



MINUTES

Board Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: June 28, 2023; 5:00- 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Virtually via Google Meet

Attendance: Stephen Rees , Chair Shalene Williams, Vice Chair Cindy Yan Darren Wagner Elizabeth Cytko Elyse Abma-Bouma Harrison Sheremeta James McTague John Beamish Josh Budinski Rose Herma

Guests: David Johnston-Principal Heritage Planner Jared Althouse, City Planner

Support Staff: Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist Kirsten Clarkosn, admin support

Agenda Item	Description/Actions; Date Due	Person(s) Responsible
<p>1. Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement</p>	<p>Meeting called to order at __:__ PM. Welcome to all.</p> <p>The Edmonton Historical Board acknowledges the traditional land on which we reside is in Treaty Six Territory. We would like to thank the diverse Indigenous Peoples whose footsteps have marked this territory for centuries, such as Nêhiyawak (Cree), Dené, Anishinaabe (Saulteaux), Isga Nakota (Nakota Sioux), Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), and Métis– Region 4 peoples. We acknowledge this as the home of one of the largest communities of Inuit south of the 60th parallel. It is a welcoming place and a gathering place for all peoples who come from around the world to share Edmonton as a home.</p> <p>As the meeting is being live streamed and some attendees are choosing to keep their cameras off, roll call was completed.</p>	<p>Stephen</p>
<p>2. Approval of Agenda</p>	<p>Moved: John Approved (unanimously)</p>	<p>Stephen</p>
<p>3. Consent Agenda</p>	<p>Moved: Shalene Correction added: Minutes 2023-5-24 had John Beamish marked as present when he</p>	<p>Stephen</p>

	was not. Approved.	
4. Reports and External Updates		
a. Chair report & update	- Working on the Historic Plaque Ceremony. Dry run successful	Stephen
b. Heritage unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designation bylaw for the McGrath mansion approved Jun 13, 2023 - formal notice of intention to designate given to City Council regarding The Boardwalk and Revlon buildings downtown. Gives estimated timeline of mid-October for the final designation bylaws to be given to city council. - Provided an update regarding the current refurbishment project of Revlon buildings. Owners' investment to this project exceeds \$ 40 million. - The historic rehabilitation work exceeds 1 million dollars, so the heritage unit is providing a maximum grant of \$500,000 for each of these two buildings. - Speaks on recent memo to City Council regarding the demolition of The Williams J S Dawson residence - near to issuing memo regarding demolition of the Ritchie Triplex Building - Will include demolitions notices on reports going forward. - Revlon and Boardwalk project will be the first project to be applicable for a new tax program for non-residential heritage buildings. Will mean property tax will not be increased for a 10 year period, and owners' eligible for tax rebates of any increases during this 10 year period. - Open to ways to crowdsource community engagement on designating buildings - Koermann block, heritage ties to the Ukrainian community, has been listed by the city. The aim is to sell this property to an affordable housing provider, who will work with the Heritage Unit to maintain its integrity as a historic resource. - The Koermann block has had notable deterioration and needs ongoing maintenance. - Questions to David regarding memos surrounding the demolition process. - Personnel update: Jared Althouse will be ending his contract position in David's office, as graduate heritage planner. 	David
c. Naming Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some recent approval items include 1st time naming of roadways, parkspaces, etc by development companies. - Recent application from the Laurel Neighborhood to rename a parkspace to 	Harrison

	<p>Kopihue Park to celebrate the Chilean heritage of community members in the area, as Kopihue is the National flower of Chile.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting is at the end of August, and they anticipate having the Oliver Community League come forward with a renaming proposal. 	
d. City Archives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Community Archivist position has been filled. They have already made connections amongst various cultural communities, and are working towards bringing in more records from these communities, as well as carrying out ongoing archivist work with current inventory. - The New Community Archivist will be at the Chinese Benevolent Society's Open House and Trade Fair on Canada Day. - The first Pop-up Edmonton! Exhibit has been set up at the Commonwealth Recreation Center, focusing on the Edmonton Grads Women's Basketball Team - Tours will be done at the Archives next week, Tuesday. - Archives will be holding a writer's workshop next Tuesday evening. 	Kathryn
5. Committee Reports & Requests for Decision		
a. Historic Resources Review Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application to designate the Scheutze Residence, - Scheutze residence built in 1923. Period of significance is the Post-WW1 boom era. It has craftsman influences with good integrity. It has form, scale and massing. Keeps original fenestration patterns. The owner has made lengthy efforts to preserve CDE both inside and outside. - Board shares and reviews the instagram account provided by the owner at the last HRRP meeting. - James makes motion for the board to include the Scheutze residence (9852 76 avenue NW) in the inventory for historic resources. - Moved by Elizabeth Cytko - Vote. Unanimous approval. Motion passed. - Application to designate Burley/Brown Residence. - Construction 1912. Period of significance is the Pre-WW1 Boom Era. Has craftsman style influences. Strong integrity. Has form, scale and massing, original fenestration pattern. - This house is unique to the area for its integrity and vintage, as many of the property lots in the area have had significant updates and changes. 	James

