

Edmonton Historical Board

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, February 25, 2015
LOCATION: Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre, Jefferson Room

Minutes

These minutes were approved on March 25, 2015 by the Edmonton Historical Board

 Chair

 Recording Secretary

<p>Attending: Sean Moir Leslie Chevalier Darlene Fisher Erin McDonald Ana Laura Pauchulo Barbara Hilden Gayle Simonson Helen Cheung Kyle Witiw</p> <p>Archives Staff: Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist</p>	<p>Guests: Robert Geldart, Senior Heritage Planner David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner</p>	<p>Regrets: Michael Boire Marilyn Assheton-Smith</p>	
Agenda Item	Action	Person(s) Responsible	Date Due
1. Welcome and Chair's Remarks	Call to order at 5:03p.m. Warm welcome to everyone.	▪ Erin	
2. Approval of Agenda	Addition of Heritage Fair as "a" under Items for Discussion/Decision and addressing community membership on Committees under Other Business. Moved: Barbara Second: Helen Approved	▪ Erin	
3. Approval of Minutes	Moved: Gayle Second: Darlene Approved	▪ Erin	

4. Items for Discussion			
a) Information: Heritage Fair	Will take place on Saturday May 2, 8:30-12:00 here at POWA. 11 schools with projects ranging from grades 4-9. In need of 11 judges. Anyone interested please contact Tim. Information will be circulated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tim O'Grady 	
b) Follow-up: Heritage Forward panel; February 5, 2015	Information attached	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin/Kyle 	
c) Follow-up: Presentation to Executive Committee on Infill Housing	Information attached. -Well received. -As an aside, Michael is interested in getting and circulating any articles of interest to the Board. Erin will let him know that all members would like to receive this information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Erin/Barbara 	
d) Information: Committee roster and EHB member involvement 2015-2016	-Erin will be contacting all members to discuss what committees members want to sit on.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Erin 	
e) Information: EHB representative to Naming Committee	-Erin will follow-up with Marilyn to see if she is still interested in continuing on Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Erin 	
f) Reminder: Report presentation to Community Services Committee March 5	-Membership report will be presented on Thursday next week.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Erin 	
g) Motion: Approval of EHB 2014 Annual Report and inclusion of HL report as attachment	Motion: that the Edmonton Historical Board approve the 2014 Annual Report with the typographical changes and inclusion of the Historian Laureate's report as an attachment. Moved: Helen Second: Sean Approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Erin 	
h) Procedural Information: public participation at EHB and Committee meetings	-An inquiry was done to find out if portions of meetings could be held in private with exclusion of anyone not on the Board/Committee. -Board meetings are open to the public and therefore public participation cannot be excluded. However, individuals may be asked to leave if disruptive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Erin 	
i) Presentation: Heritage Planners Overview presentation	Heritage Planners provided an overview of the Municipal Heritage Resources program. Powerpoint to be circulated to Board members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Robert & David 	

5. Board Committee Reports			
a) HRRP	<p>-Report attached</p> <p>Motion: that the Moffatt Residence at 11118-127 Street be added to the Inventory of Historic Resources.</p> <p>Moved: Barbara</p> <p>Second: Darlene</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Motion: that the Edmonton Historical Board prepare written advice to Council regarding heritage and infill for review by Board at March meeting.</p> <p>Moved: Barbara</p> <p>Second: Sean</p> <p>Approved</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Barbara 	
b) Heritage Outreach Committee	<p>-Report attached</p> <p>Motion: that the Edmonton Historical Board fund a portion upto a maximum of \$1,200.00 of the Historian Laureate's attendance at the National Trust Conference in October to help promote the EHB.</p> <p>Moved: Leslie</p> <p>Second: Gayle</p> <p>Approved</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leslie 	
c) Plaques and Awards Committee	<p>-Report attached</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sean 	
6. Other Reports and Updates			
a) Heritage Planners Report	Report attached	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Robert 	
b) City Archivist's Report	-No report at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kathryn 	
c) Historian Laureate Report	-No report at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Danielle 	
d) Naming Committee	-No report at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marilyn 	
e) EDHS	<p>-AGM and John Rowand night will be on April 14 at the U of A's Faculty Club; guest speaker Dr. Pat McCormacck</p> <p>-Speaker Series continues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gayle 	

