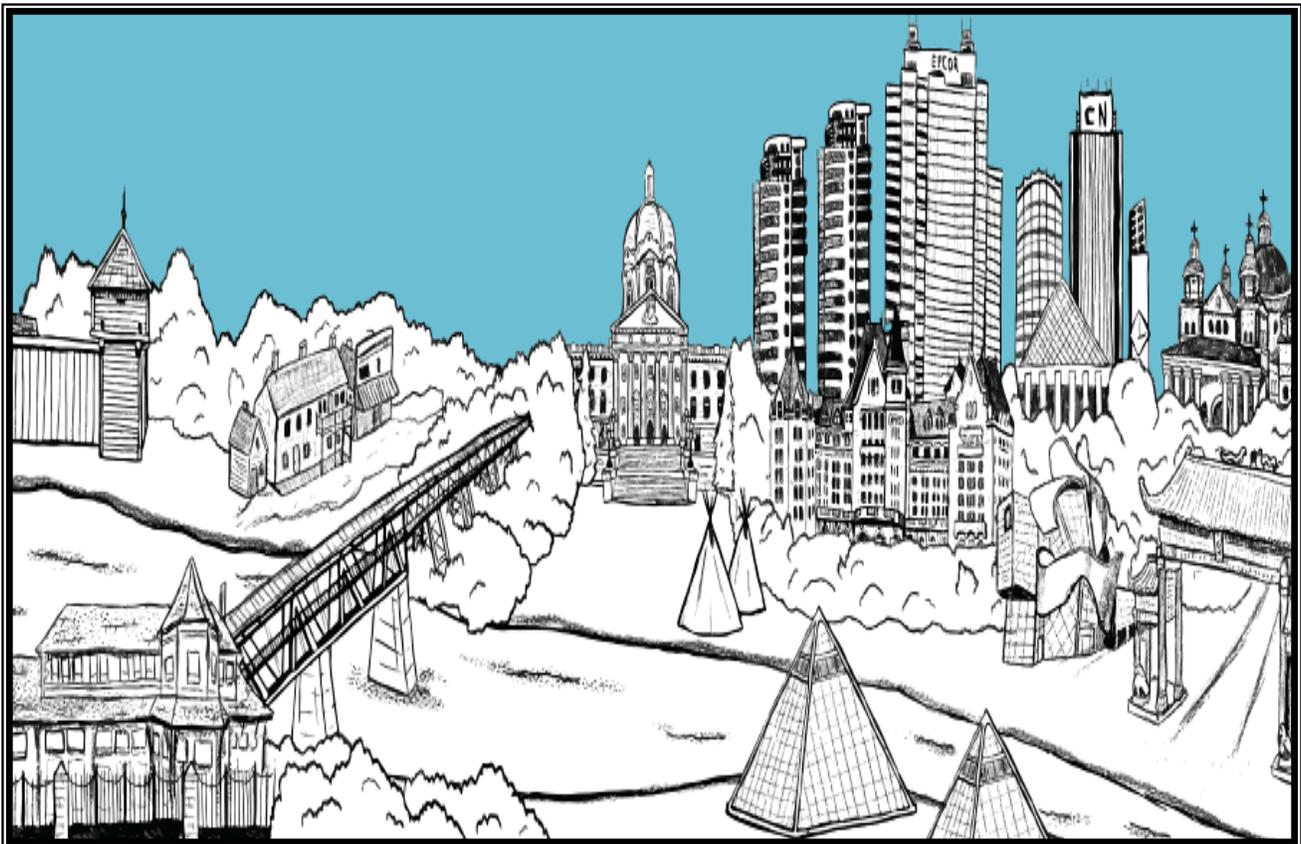


## Annual Report 2014

# EDMONTON HISTORICAL BOARD



*Advise, Encourage, Promote, Advocate*

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To advise City Council on matters relating to City of Edmonton historical issues and civic heritage policies.

