 meeting minutes</p> <p><b>3. Presentation:</b> Highlands Historical Society</p>		
<p><b>4. Reports &amp; Updates</b></p> <p>a) Heritage Conservation Unit</p>	<p>Report attached</p> <p>-The Glenora Heritage Character Area Rezoning project website and public survey launched in December:  <a href="https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/edmonton_archives/glenora-heritage-character-area.aspx">https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/edmonton_archives/glenora-heritage-character-area.aspx</a></p>	<p>David J</p>
<p>b) Historian Laureate</p> <p>c) City Archivist's Report</p>	<p>No report at this time</p> <p>Report attached</p>	<p>Amber</p> <p>Kathryn</p>
<p><b>5. Items for Discussion/Decision</b></p>		

<p><b>a) Discussion:</b> Wellington Bridge, Glenora</p>	<p>-Proposal to update and modernize Wellington Bridge  <a href="https://www.edmonton.ca/projects_plans/roads/wellington-bridge.aspx">https://www.edmonton.ca/projects_plans/roads/wellington-bridge.aspx</a>          -The Board supports Daniel writing a letter to City Council and Administration supporting the retention of Character Defining Elements from the current bridge to be incorporated in the replacement.</p>	<p>Daniel</p>
<p><b>b) Discussion/Update/Decision:</b> EHB re-org</p>	<p>-Terms of Reference will be created and circulated to ahead of April's meeting for approval          -Considering the nature of the work and responsibilities of the new Engagement Committee, this committee will be staffed by the Executive and supplemented by any other members of the EHB who may be interested.          -will be the Chaired by the Board Chair   <b>Motion: the EHB appoint Dominic Schamuhn interim Chair to the the Policy Advisory Committee and Daniel Chair Engagement Committee</b>  <b>Moved: James</b>  <b>Approved (unanimously)</b></p>	<p>Daniel</p>
<p><b>6. Board Committee Reports</b></p>		
<p>a) Historic Resources Review Panel</p>	<p>-Briefing note attached  <b>Motion: that the EHB recommend the addition of the Robinson Residence, located at 11034-129 Street NW, to the Inventory of Historic Resources.</b>  <b>Moved: James</b>  <b>Approved (unanimously)</b></p>	<p>James</p>

<b>7. Issues/Project Updates</b>		
<b>8. Other Business</b>		
a) Administrative support	<p>-Annual Report update- Presentation to Council will be on Wednesday April 14, 2021. Due to Covid-19 both the 2019 and 2020 reports will be submitted this year. Any EHB member interested in watching let Sonia know so the meeting link can be shared.</p> <p>-Councillor McKeen's email regarding North Saskatchewan River Nomination received yesterday and shared with Daniel and Dominic for follow-up</p>	Sonia
b) Building Agenda for next meeting	ToRs Committees	
<b>9. ADJOURNMENT</b>	Moved by James at 7:05 p.m.	
➤ <b>Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday April 28, 2021 5:00 pm		

# HERITAGE CONSERVATION UNIT REPORT

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

March 24, 2021

## UPCOMING DESIGNATIONS FOR 2021:

Strathcona Garage (Strathcona) - Bylaw scheduled for the April 6, 2021 City Council meeting  
Nye Residence (Highlands) - Bylaw scheduled for the April 6, 2021 City Council meeting  
Bugis Residence (Strathcona) - Bylaw scheduled for April 19, 2021 City Council meeting  
Hartley Residence (Westmount) - Bylaw scheduled for the May 17, 2021 City Council meeting  
Bashor Residence (Highlands) - Notice of Intention to Designate being prepared  
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)	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)
Sandford Oils Building (Oliver)	

## 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)

Jasper House (Oliver)

Hawrelak Park Pavilions (River Valley Mayfair)

W.A. Griesbach Residence (Glenora)

Hawrelak Park Pavilions (River Valley Mayfair)