	-Historical Society of Alberta AGM will be on May 30 at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples.		
f) NAPDA	-No report at this time	▪ Marilyn	
g) EHC	-AGM to possibly be held on May 27, 2015; date not yet confirmed	▪ Ana Laura	
h) Fort Edmonton Park	-No Report at this time	▪ Darlene	
7. Other Business			
a) Administrative Support	-Danielle has provided information on her upcoming webinar. To be circulated.	▪ Sonia	
b) Community members on committees	-Wanted to know the possibility of having those who have applied but not successful in becoming Board members be community members on committees. Sonia to follow-up with Civic Agencies.	▪ Sean	
c) Building Agenda for Next Meeting		▪ Erin	
8. Adjournment	Moved by Kyle at 6:59	▪ Erin	

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday March 25, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.** in the POWA Jefferson Room
- **Please bring:** Your agenda, meeting minutes, committee reports
- **Please read:** Your agenda, meeting minutes, committee reports

Heritage Outreach Committee, Committee Member
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Heritage Forward Old Yeg Café Part 1: Dispelling Misconceptions (February 5, 2015)

Heritage Forward's first panel event was well attended, despite the weather. The panel consisted of: Shirley Lowe (past Historian Laureate), Chris Dulaba (planner and consultant, Beljan Development), David Percy (U of A Law professor and chair of the Old Glenora Conservation Association), and Mike Swick (Professional Quantity Surveyor and Director and local Manager for Hanscomb Limited). The panel was moderated by Danielle Metcalfe-Chenail (current Historian Laureate).

The theme for this panel session was "Dispelling Misconceptions." The first question to the panel was for each panelist to name what they perceive to be the most common misconception about built heritage. Shirley responded that heritage is a placeholder for something newer, bigger, and better. Chris responded that the development industry is always interested in building something newer, bigger, and better. David responded that our current heritage preservation tools are effective. Mike responded that heritage renovations are prohibitively expensive.

Subsequent discussions touched on the perception that heritage conservation is low on the priority list for City of Edmonton administration, in general. A significant amount of the conversation was also focused on the question of the economic value and intangible community or cultural value of built heritage. While Mike noted that the immediate return on investment for heritage properties, as well as fundraising and project costing, can be significant barriers, Chris pointed out that there can be also be significant monetary and nonmonetary incentives involved in heritage designation and conservation, including access to municipal and provincial funds and height and density bonuses. Shirley also quoted a number of statistics from a recent Heritage Canada The National Trust study (www.heritagecanada.org/en/issues-campaigns/financial-incentives).

There was approximately 15 minutes for a Question & Answer period at the end of the session. Questions generally focused on neighbourhood character and style as well as infill. The next Heritage Forward panel discussion (Old Yeg Café Part 2: Infill and MNO) is March 2, 2015 from 6pm to 8pm at the Central Masonic Temple (10318 100 Avenue NW).

Respectfully submitted by: Kyle Witiw, HOC member

Executive Council Committee Address
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On Feb 3, 2015, EHB (represented by Barbara Hilden) addressed the Executive Committee of City Council. Council Executive was present (D. Iveson, D. Loken, E. Gibbons, A. Knack, S. McKeen), as well as Councillors B. Anderson, B. Esslinger, B. Henderson, M. Nickel, M. Oshry, and M. Walters. EHB was called to speak to item 6.2: Direct Control Zoning for the Protection of Historic Character. Using research from Kathryn Ivany and expecting to reference a PowerPoint presentation, EHB spoke for five minutes.

Key points included:

- the fact that Edmonton’s character is neither singular nor uniform, but rather comprises various neighbourhoods, eras, styles, and forms. EHB provided simplified highlights using widely-known examples (Westmount, Garneau, 97th Street);
- the notion that Edmonton’s historic character lies not only in significant buildings or stately neighbourhoods, but also in varied elements such as streetscapes, landscapes, blocks, sections, and parcels;
- that infill can threaten the very elements—walkability, desirability, neighbourhood feel, comfort—which draw people to mature/heritage neighbourhoods in the first place;
- the presentation and brief explanation of character-defining elements such as scale and massing, lot position, footprint, and neighbourhood characteristics;
- the request that council consider endowing ARPs with greater enforcement powers, allowing exemptions only in rare or exceptional cases;
- the observation that the Board is not, in principle, anti-infill or anti-development. EHB recognizes development can bring positives to communities. But EHB also pointed out that none of council’s current policies around infill address heritage preservation;
- the suggestion that council consider examples set by other North American cities (New Orleans, Chicago, Toronto, and New York City, among others) which have faced similar or even greater developmental pressures but still have taken pains to expressly preserve heritage areas.