To encourage, promote, and advocate for the preservation and safeguarding of historical properties, resources, communities, and documentary heritage



*McLeod Block*

## Letter from the 2014 Chair

His Worship Don Iveson  
And Edmonton City Councillors  
Second Floor, City Hall  
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square  
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2R7

Dear Mayor Iveson and Councillors,

I am pleased to present the 2014-2015 Annual Report of the Edmonton Historical Board, approved by the members of the EHB on February 25, 2015. The pages that follow will provide you with a colourful window on the Board's activities since the previous Annual Report.

The Edmonton Historical Board was established as a Council Committee under the Edmonton Historical Board Bylaw (Bylaw 13601). The bylaw defines the Board's mandate as "...[to] advise Council on historical issues and heritage policy; and to encourage, promote, and advocate for the preservation and safeguarding of historical properties, resources, communities, and documentary heritage."

We believe that again this past year, our work met or exceeded our mandate, which we approached with a refreshed membership and exceptional dedication to our purpose. We worked again with the Edmonton Heritage Council on recommending to you our third Edmonton Historian Laureate, continued major studies of heritage neighbourhoods with the Heritage Planners, and were awarded the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation award in the category of Heritage Awareness for our joint project with the Edmonton Archives, Edmonton's Architectural Heritage website (<http://www.edmontonsarchitecturalheritage.ca>). In addition, we actively participated in discussions about heritage with the Edmonton community with regards to historic buildings and areas. Infill policy and Direct Control Zoning were topics of great interest this year; EHB participated in community and civic conversations related to changes made to the Strathcona Area Redevelopment Plan as well as presenting to Executive Committee on February 3, 2015 on Direct Control Zoning for the Protection of Historic Character.

The Edmonton Historical Board has three committees, which meet separately from the EHB's regular monthly meeting and make recommendations to the Board as a whole. These are the Plaques and Awards Committee, the Heritage Outreach Committee and the Historical Resources Review Panel.

The Plaques and Awards Committee culminated its year of work with a well-attended and very well-received public event at the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre on November 6, 2014, celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this program. This event was a showcase for Edmonton's individuals and organizations which have made outstanding contributions to the preservation and promotion of Edmonton history. As well, working with the City of Edmonton Sustainable Development department and the Heritage Planners, three residences of historic importance and two sites of historical interest were presented with plaques. Three important individuals and two groups dedicated to Edmonton's built and intangible heritage were honoured with awards.

**Letter from the 2014 Chair** (continued)

The Heritage Outreach Committee organized our annual luncheon with the members of Council in October 2014. In addition the Heritage Homeowner's group was reconvened, led by the Committee, as a forum for heritage homeowner's to connect with one another, learn about available resources, and celebrate Edmonton's historic homes; two meetings have been held to date. The Facebook page has seen resurgence in commitment with regular posts and increased engagement with the community. Curriculum-linked programming is also in development to assist educators in teaching Edmonton's heritage.

The Historical Resources Review Panel is a collaboration of the EHB, City staff, architects, historians and interested citizens, examining neighbourhoods and individual buildings for addition to the inventory of historic resources. The committee's deliberations are approved by the entire Board, and submitted to Sustainable Development. This very detailed work of the panel over many years has contributed greatly to Edmontonian's awareness of the historic resources of our city. The Panel has actively recommended 23 additions to the Inventory of Historic Resources (14 of which were accepted by the Board; reviewed one completed neighbourhood inventory (Newton); and removed one property from the Inventory – a first for the Panel. Looking forward, we anticipate the completion of another neighbourhood inventory (Calder), and the possible start of the Glenora inventory. The inclusion of heritage areas, historic interiors, and intangible heritage continue to be a preoccupation of the panel.

The Board consists of eleven members, appointed by City Council. These include nine citizens-at-large, and one representative each of the Northern Alberta Pioneers and Descendants Association and the Edmonton and District Historical Society, recommend to Council for appointment to the Board.