**CURRENT UNIT INITIATIVES:**

1. After the positive outcome on the Hangar 11 report with City Council on February 8, 2021, which directed Administration to begin negotiations to sell the building, we are now focusing on drafting the sales agreement and developing the required scope of rehabilitation work to the building. Designation of the building as a Municipal Historic Resource will be a condition of the sales agreement. Rezoning of the site is expected to go to Council this fall. We are working with the future owner to determine some basic building stabilization actions required this spring to minimize water penetration into the building, which is the main source of deterioration.
2. The rehabilitation work at the Ortona Armoury is now shifting into the issuance of tender packages for items like hazardous material abatement, window rehabilitation and overall construction. The initial responses to the tender calls are highlighting significant material cost increases throughout the industry, which is placing pressure points on project budgets. We are working closely with the consultant team and the construction manager to ensure we can accommodate the intended scope of work.
3. 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.
4. The sales listing for the three designated Municipal Historic Resources in Oliver on 112 Street (the John L. Lang Apartments, the Dame Eliza Chenier Residences and the Lester Allyn House) recently closed. The City has received offers for all three buildings, and we are in the process of evaluating the offers. The sale of any of the buildings will be conditional on the new owner completing any necessary rehabilitation work (all three have new foundations that have been installed by the City).

5. A consultant team has been engaged and initial site meetings have been held regarding the upcoming rehabilitation work at the Prince of Wales Armouries. Following the rehabilitation of the mechanical systems and roof over the last couple of years, this work will be focusing on structural issues and other related building rehabilitation.
6. 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.
7. 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 has met twice with the Working Committee to review the draft zoning in advance of broader public engagement. Further discussions in this regard will be required. We are anticipating the zoning will likely not go to City Council until after the municipal election this fall.
8. 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 Boutin 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. We are working to accelerate the planned roof replacement work for the Turbine Hall, Switch House and Pumphouse No. 2 in the fall of 2021.
9. 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.

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. The consultant team for the rehabilitation of the Iron Works building (including the north and south annexes) has completed the initial assessment work, and we are finalizing the schematic design report. The next phase will be to move into detailed design and finalize the scope of rehabilitation and any alterations needed to the buildings to accommodate new uses. The Quarters team is exploring opportunities for a new tenant(s) to occupy the space.
14. 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.



15. 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

**CITY ARCHIVIST'S REPORT**  
**Report to Edmonton Historical Board**  
**March 24, 2021**

The City Archives continues to operate under the restrictions of the pandemic. The closure which was expected to end sometime after March 22nd in Step 3 of the provincial recovery plan has been deferred until the hospitalization trend is more positive. In the meantime, staff continue to add content on-line for researchers and to answer inquiries via email and on-line delivery. Downloads of the podcasts and other online resources such as the aerial maps and digitized documents continue to increase. Hits to the website each month hover around 28,000.

Both the Artifact Centre and the Archives were tagged in a recent [video](#) which utilized photographs and an artifact to detail the history of one of Edmonton's parks geographic feature. This is the first in a series to interest young Edmontonians in our history.

The staff at the Artifact Centre are concentrating on resetting the exhibits in about 100 buildings and display spaces at Fort Edmonton Park in preparation for their soft launch opening in May 2021. The more official reopening is planned for July. Construction work this month at their own workplace to replace the deficient hoists should be a much needed improvement in their space.

The second phase of rehabilitation work at the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre is also beginning this month with the design team undertaking a 3D scan of the building to document the Armouries and establish a baseline for the work coming in 2021-22.

Respectfully submitted: Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

**HISTORIC RESOURCES REVIEW PANEL**  
**Briefing to Edmonton Historical Board**  
**March 24, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM:** 6a-HRRP Report  
**REASON FOR BRIEFING:** Request for Decision

*Motion: That the Robinson Residence, located at 11034-129 Street NW, be added to the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton*

**Background Information:** (from Inventory Amendment Evaluation Form)

- Built in 1914
- Foursquare style, 2 ½ storey
- Significant for: association with early (pre WWI) residential development in Westmount. Also valued for its Foursquare design with modest Craftsman influenced detailing.
- Character Defining Elements: form, scale, and massing; 2.5 storeys, with the attic acting as an additional room; brick and concrete foundation; clapboard siding with shingles on the porch skirt and in gable end; gabled roof with wide flared eaves and cedar shingles; gabled dormer facing the north elevation; brick chimney; open verandah with paired tapered columns and flared skirt; design, style, and construction of front windows; original front door with 9-paneled window and original lock
- Residence is in good condition and retains good architectural integrity with many original elements

**Next steps and person responsible**

- Admin to send letter to Heritage Management Unit to notify of Board's recommendation