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - James makes motion for the board to include the Burley/Brown Cottage (9653 84th avenue NW) in the inventory for historic resources. - Moved by John - Vote. Unanimous approval. Motion passed. 	
b. Policy and Planning Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current focus is succession planning. All members started at the same time, so they would like to take steps to avoid all members leaving at the same time. - Projects include creating climate change literature to help advocate for the value heritage can bring to a carbon reduction strategy. 	Elyse
c. Historic Plaques Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss planning for Historic Plaques Ceremony. Dry run practicing slides went well yesterday. Everything is booked. Current headcount is ~30. - Efforts to share news of event over social media have been made. Some discussion on how else to raise awareness through social media. 	Elizabeth
d. Engagement Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Putting together an expert committee to advise on social media accounts. Estimate to have this panel organized to get together for the early fall. - Reaching out to community members who have successful heritage social media accounts. - Looking for any new members to join the committee to help with workload, succession planning, 	Shaylene and Elyse
6. Other Business		
a. Administrative Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of Kirsten Clarkson, current admin support, taking over for Sonia. - Discusses Dyde House Documentary. The EHB has been listed as a producer for this documentary, as EHB funded part of the documentary costs. A short clip of the documentary was played. 	Kathryn
7. Roundtable and Conclusion		
a. Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No points to bring up from anyone present. 	Steve
8. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moved by Harrison at 6:20PM 	Steve

HERITAGE CONSERVATION UNIT REPORT

JUNE 28, 2023, EDMONTON HISTORICAL BOARD MEETING

UPCOMING DESIGNATIONS FOR 2023:

Magrath Mansion (6240 Ada Boulevard NW, Highlands) - Designation Bylaw approved by City Council on June 13, 2023

The Boardwalk (10310 - 102 Avenue NW, Downtown) - Notice of Intention to Designate memo issued to City Council on June 19, 2023

Revillon Building (10310 - 102 Avenue NW, Downtown) - Notice of Intention to Designate memo issued to City Council on June 19, 2023

COMMITTED FUNDING TO DATE IN 2023: \$1,000,000

Potential Designations:

Edmonton Iron Works 10415 - 96 Street NW

(Boyle Street)

Windsor Park 8905 Windsor Road NW

(Windsor Park)

Rossdale Low Pressure Plant

(Rossdale)

No. 1 Pumping Station

(Rossdale)

No. 2 Pumping Station

(Rossdale)

Strathcona Collegiate Institute 10523 - 84 Avenue

(Strathcona)

Hardisty Residence 10549 - 126 Street NW

(Westmount)

Hawrelak Park Pavilions 9330 Groat Road NW

(River Valley Mayfair)

Proposed Demolitions:

James S. Waters Residence 9640 - 80 Avenue NW

(Ritchie)

Waithe Residence 10531 - 152 Street NW

(Canora)

Ongoing Discussions:

St. Teresa School and the Dawson/O'Connell

Buildings

8441 - 101 Avenue NW

(Forest Heights)

Bellevue Community League 7507 Borden Park Road

(Bellevue)

Royal Bank Building 10401 - 82 Avenue NW

(Queen Alexandra)

The Galleria 11220 - 99 Avenue NW

(Oliver)

Lee's Food Market 9204-06 - 95 Avenue NW

(Strathearn)

MacLachlan Residence NW

(Alberta Avenue)

South Side Market 10335 - 83 Avenue NW

(Strathcona)

Park Towers 9908 - 114 Street NW

(Oliver)

McComb Residence 9848 - 88 Avenue NW

(Strathcona)

Griesbach Training School 2775 Sir Arthur Currie Way

(Griesbach)

McPherson Residence 10228 - 130 Street NW

(Glenora) DEMOLISHED

Ball Residence 10232 - 140 Street NW

(Glenora) DEMOLISHED

Neher Residence 9939 - 152 Street NW

(Jasper Place) DEMOLISHED

Miller Residence 11204 - 96 Street NW

(Alberta Avenue)

Mel Hurtig Residence 9905 - 115 Street NW

(Oliver)

Schuetze Residence 9852 - 76 Avenue NW

(Ritchie)

Burley/Browne Cottage 9653 - 84 Avenue NW
(Strathcona)

Ritchie Triplex 9821 - 80 Avenue NW

(Ritchie)

William J.S. Dawson Residence

11033 - 80 Avenue NW

(Garneau)