In 2014, the EHB continued to enjoy the strong and welcome support of the City of Edmonton administration. The Board is particularly grateful for the continuing efforts of the City of Edmonton Archivist, Kathryn Ivany, our administrative support, Sonia Caligiuri and all of their colleagues at the City of Edmonton Archives, particularly during the large turnover of the Board membership this year. The EHB also values its very successful relationship with the Heritage Planners, Robert Geldart and David Johnston and their colleagues at the Sustainable Development Department.

The members of the Edmonton Historical Board also wish to thank Council for their ongoing and positive support of the important work of the Board on their behalf.

Kind Regards,



Erin McDonald, Chair  
Edmonton Historical Board  
2014-2015

## Executive Summary

### The Edmonton Historical Board (EHB)

The EHB advises City Council on heritage issues and policies, and encourages, promotes and advocates for heritage preservation. The Board includes 9 citizens-at-large appointed by City Council, and 2 members recommended by other organizations.

The Board met 12 times in 2014-2015. Its three Committees (Plaques and Awards, Historical Resources Review Panel, and Heritage Outreach Committee) and its Executive Committee meet monthly, and EHB members also serve on the City's Naming Committee, and the Fort Edmonton Management Board.

### Plaque & Awards Committee (P&A)

The 40th Annual Recognition and Awards event was held on November 6, 2014. Three individuals, one organization, and one group were honoured with the Historical Recognition Award, and plaques were presented to commemorate three residences, one structure and one site.

### Heritage Outreach Committee (HOC)

HOC continues to conduct education and outreach through its existing publications, such as the *Building Heritage* newsletter, and through social media by maintaining a Facebook page and the Architectural Heritage website. The website won the Heritage Awareness Award from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation. Work continued on the development of the Heritage Homeowners' Association.

### Historical Resources Review Panel (HRRP)

The HRRP reviews all applications for buildings that may qualify for inclusion on the City's Inventory of Historic Resources. The Panel reviewed 33 buildings in 2014, recommending that 23 be added to the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton. This work included evaluating recommendations from one presentation on the Newton Neighbourhood Inventory. The Panel reviewed the Inventory of Historic Resources and recommended that one building be removed as it had extensively altered since its addition.

#### 2014 Highlights

# 23

Buildings recommended  
for the Historic  
Resources Inventory

# 9

Properties designated as  
Municipal Historic  
Resources; total of 112  
designated properties

# 12

Historical Plaques &  
Recognition Awards  
presented

# 549

Volunteer hours by  
Board and Committee  
members

# Historical Plaques & Recognition Awards

## Historical Plaques and Recognition Awards Committee

The Edmonton Historical Board's Plaques and Awards Committee marks preserved historical structures, and recognizes individual and group contributions to the preservation of the city's heritage. The Board presents these plaques and awards annually at a public event.

The Edmonton Historical Board (EHB) has placed plaques on buildings, building fragments and sites of historical significance since 1974. Beginning in 1975, the EHB has given awards to individuals and groups who have played a major role in preserving or promoting some aspect of Edmonton's heritage.

## Recognition Awards Process

The Plaques & Awards Committee solicits nominations from the public, heritage industry organizations and suggestions from its own members and that of the Edmonton Historical Board. The Board approves and endorses the list of individuals and organizations selected by the Committee to be honoured.

## Historical Plaques

The Edmonton Historical Board, working with the City of Edmonton Heritage Planners, recognizes designated structures, communities and areas with the placement of a plaque. On the advice of the P&A Committee additional plaques may be prepared to replace those damaged, missing, or requiring updated interpretation. Plaques text can be found on the [Edmonton.ca/archives](http://Edmonton.ca/archives) database.

## Changes going forward:

As a result of the change in Board member's annual term to May 1-April 30, the committee and Board has supported moving the annual awards ceremony from November to February. This will provide more time to collect nominations, research and prepare information and organize the event. This change also allows new Committee members the opportunity to be fully engaged in the selection and preparation processes. Accordingly, the next event will take place in early February 2016, rather than November 2015. The window for nominations will be extended to two months, and the Committee and Board are examining ways to more proactively engage the media with respect to the call for nominations and the annual awards ceremony.

