

Edmonton Historical Board

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Virtually via Google Meets

MINUTES

These minutes were approved on September 23, 2020 by the Edmonton Historical Board

Chair

Recording Secretary

Attending:

Daniel Rose Anna Gibson-Hollow
Carrie-Ann Lunde Nancy MacDonald
Alison McGavigan Dominic Schamuhn
Neil Cramer James McTague

Archives Staff:

Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support
Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

Guests:

David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner
Amber Paquette, Historian Laureate

Regrets:

David Rynning
Stephanie Bailey
Andrew Lints, U of A Student
Board Intern
Fatima Fazeli, U of A
Student Board Intern

Agenda Item

WELCOME

Action

Meeting called to order at 5:04 p.m.
Welcome everyone. Thank you all for joining this meeting remotely. Daniel would like to begin tonight's meeting by respectfully acknowledging that although today's meeting is taking place remotely, we are all on the traditional territory of Treaty Six First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples. The subject matter of our work is the product of a difficult legacy, and our hope is that in our work we can strive to

Person(s) Responsible

Daniel

	honour the full history, culture, and contributions of all Indigenous Peoples who have and continue to call this place home. Daniel would also like to make special mention of the Treaty 6 Recognition day which has just recently passed.	
Chair's Remarks	As Stephanie is not able to attend today's meeting, there will not be much to discuss regarding HOC or the Naming Committee.	
1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Moved: James Approved (unanimously)	Daniel
2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ▪ June 24, 2020 minutes (attached)	Moved: Anna Approved (unanimously)	Daniel
3. Items for Discussion/Decision		
a) Discussion/Decision: Planning Session-next steps	All committees have had a chance to work through some of the questions -Executive have decided that a full Board meeting will be dedicated to review and discuss and decide next steps -October 28 meeting will be used for strategic workshop style meeting -Materials to be circulated ahead of time. -All Board members are encouraged to participate to ensure full Board participation.	Daniel
b) Discussion/Decision: \$15,000 donation to EHB	Generated ideas attached -Top weighted responses: Installation of City Asset, Mural, Publication, Solicit heritage homeowners, support portion of inventory, Utility Box wraps -Top responses: Mural, Installation of City Asset, Publication, support portion of inventory, Utility Box wraps -Discussion around top 2 possibilities. -Board to create ad-hoc committee to research mural and city asset installation options and bring information back to Board for decision	Daniel

	<p>Motion: That the EHB strike a committee to explore and pursue the commissioning of a historical mural and, if possible, support the restoration of a city artifact. Moved: James Approved (unanimously)</p> <p>Motion: To appoint Carrie, Dominic, Nancy, James and Amber to the ad-hoc project committee Moved: Anna Approved (unanimously)</p> <p>-Meeting date and time to be selected and shared.</p>	
c) Discussion: Edmonton Ward names, Naming Committee	No update as Stephanie not available	Daniel
4. Board Committee Reports		
a) Heritage Outreach Committee	<p>Report attached</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No motion at this time -Board tasks HOC to pursue the organizing of this event -Board still needs to discuss and come up with EHB's position/stance on (re)Naming -Meeting to be arranged 	Stephanie
b) Plaques and Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Text first drafts complete -Committee in reviewing stages -Neil is working with Nominator of Harbin Gate plaque regarding translation -The English version of the Harbin Gate plaque will be used at an upcoming exhibit at the AGA -2021 event is still up in the air due to Covid-19 -Survey regarding the event was circulated- deadline for responses is this upcoming Friday. 	Neil
5. Other Reports and Updates		
a) Heritage Conservation Unit Report	<p>Report attached</p> <p>Key points reviewed</p>	David J

b) Historian Laureate	Report attached -Amber provided further information on work done to date	Amber
c) Naming Committee	Minutes attached	
6. Issues/Project Updates		
7. Other Business		
a) Administrative support	No update at this time	Sonia
b) Building Agenda for Next Meeting	-Committee-community member recruitment -meeting with Council -Workplan and Planning session follow-up- continued discussion -Move items 5 a and b to earlier in the meeting. -Baird Donation Committee -October workshop	Daniel
9. ADJOURNMENT	Moved byDominic at 6:57 p.m.	