Councillors were given the opportunity to ask questions of EHB.

- enquired how we could define heritage character and, secondly, whether EHB would endorse the use of either guidelines or regulations to enforce compliance.

Councillor Scott McKeen

- asked whether EHB possessed—or believed the neighbourhoods themselves possessed—the knowledge and ability to identify at-risk heritage areas in their own communities. He was especially interested in the level above individual buildings (such as areas, streetscapes, and assemblies of buildings) and whether that knowledge could be collected.
- wanted to know how “historical feeling” could be defined and captured on a large scale. He felt the city already has mechanisms in place to protect heritage buildings but nothing at the larger-than-a-building level.

Council then questioned city administration as follow-up to both EHB’s presentation and the heritage planners’ tabled report. Among other items, Councillor Knack expressed his desire to see city administration access and work with EHB’s resources. He also asked whether at-risk neighbourhoods and/or at-risk areas within neighbourhoods could be flagged for Council’s

attention. Councillor McKeen echoed this sentiment, adding he would like to see the city be more active in identifying areas for preservation, rather than waiting for them to come to attention.

- asked officials whether the city had a map of heritage properties, hoping to use it to identify the most at-risk zones. He noted such a map would be helpful to prioritize new areas for heritage preservation, adding that he was concerned about unintentionally affecting heritage buildings by making development too easy or too attractive. The areas most facing developmental pressures, he said, are also the ones with our heritage resources. He said that while the neighbourhood inventory work of lot-by-lot identification is important, that it might be time to look at a “higher level” of heritage preservation.

The heritage planners’ report was received as advice, and EHB’s concerns were noted. In June, a Best Practices Report comes to Council.

Suggested follow-up could include:

- a written advice to council (with images) of character elements and/or infill concerns as well as an outline of other cities’ approaches to heritage preservation (policies, priorities, definitions);
- contact with communities leagues around the city, to invite discussion and/or identification of heritage “areas” in their respective neighbourhoods
- a resulting list (shared with Council) of at-risk heritage zones in Edmonton.

Respectfully submitted by: Barbara Hilden, EHB member

Historic Resources Review Panel
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HRRP met Tuesday, February 10.

The Panel heard an application by the owners to add the Moffatt Residence at 11118-127th St. (Inglewood) to the Inventory. The following were noted:

- year of construction: 1925
- the home is a Craftsman-style bungalow, clad in stucco which may or may not be original to construction;
- Craftsman-style roof braces are evident at the rear of the home;
- the fenestration pattern is original, and original windows (storms and screens) remain;
- the interior has been exceptionally well maintained, with original radiators and boiler, light fixtures, built-in cabinets, picture rails, and unique 5-step mouldings;
- the house is about to be bounded on both sides by massive infill duplexes.

The Panel did discuss the recent front-deck-addition, but ultimately determined it was reversible and the house itself possessed sufficient significance and integrity (eligibility standards were met without further discussion). After evaluation, the Panel recommends the Moffatt Residence be added to the Inventory.

The heritage planners provided an update on the Calder Inventory: a recent open house in the community was well attended and the consultants' final report is being drafted. In March, the Panel expects to receive the first of two groupings of proposed Inventory additions.

The Chair presented a summary of EHB's February report to Council (a report has been provided to EHB as well). It was suggested the EHB and Panel resources be collected into a written advice to council regarding infill and historical character in advance of Council's March 10th public hearing on infill.

The Panel also discussed recent heritage buildings in the news, including the demolition of the last of Edmonton's remaining Texaco stations (in Ritchie) and the repurposing of JB Little house in Riverdale.

Finally, the Chair advised she will be absent for the March meeting; Mike Boire has graciously agreed to chair in her absence.