## 2014 Plaques and Awards:

The Edmonton Historical Board held its fortieth annual Plaque presentation and Recognition awards ceremony on Thursday, 6 November 2014, at the historic Prince of Wales Armoury. The event was well attended by recipients, their friends and families, and others interested in preserving Edmonton's past. The event also featured the attendance of city Councillor Scott McKeen and provincial MLA Deron Bilous.

### P&A Membership

- Sean Moir, Chair;  
Ana Laura Pauchulo
- Kyle Witiw
- Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist;
- Joan Fitzpatrick, Community Member

## 40th Annual Recognition & Plaque Awards

Three individuals, one organization and one group of people were honoured with the Historical Recognition Award.

### **Awards:**

#### **Gene Dub:**

Gene Dub has been an architect and visionary in Edmonton for over forty years. Many heritage preservation and adaptive re-use projects throughout the city, particularly in the downtown were planned and executed by Gene. Dub's built heritage projects are driven by a philosophy rooted in the belief that the transformation of urban spaces and community is most effective when local history is taken into consideration, along with the reuse of remaining heritage assets.



Gene Dub

#### **Marianne Fedori:**

Marianne Fedori is a heritage advocate, who has served on numerous boards, bringing to bear a detailed knowledge of her subject and a far-sighted view of the future of Edmonton's urban history. Throughout, she has consistently focused on encouraging Edmontonians to embrace the city's built heritage and is a champion of its community stories.



Marianne Fedori

#### **Carol Snyder:**

Carol Snyder is described by her Highlands Historical Society colleagues and by her neighbours as an advocate for local history, a tireless worker, with a superb attention to detail, and one who unfailingly demonstrates an inclusive approach. She has used her skill as a writer to enliven the pages of various publications and to "honour the life and times" of the Highlands neighbourhood.



Carol Snyder

#### **Highlands Historical Society:**

The Highlands Historical Society, established in 1989, is dedicated to the preservation of the history and heritage architecture of the Highlands community. As a result of the work undertaken by the Society, the area is home to some of Edmonton's best-preserved residences and streetscapes.



Highlands Historical Society

#### **First World War: Volunteers:**

The overwhelming response of men from Edmonton to heed the call to enlist in the Canadian military at the outset of the First World War outstripped the government's need and capacity. The spirit of volunteerism also spurred countless others, notably women, to seek ways to contribute to the war effort. Not all was positive – the onset of the war resulted in many being watched by authorities, some imprisoned. While the "rush to war" exemplified love of one's country, the end result was hundreds of local citizens killed and thousands more injured, physically and psychologically.



WWI Volunteers

### **40th Annual Recognition & Plaque Awards** (continued)

Plaques were presented to mark three residences, one public structure and the site of a community's public administration buildings.

#### **Plaques:**

##### **Beverly Town Halls:**

The town of Beverly was incorporated on July 13, 1914. The community's first town hall was erected a few years later, designed by Allan Merrick Jeffers, architect for the Alberta Legislature Building. This structure was demolished 1943, replaced by a new facility; it served as Beverly town hall until the municipality amalgamated with Edmonton in 1962.

##### **Borden Park Band Shell:**

Built in a natural amphitheatre within historic Borden Park, the band shell was officially opened on Dominion Day in 1958. Constructed as a concrete arch over a platform, with a large semi-circle on the ground level, the shell reflects sound out to the audience. Over the years thousands have attended concerts at this site. The band shell was designated as a municipal historic resource in 2012.

##### **Buckham Residence:**

Built in 1914, the house is associated with Alexander Kirkwood Buckham, a real estate agent and employee of the City Police Department. It is noteworthy as it was built after the 1913 real estate crash and during the First World War – a rarity in Edmonton. Valued for its Craftsmen-influenced architectural style, the one and one-half storey, front-gabled Buckham residence is located in the Mill Creek district of the city.