➤ **Next Meeting:** Wednesday September 23, 2020 5:00 pm

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

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1) **Upcoming virtual event:**

HOC is in the beginning stages of organizing a virtual round-table discussion on the politics of renaming in Edmonton. See details below. Input from board welcome.

What: Public conversations about the politics of naming in Edmonton — from the Oliver community to the Edmonton Eskimos — recently have resurfaced and gained traction like never before. Why are names important? What is the relationship between names, public memory and history? And how do we solve the problem of public spaces named after problematic figures? There are the difficult questions feeding the flames of a lively public debate about the role naming plays in our civic identity. In this panel discussion, hear from prominent leaders and thinkers on this topic to help make sense of these complex issues and learn about potential ways forward for our city.

When: October - November

Potential panelists:

Robyn Paches, President of the Oliver Community League

Alyssa Lefebvre, Chair of the Edmonton Naming Committee

Rob Houle/Terri Suntjens, Co-Chairs of the Naming Committee's Ward Naming Sub-Committee

Tracy Hyatt, Freelance journalist

Dan Rose, Chair of the Edmonton Historical Board

Potential moderators:

Paula Simons, senator

Omar Mouallem, freelance writer & public speaker

Potential event partner:

Centre for Race and Culture

2) **EHB Newsletter:**

Next newsletter is planned for mid-September. Please email Stephanie or contribute to [this google sheet](#) with any content ideas or board priorities.

Respectfully submitted: Stephanie Bailey, HOC Chair

HERITAGE CONSERVATION UNIT REPORT

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UPCOMING DESIGNATIONS FOR 2020:

Abram Residence (Strathcona) - Notice of Intention to Designate issued
Munroe Residence (Westmount) - Notice of Intention to Designate issued
Strathcona Garage (Strathcona) - Notice of Intention to Designate being prepared
Edmonton Cenotaph (Downtown) - Notice of Intention to Designate being prepared

APPROVED DESIGNATIONS IN 2020:

Kenneth T. Henderson Residence (Strathcona) - Bylaw passed on January 20, 2020
McLear Residence (Westmount) - Bylaw passed on March 9, 2020

TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATED: \$150,000

Potential Designations:

Nye Residence (Highlands)	Matas Residence (Garneau)
Judge Downes Residence (Strathcona)	Armstrong Residence (Garneau)
Stone House (Whitemud Equine Centre)	Frank Duguid Residence (Strathcona)
11344 - 62 Street NW (Highlands)	11223 - 66 Street NW (Highlands)
Singer Residence (McCauley)	

Proposed Demolitions:

1913 Ritchie School (Ritchie)	El Tovar Apartments (Oliver)
Hore Residence (Britannia Youngstown)	Burrell Residence (Glenora)
Glencairn (Glenora)	Woodward Residence (Westmount)

Ongoing Discussions:

Dr. Leslie McIntyre Residence (Westmount)	Stewart Residence (Glenora)
Wilkin Residence (Glenora)	Kennedale Building (Belvedere)
Ritchie Triplex (Ritchie)	Frost Residence (Westmount)
Henry J. Wells Residence (McCauley)	Hartley Residence (Westmount)
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)	Brokenshar Building (Westmount)
A. Minchau Blacksmith Shop (Ritchie)	