**BUILDINGS ON INVENTORY DEMOLISHED /
PROPOSED FOR DEMOLITION SINCE 2015: 77**

Grosvenor House 10045 - 118 Street NW

(Oliver)

Great Western Saddlery Building 10137 - 104 Street

(Downtown)

CURRENT UNIT INITIATIVES:

1. The three service packages submitted by the Heritage Conservation Unit to City Council as part of the deliberations on the 2023-2026 budget were unfortunately not funded. These included:
 - a. **Historic Resource Management Strategy and Implementation:** In response to an audit recommendation and motion from City Council, this service package will fund preparation of a new strategy to guide heritage management in Edmonton. This work will better commemorate Edmonton's diverse history, consider climate change, and clarify the balance between preservation and redevelopment. We are in the process of establishing a project charter and scope of work for the project. The EHB will be a primary external stakeholder. Budget:

\$826,000 including the cost of a new FTE between 2023-2026.

- b. **Community-specific Heritage Work:** In response to a motion from City Council, this service package will support a 2 year pilot project to undertake community-specific heritage work across the City as a value added component of the Neighbourhood Renewal Program. Budget: \$2,000,000.
- c. **Implementation Program for City-owned Historic Resources:** In response to a motion from City Council, this service package will provide the seed funding and staffing for a program to manage City-owned historic resources in Edmonton. It will allow Administration to better coordinate how it stewards, funds and manages City-owned historic resources. Budget: \$3,929,000 including staffing between 2023-2026.

Our team is assessing the impact the lack of funding for these requests will have on our program. In particular, we are working to determine if funding can be found within our Department consulting budget to allow us to at least move forward with the new Historic Resource Management Strategy.

- 2. Our team is exploring the possibility of some sort of outreach initiative to Edmontonians to source suggestions for potential historic buildings that may not be currently listed on the Inventory of Historic Resources or designated Municipal Historic Resources. It is anticipated that this will be largely undertaken through a social media approach, but the details are still being developed. We will work with the Board in the coming months to get ideas on how this could be developed.
- 3. We are also starting to develop a framework for an update to the Modern inventory, which evaluated buildings between 1939 and 1959. For the new update, we are looking at evaluating buildings between 1960 and 1985. We are starting to develop the scope for the project, and will keep the Board updated on the progress. We don't expect to begin the project until 2024 at the earliest.
- 4. A sales listing has been posted on the City's website for the Koermann Block property at 9609 - 102A Avenue NW, which is listed on the Inventory of Historic Resources. The objective of the sales listing is to seek an affordable housing project

for the overall site. The potential sale of the property will be conditional on the new owner designating the building as a Municipal Historic Resource and undertaking required rehabilitation. We will be working closely with our Real Estate and Housing colleagues to review submissions that may be received.

5. The Heritage Unit is working with our Ecological Planning team on considerations towards the addition of natural/archaeological sites and features in Edmonton to the Inventory of Historic Resources. The addition of these types of resources to the Inventory has not been undertaken in a formal way in the past. We will engage with the EHB and the Historic Resources Review Panel in the coming months to discuss how these can be accommodated under our current evaluation process.
6. The Heritage Unit has started working closely with the City's Climate Change Adaptation team to seek opportunities to combine preservation with energy retrofits. The City has a Building Energy Benchmarking program that building owners can join; through this benchmarking program, building owners can also seek grants through the Building Energy Retrofit Accelerator to assist in the costs of energy upgrades. With the retention of existing buildings emerging as a key part of achieving climate change and emission reductions goals, we see many opportunities to support each other's programs.
7. At its June 20, 2022, meeting, City Council approved the formal Bylaw adopting the program for deferring or exempting property taxes for non-residential heritage properties applying for designation. The program will be offering a hold on property tax increases for non-residential buildings that designate for a 10-year period, to a maximum of \$500,000 over that period. A minimum of \$100,000 in eligible heritage conservation work is required as part of the eligibility for the program. Owners of existing designated non-residential buildings are not eligible to apply for the tax rebate. We are coordinating with Assessment and Taxation to get the administrative processes for the program established.
8. The rehabilitation work at the Ortona Armoury is fully underway after work was paused in 2021 due to material cost increases. Abatement of lead paint inside the building has been completed, foundation repair work is underway, new structural steel elements and new curtain wall components are being installed and window replacement/rehabilitation has begun.
9. The formal project for the rehabilitation work on the High Level Bridge has been initiated. The Heritage unit will play a

direct role throughout the course of the exercise, ensuring that the proper considerations towards the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* and the Designation Bylaw for the structure are properly addressed. The original project budget of \$270 million was reduced to \$200 million by City Council as part of the recent budget deliberations. It appears this reduction in funding will largely impact planned improvements to the bridge, versus the rehabilitation work.