##### **Humphreys Residence:**

The Humphreys residence was constructed in 1912 – the height of the pre-First World War real estate boom. It is associated with its first owner, Leonard Humphreys, a teacher, who lived in the home from 1916 to 1936. The two and half storey structure with wrap around veranda is typical of the Foursquare design. The home is located in the Highlands neighborhood.

##### **McLuhan Residence:**

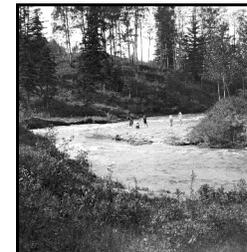
The McLuhan residence was constructed in 1912 in the Highlands neighbourhood. It is associated with Marshall McLuhan, who as a young child, lived in the house with his parents from 1912 to 1915. McLuhan taught communication theory and coined the phrases, "the medium is the message" and "the global village". The craftsman style bungalow, with low-pitched roof, is set back from the street and situated on a rise. It has been preserved as an interpretive centre recognizing McLuhan's life and achievements.



St. Francis



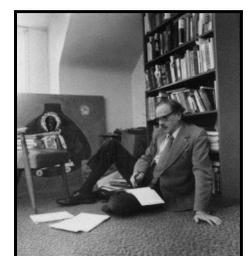
Borden Park Band Shell



Mill Creek



Highlands subdivision promotion



Marshall McLuhan

## Heritage Outreach

The mandate of the Heritage Outreach Committee is to assist the Edmonton Historical Board in promoting public awareness of heritage concerns. How the committee accomplishes this depends on precedent, there are several initiatives that carry on year to year, and on the interests and abilities of its members. What with changes made to city board term dates, HOC saw two groups of dedicated and talented members who added significantly to its work in 2014.

### Architectural Heritage Website

The website won the Heritage Awareness Award from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation. It was presented at the bi-annual Heritage Awards on Oct. 16, 2014, in Red Deer. Ann Hall, the former HOC chair instrumental in getting the website off the ground, and Leslie Chevalier, current HOC chair, accepted the award on behalf of the EHB.

HOC continues to add to the website. Gayle Simonson, retired teacher and author, has been working to add teachers' resources that support the Alberta Social Studies curriculum to the website. Also, fifty new heritage buildings will be added to the site in the coming months, 25 of which will detail the history and architecture of buildings already lost to the city. The website continues to garner interest, and new and appreciative browsers.

### Council-Board Luncheon

This is a yearly event hosted by HOC that allows EHB members to update city councillors on new developments in the heritage community. Held on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, it was well attended by both city councillors and board members. This year's discussion focused on infill housing, and the defining of character in heritage neighbourhoods, which lead to the research and development of a paper on the issue that EHB will send to city council.

### Heritage Newsletter

The Committee continues to work with the City of Edmonton Heritage Planners to publish two issues yearly of the heritage newsletter *Building Heritage*. Committee members, including Leslie Holmes, Kyle Witiw, and Leslie Chevalier, have submitted articles in the past and will do so in the future. An ad for the Edmonton Heritage Homeowners Association and an announcement about the existence of the website, Edmonton's Architectural Heritage, have become a fixture in the newsletter, and continue to point new people to both.

### HOC Membership

- Leslie Chevalier, Chair;
- Kyle Witiw;
- Helen Cheung;
- Gayle Simonson;
- Robert Geldart, Heritage Planner, City of Edmonton;
- Tim O'Grady, Archivist, City of Edmonton.



## Historic Resources Review Panel

HRRP met each month except May, July, and August.

### 33 properties reviewed

HRRP considered 33 properties for addition to the Inventory of Historic Resources. The bulk of these properties were identified and presented to the Panel by the city's Heritage Planners, typically through the ongoing Area Heritage Inventories project. Five owners also developed (or worked with the Heritage Planners to develop) individual applications.