Current Unit Initiatives

1. The first two Notices of Intention (NOI) to Designate memos to City Council have been sent (for the Abram Residence and the Munroe Residence), and the legal Notices issued to the owners. As a reminder, we are now advising City Council of NOIs through a memo process, versus taking formal reports to Urban Planning Committee. The same legislative process required in the Historical Resources Act will continue to be followed. The framework seems to be working well, and we are hopeful this will allow us to be more efficient in getting the process underway for each application.
2. The October 15, 2019, report to Urban Planning Committee addressing the request for additional heritage funding for the Brighton Block and Strathcona Hotel was received for information, and Committee passed a motion directing Administration to continue to work with the property owners to develop a funding plan using the Quarters CRL (Community Revitalization Levy) for the Brighton Block and the Heritage Resources Reserve for the Strathcona Hotel. Follow-up reports seeking Council approval of the funding plans were scheduled for the May 4, 2020, UPC and May 10, 2020, Council meetings. The report is now tentatively scheduled for the September 14, 2020, Urban Planning Committee meeting.
3. The Advanced Assessment and Documentation component of the Hangar 11 work is complete, and a draft report has been provided. David is working with the City's Partnership Centre for Excellence to develop a program to determine adaptive re-use and funding partners for the City. The report back to Executive Committee is on hold due to the COVID-19 circumstances. We are working with the City Clerk to determine an available future Committee date.
4. 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 late 2020 or early 2021.
5. The Glenora Heritage Character Area Rezoning project has been partially delayed by COVID-19. A planned public engagement session was cancelled in March, and ongoing engagement is on hold during the response. The consultant is using this time to complete a neighbourhood character analysis and policy best practices review. The project team is exploring options for online public engagement and planning for a resumption of stakeholder and public consultation when it is appropriate.
6. We are actively participating with the National Trust regarding the preparations for the upcoming Hindsight 2020 national conference in October. We will be looking to submit presentations on a few topics. Scott is participating on the

Field Sessions subcommittee, while David is participating on the APT Workshops and Symposiums subcommittee. As the conference has shifted to a largely virtual platform, we are working on how our proposed sessions can be adjusted.

7. David has been working with Integrated Infrastructure Services (IIS) to review the proposals received for the Rosedale Power Plant Advanced Assessment and Priority Rehabilitation, which was released on June 22. A successful team has been selected, and contract negotiations are underway. This will build on past assessment work, and will provide an updated building condition assessment, conservation plan and an historic building record (targeted completion March 2021). It will then shift into schematic and detailed design of key rehabilitation work (targeted completion December 2021), then leading into construction. A key initiative in 2020 will be to undertake much-needed roof repairs to the Turbine Hall and Switch House, both of which have been experiencing water penetration issues for some time.

8. David is working with the team at IIS 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 2020 and continue through 2021.

9. The rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Strathcona Hotel is ongoing, and Scott continues to work closely with the owners and the Province to review progress. The hoarding was recently removed exposing the new colour scheme, the fire-damaged roof trusses and shingles have been replaced, and extensive upgrades to the interior structure continue. The first tenant is scheduled to take possession of the main floor in the spring.

10. David is working with the River Crossing team on the development of Edmonton's first designated Municipal Historic Area. The area will cover the River Crossing area, as well as extend south of the river to include lands in and around the John Walter Museum, Kinsmen Sports Centre and the Indigenous Art Park. We are hoping to bring the Designation Bylaw to City Council in the fall of 2020.

11. David is working 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 will need to be brought forward to the EHB first as an Application to Amend the Inventory. The Community League is working to put some background history of the park together. We recently met with the Community League representatives, and they are starting the preparation of a possible Application to Amend the Inventory.

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.

13. A consultant has been awarded the contract for the rehabilitation of the pavilions in Hawrelak Park, and David will be part of the project team moving forward. While not on the Inventory, we are encouraging the rehabilitation work to treat the buildings as if they were already designated. The intention will hopefully be to have them added to the Inventory and potentially designated in the future.

14. David is also part of the project team for the rehabilitation of the Peter Hemingway Fitness and Leisure Centre. While not on the Inventory, the approach being taken will be to consider the building as an historic resource. The entire glazing system on the building needs replacement. The project team is reviewing options on how this can be achieved while respecting the original design intent.

15. Two historic neon signs were recently removed from the Western Cycle building on 124 Street and Stony Plain Road. David has been coordinating with the Alberta Sign Association for the removal of the signs, and their eventual installation as part of the Neon Sign Museum. The first priority is to explore how the iconic cyclist sign can be introduced at the Museum as a roof-mounted sign, recognizing its 60-year history on the roof of the former business.