Respectfully submitted by: Barbara Hilden, HRRP Chair

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Current and Future Projects

1. The *Building Heritage Newsletter* will be coming out in May.
2. The *Edmonton Heritage Home Owners Association* – The Thursday, January 22, 2015 gathering was held at 10406 Connaught Drive. It was very well attended by both new and old members.
3. The *Edmonton's Architectural Website* - Gayle and a volunteer, Linda Rae Carson, have been going through Alberta Education's social studies curriculum in order to create useful tools for teachers interested in incorporating Edmonton's Architectural past into their lessons. How buildings fit into neighbourhoods and communities will be explored, beginning with the examination of an old Edmonton school. The website has a "Neighbourhoods Section" built into it already that may be used in conjunction. Lorraine Butchart has written text and found images for two new buildings soon to be uploaded to the website (Secord House and the old Edmonton Public Library).
4. *EHB's FaceBook Page* now has 300 likes. Kyle continues to upload interesting and relevant posts.
5. The *Branding of the EHB* - the City's Communications will be contacted to see if HOC can get some help with this.
6. The *Historian Laureate*, Danielle Metcalf-Chenail, has asked to promote the board and the EHC with a poster display at the National Trust Conference: Heritage Energized. HOC recommends that the Board move to send Danielle to the Conference being held in Calgary from October 22 to 24, 2015 to do this. The Board should also investigate sharing this cost with the EHC. The EHB portion would be \$1,200.
7. Liaising with *Heritage Forward* - Kyle Witiw attended the inaugural Old YEG Cafe. His report is attached.
8. The Upcoming *Panel Discussion: Demystifying Heritage; the City's Version* (working title) - Kyle Witiw is organizing a panel discussion as part of the Old YEG Cafe Heritage Forward discussions series. The plan is to allot 15 minutes per panelist with questions and discussion after. There will be 3 or 4 panelists: a heritage planner or two, a heritage homeowner, and an owner of a commercial heritage building. The hope is to hold it in a heritage building during the July Doors Open festival.

Respectfully submitted by: Leslie Chevalier, HOC Chair

Plaques and Awards Committee
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General business: Review and update (last meeting, February 4, 2015)

Event planning:

-Event date: Thursday, February 4, 2016 – recognize 2014 plaques and 2015 award recipients

Location: POWA; same format.

Forms edited/revised – shortened; criteria more clearly defined

-Nomination forms now distributed; two month nomination period. Continue to add avenues for distribution.

-Deadline for nominations: April 10; review and selection of recipients by existing committee – April 15, 2015. New committee will commence work, preparing text in May. On-going members can begin work on replacement plaques – re-writes.

Process:

-Timeline for work developed, production, event preparation developed.

-Procedures developed and defined:

-Plaque/Award content and order of presentation of information agreed upon – this will lead to uniformity of content and layout.

-Word count - defined

-Editorial process defined: style guide being developed

-recipients will be provided with strict guidelines/parameters outlining the purpose of the document review; fact check, spell check of names, etc. Wholesale re-writes will not be permitted/accepted by committee

-Recipients will be allowed one review of document; second mailing will be for information only

2015 event: 2014 plaques

-Heritage Planner's office: A.O. Braman Residence, Crawford Block, Alex Cormack Residence. Beverly Cenotaph was also designated in 2014. However, as the Beverly Community plaque was presented in 2013 (which mentions the Cenotaph), one will not be presented for Cenotaph. Plaque will be installed in proximity to Cenotaph with the MHR crown.

-Replacement plaques – damaged – McLean Residence, McLellan Residence, Rutherford Residence

-Replacement plaques – Re-Writes – Chapman Brothers and McLeod Block

Crowns to be installed from 2014 – Duggan Residence, Knox Evangelical and 1st Presbyterian

General:

-Fort Edmonton Mgt. Co. nomination re 4-d film declined; letter mailed to nominator, Mr. Tom Long.

Respectfully submitted by: Sean Moir, P&A Chair

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Update on the Historic Resources Inventory for the Calder Neighbourhood: HRRP will hear the recommendations of the heritage consultant starting in March and April.

For the Glenora Neighbourhood Historic Resources Inventory, we have applied to the Province's Municipal Historic Partnership Program for a \$30,000 grant to cost share the cost of retaining a heritage consultant to prepare a proposed inventory.

Notice of Intention to Designate the Mountfield House was passed by both Executive Committee and City Council. Designation Bylaw will be on City Councils' agenda for March 3, 2015.

Notice of Intention to Designate the Cameron Block on 97 Street was passed on February 3, 2015

Report to Executive Committee in response to a Councillor's inquiry on:
Direct Control Zoning for the Protection of Historic Character
That Administration provide a report on areas that may be suitable for Direct Control zoning to protect historic character.

This report was presented on February 3, 2015. It was well received by Executive Committee.

Work is progressing in preparation of the spring issue of the Built Heritage Newsletter. We will be sending a new design concept of the newsletter to HOC and EHB.

Respectfully submitted by: Robert Geldart, David Johnston, and Scott Ashe