Most of the new Inventory additions resulted from the Newton Neighbourhood Historical Inventory Project. Donald Luxton and Associates presented a Statement of Significance for Newton, and identified seven neighbourhood themes:

- First Nations in Edmonton
- The Settling of the Newton neighbourhood
- A working-class community
- Suburban development
- Sports, education, and community
- Churches
- The Spirit of Newton

Ultimately, HRRP recommended 18 properties from Newton be added to the Inventory; the Board approved nine. Five individual owners also presented their own properties for Inventory consideration. Each of these properties was meticulously researched and well documented, and the Panel was pleased to recommend each of them to the Inventory. Properties in Holyrood, Garneau, Glenora, North Glenora, and Alberta Avenue (four residences and one commercial building) were added.

### Terms of Reference

In February, the Panel amended its Terms of Reference. Three changes were proposed and then ratified by the Board, provisions which now permit an individual to present property information directly to HRRP, and/or to appeal an HRRP decision to the Board directly. The third amendment confirms that the Board has ultimate authority to approve, vary, substitute, or decline an HRRP recommendation.

# 33

Buildings reviewed by  
the Historic Resources  
Review Panel

# 23

Buildings recommended  
for the Historic  
Resources Inventory

# 1

Building removed from  
the Historic Resources  
Inventory

# 2

Educational  
presentations enhanced  
the Panel's expertise

# 1

Major neighbourhood  
heritage inventory  
completed in 2014

## **Historic Resources Review Panel** *(continued)*

### **Personnel Changes**

The Panel lost two of its most active members in April, when Jacquie Harman (Chair) and David Johnston retired from the EHB. Thankfully, Darlene Fisher remained to provide some much-needed continuity and, in November, HRRP welcomed David back in a new role—as Heritage Planner with city. Barbara Hilden joined the Panel as Chair in May, and Mike Boire was belatedly but warmly welcomed in the summer.

### **Alterations in Strathcona and Oliver**

A first for HRRP, this year the Panel considered removing six properties from the Inventory. The Heritage Planners surveyed the Strathcona and Oliver neighbourhoods, identifying six properties which had been substantially altered since they were added to the Inventory in 1993. The Panel debated the merits of each, ultimately deciding one no longer met the Inventory's standards of historical integrity. EHB passed the motion, and in October the Cooke residence was removed from the Inventory.

### **The Coming Year**

In November, the Chair presented preliminary results of EHB's strategic planning session. The Panel was invited to consider ways in which the public profiles of both the Inventory and the Register of Historic Resources might be raised, as well as how the Panel's activities could more broadly incorporate intangible cultural history. As historic interiors are a frequent topic of discussion in reviewing properties, ways HRRP might support sustainable interior preservation is also under investigation. It is expected this conversation will continue in the new year.

2015 is expected to see the completion of another neighbourhood inventory (Calder) and, pending funding, the possible start of a Glenora inventory in the fall. Several buildings are poised to be added to the Register this year, including McKay Avenue School and St. Josaphat Cathedral, among others. HRRP is also preparing to support the Heritage Planners' enforcement of existing but commonly disregarded signage bylaws in the Old Strathcona area—work likely to be controversial in some circles.

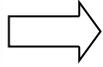
### **HRRP Membership**

- Barbara Hilden, Chair;
- Darlene Fisher;
- Michael Boire;
- Marilyn Assheton-Smith;
- Joe Friedel, Community Member;
- Johanne Yakula, Community Member;
- Lee Smith, Community Member;
- Ian Morgan, Architect;
- David Murray, Architect;
- Ken Tingley, Historian;
- Kathryn Merrett, Historian;
- Dorothy Field, Representative of Alberta Community Development Heritage Survey Program;
- Robert Geldart, Heritage Planner, City of Edmonton;
- David Johnston, Heritage Planner, City of Edmonton;
- Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist, City of Edmonton.