10. The Heritage Unit is directly involved in the rehabilitation work underway for the Peter Hemingway Leisure Centre. The building is on the Inventory of Historic Resources, and we are working closely with the design team to ensure that the exterior rehabilitation maintains the historic integrity of the structure to allow for future designation. The initial phases of rehabilitation work will focus on the replacement of the pool and associated infrastructure. The initial design work around the exterior rehabilitation is underway.
11. The Heritage Unit has been directly involved in the planned rehabilitation work in Hawrelak Park, specifically related to the Main Pavilion, Boat House, and Picnic Shelters #1, #2 and #3. All five buildings are listed on the Inventory, and the required rehabilitation work to the structures is being undertaken in a manner to retain their historic integrity to allow for future designation. This work is being undertaken as part of the overall rehabilitation of the park itself.
12. Integrated Infrastructure Services presented a report to City Council on July 4, 2022, regarding Hangar 14, the current home of the Alberta Aviation Museum. The report recommended consideration towards the sale of the building due to the significant amount of rehabilitation required to the building, and the high costs of the work. The building is a designated Provincial and Municipal Historic Resource, so cannot be demolished or inappropriately altered. The Heritage team was involved in the preparation of the report. City Council passed the following motion:

That Administration implement a disposition strategy that maintains the public museum use within Hangar 14 including but not limited to partnering with other orders of government and private partners and that the strategy is limited to a maximum of two years at which time disposition options without conditions would be pursued.

A working group has been established, whose mandate is to attempt to develop a disposition solution that allows the Aviation Museum to continue to be accommodated in the building. If this cannot be achieved within the two year

timeframe directed by City Council, the City will explore disposition options that may not include the retention of the Museum.

13. The sale of the John L. Lang Apartments to new private owners has been completed. The new owners have initiated the rehabilitation work on the building, including new roofing, restoration/replacement of the exterior cladding, replacement of all windows and doors and interior renovations. The building will be repurposed to accommodate a psychiatry office/clinic for children and a small cafe. A grant of \$100,000 is being provided from the Heritage Resources Reserve to assist in the costs. The previous sales offering for the Dame Eliza Chenier Residences and the Lester Allyn House has been canceled, and a new offering is currently active on the City's Real Estate website. The foundation work on these two buildings has been completed, and the contractors are no longer on site.
14. The Advanced Assessment and Rehabilitation Prioritization project for the Rosedale Power Plant continues. The team is now focusing on identifying the phased rehabilitation work needed in the short, medium and long terms to allow the building to begin to be activated. We are now into the Design Development phase of the project, which will start focusing on specific interventions needed to allow temporary occupation of the building in the shorter term. Roof replacement work on the No. 2 Pumping Station is completed. Roof replacement work on the Turbine Hall and Switch House has been deferred until 2023 to allow more detailed structural assessments to be completed on these two buildings.
15. Rehabilitation work on the Stone House and Summer Kitchen at the Whitemud Equine Centre is progressing well. The Stone House has had a new foundation installed, and the Summer Kitchen has been completely reassembled after being dismantled.
16. The Windsor Park Community League and the Open Space Strategy team are engaging with the Heritage 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 enhancement work on the site. The Community League has started meeting with contractors to discuss some

components of the rehabilitation work.

17. Rehabilitation work on the Edmonton Iron Works site continues. Due to budget constraints, full rehabilitation work will only be completed on the original 1909 Iron Works building itself. The north and south annexes will be made watertight and mothballed for the time being, until tenants can be found for these spaces. The work on the Iron Works building itself is continuing, with roof replacement, foundation repairs and dismantling/reassembly of the brick walls all underway.
18. The Mill Creek Trestle Bridge, a designated Municipal Historic Resource, will be undergoing a major rehabilitation project, starting in late 2022 or early 2023. A detailed condition assessment project has already been completed, and the preliminary design stage for the rehabilitation work is now underway. The existing bridge is in poor condition, and has several structural issues. Little or no original material remains in the structure, due to repair projects over the years from the 1940s and into the 1990s. We are working closely with the bridge team in Integrated Infrastructure Services to ensure new work to the structure adheres to the Designation Bylaw and proper preservation standards.
19. Scott Ashe, a Principal Planner who has been a member of the heritage team since 2013, has accepted an 11-month position with the City in the Housing group, where he will be working with a team on the provision of affordable housing developments by the City. Scott has been a highly valued member of the team, and has played a vital role in many program initiatives, Council reports and several designations over the years. We wish him well on his new position, and we may see him back after his term ends.

Submitted by the Heritage Conservation Unit:

David Johnston, Scott Ashe, Jared Althouse and Erik Backstrom