# Newton Inventory Highlights

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Buildings assessed by the HRRP



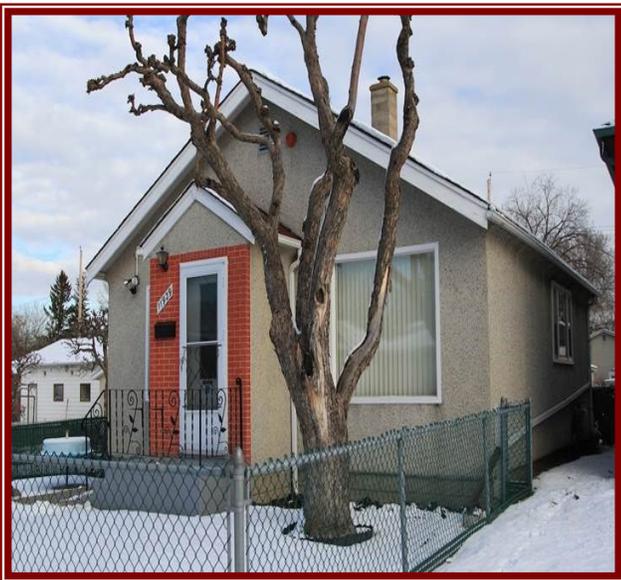
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Buildings recommended to EHB



9

Buildings approved EHB



# Appendix

## Mandate and Composition

The Edmonton Historical Board (EHB) is mandated under Bylaw 13601 to:

- Advise Council on matters relating to City of Edmonton historical issues and civic policies; and
- Encourage, promote, and advocate for the preservation and safeguarding of historical properties, resources, communities, and documentary heritage.

Board meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, excluding July and December.

The Edmonton Historical Board is composed of eleven members appointed by City Council:

- 9 members at large
- 1 representative from the Northern Alberta Pioneers and Descendants Association
- 1 representative from the Edmonton and District Historical Society.

Members must demonstrate a strong interest in and an appreciation for the history of the city and have the ability to speak and write effectively. A significant commitment of time and effort is required for participation on various Committees.

Terms of appointment are for one year and can be renewed for a maximum of 6 years.

## 2014 Members of the Edmonton Historical Board

<i>Citizens at Large</i>	<i>Date First Appointed by City Council</i>
• Leslie Chevalier	January 1, 2011
• Darlene Fisher	January 1, 2012
• Sean Moir (Vice Chair)	January 1, 2013
• Michael Boire	May 1, 2014
• Helen Cheung	May 1, 2014
• Barbara Hilden	May 1, 2014
• Erin McDonald (Chair)	May 1, 2014
• Ana Laura Pauchulo	May 1, 2014
• Kyle Witiw	May 1, 2014

### *External Representatives*

- Marilyn Assheton-Smith January 1, 2011

### *Northern Alberta Pioneers & Descendants Association*

- Gayle Simonson May 1, 2014

### *Edmonton & District Historical Society*

**Appendix** (continued)**Edmonton Historical Board Member Biographies****Leslie Chevalier**

Leslie's interest in Edmonton's built heritage has grown over the twelve years she and her husband have worked on their own 1913 heritage home. She has a particular interest in traditional design which she brings to her interior decorating business, Chevalier Design.

**Darlene Fisher**

Darlene Fisher holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology from the University of Alberta and is currently completing a post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Heritage Resources Management through Athabasca University. Darlene has a great interest in museums, history, culture, and the preservation of Edmonton's historic buildings.

**Sean Moir, Vice Chair**

Sean is a life-long Edmontonian and has a keen interest in the city's history. Master degrees in History and Library and Information Studies were completed at the University of Alberta in 1992 and 2004 respectively. Sean has spent nearly thirty years working in the heritage industry, notably with the Province of Alberta's Department of Culture and at the City of Edmonton's Fort Edmonton Park. Sean has served on the board of the Edmonton and District Historical Society (President ca 1993-1995), and is currently a member of the Fulton Place Community League Heritage Committee and the Edmonton Historical Board.

**Michael Boire**

Mike Boire is a Professional Engineer and a management and industry consultant. Since moving to Edmonton in 2003, he has been involved in the cultural and civic life of Edmonton sitting on theatre boards, driving for Meals on Wheels, and working with neighbours and the city on local development, among his many volunteer activities. He has been learning about and getting involved with Edmonton's history and heritage as a board member of the EHB since 2014.

**Helen Cheung**

Helen has a background in business, social work, psychology, personnel and inter-governmental relations, having been in children's clothing business and having worked in the provincial and federal public service for 25 years. She has served on many community and business Boards and received several public awards for her contribution to Edmonton and to Canada. She has done groundbreaking research on the history and the socio-cultural life of the Chinese in Edmonton as seen through the lens of the performing art of Cantonese opera and received her Master of Arts degree from the University of Alberta in 2013.

**Barbara Hilden**

Barbara L. Hilden has lived, worked, studied, and instructed in four countries on three different continents. Everywhere she goes, she immerses herself in the culture and heritage of her surroundings: walking, hiking, exploring, and drinking whatever kind of wine they produce. She worked at Fort Edmonton Park and the City of Edmonton Artifacts Centre, interned with the Smithsonian Institution, and now serves as Art Collections Consultant—Acquisitions for the province. Barbara is current chair of the Heritage Resource Review Panel.

**Appendix** (continued)**Erin McDonald**

Having completed an Honours BA at the University of Toronto, Erin completed her Certificate of Museum Management & Curatorship at Fleming College. Erin has actively volunteered at several museums and has served on the Alberta Museums Association Board of Directors. Erin is passionate about arts, culture and heritage and seeks to engage the Edmonton community in the history and stories of the city.

**Ana Laura Pauchulo**

Ana Laura completed her PhD at the University of Toronto in 2011 where she focused her research on the educational role of public remembrance practices of the disappeared in Argentina. In the same year she moved to Edmonton and has since been involved in a number of community heritage initiatives. She is currently a board member with the Edmonton Historical Board and Edmonton Heritage Council as well as the Chair of the Community Archive Committee for the Memoria Viva Society of Edmonton. She has also collaborated with Native Counseling Services of Alberta on a project centered on remembering the legacy of Indian Residential Schools and on events for the National Day of Healing and Reconciliation.

**Kyle Witiw**

Born in Edmonton and raised in Alberta's Peace Country, Kyle has made Edmonton home for over 10 years. He holds a BA (Hons) in Regional & Urban Planning from the University of Saskatchewan. His interest and passion for heritage in Edmonton stems from a once-in-a-lifetime internship under Edmonton's second Historian Laureate, Shirley Lowe. Since this time, he has taken an active role in educating other about Edmonton's heritage as a writer for the Spacing Magazine & Blog Network.

**Marilyn Assheton-Smith (NAPDA)**

With a father who bragged about being born in the NWT, Marilyn has been imbued with a constant curiosity about local history. Her working life ranged from general duty nursing through Indian and Northern Health Services to a University of Alberta professor in Intercultural, Women's and Development education. But all roads, both personal and family, eventually led to Edmonton, so turning her historical curiosity to this town has been an easy and fascinating project. She has been active in the Northern Alberta Pioneers for the past five years, with the history group for most of that time, and is currently their historian. Her current personal historical research focuses on a family member's participation in the NWMP from 1882 to 1910.

**Gayle Simonson (EDHS)**

Gayle, an agriculture graduate of the University of Manitoba, has worked in environmental research and in the development of environmental education programs. A long-time residence of the Steinhauer neighbourhood of Edmonton, her interest in Alberta history began when she first researched the Steinhauer name. She has been a volunteer for more than ten years at the Provincial Archives of Alberta and has written many history articles. She is the author of *Ever-widening Circles: A History of St. Stephen's College*.