16. Despite the COVID-19 circumstances, interest in the program continues to be high. Scott is processing a number of maintenance grant applications for designated buildings, and David is processing two grant applications for the Lighting Heritage Buildings Pilot Program. We are also in active discussions related to possible applications to designate and applications to amend the Inventory.

HISTORIAN LAUREATE REPORT
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May 2020:

- May 20th - Virtual City Hall Tour - Interview with Linda Hut and Grade 6 Reporter for City Hall School
- May 18 - CJSR 88.5 FM Terra Informa Podcast Interview with Sonak Patel on the History of Edmonton's river valley.
- May 17 - Interviewed Lori Almberg, former volunteer Interpreter with Alberta Culture @ Strathcona Science Park.
- May 25 - CBC RadioActive Interview with Rod Kurtz on HL role.
- May 20 - Edmonton Journal Interview with Keith Gerein on HL role.
- On-going Research and Consultation with Peter McAuthur, author of "Pearl of the West" historical-fiction novel on Anthony Henday and his wife.
- On-going Research and Consultation with Matthew Hiltermsn, Métis knowledge specialist for the "Miskamowin" history-docu series on Edmonton's history.
- May 11th - Edmonton Historical Board interview with Stephanie Bailey on HL role.

June-July 2020

- Park Adventures - Meeting and Consultation with the Strathearn Community League (June 4th, June 25th).
- On-going Research Correspondence with Robin Wallace, archivist @ Provincial Archives of Alberta on Strathcona Science Park.

- June 24- Meeting and Consultation with Chief Calvin Bruneau of the Papaschase First Nation regarding Edmonton's history.
- June 25 - ECAMP Trip, Reading Métis History on the Edmonton Landscape, with Matthew Hilterman and Christina Hardie.
- On-going Research and Consultation with ParityYEG on the history of gender and minority representation throughout the history of Edmonton's municipal elections.
- June 23rd - CTV NEWS Interview with David Ewasuk on the history of Dan Knott.
- July 13th - Park Adventures Field Trip & Filming @ INIW Indigenous Art Park with the Strathearn Community League & CBC "Our Edmonton" show.
- On-going research and consultation with Fort Edmonton Park on the "potato" story of Chief Lapotac for Ido Van Der Lann, head of private events.
- July 18th - CBC GEM "Our Edmonton" show featuring HL and students in INIW Park.
- On-going consultation and research for LitFest (Oct 15-25) & Podfest (Oct 1-3) with Dr. Russell Cobb, local author of the "Great Oklahoma Swindle" and Fawnda Mithrush.
- July 30th ECAMPing Trip, Revisiting Métis History with Matt Hilterman and Christina Hardie presentation.

August 2020:

- August 15- Telus World Of Science, Interview with Hunter Cardinal for the new Indigenous science center, regarding content to include in the new space.
- August 25th - Park Adventures Meeting & Consultation with Strathearn Community League on filming dates.

Respectfully submitted by Amber Paquette, Historian Laureate

NAMING COMMITTEE REPORT
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Tuesday, July 7, 2020

MEMBERS:

Ms. Alyssa Lefebvre, Chair

Ms. Stephanie Bailey, Edmonton Historical Board

Ms. Ailwin Boulet

Ms. Maryanne Wiebe

Ms. Erin McDonald, Vice-Chair

Ms. Debra Ayling

Ms. Marla Miller

PRESENT:

All

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Cory Sousa, Administration

CALL TO ORDER : 4:13 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Miller

That the July 7, 2020 Naming Committee Agenda be adopted.

For the Motion: Ayling, Bailey, Boulet, Lefebvre, Miller, Wiebe

Carried unanimously

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion: Gill

That the June 2, 2020 Naming Committee Minutes be adopted.

For the Motion: Ayling, Bailey, Boulet, Lefebvre, Miller, Wiebe

Carried unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request to name the proposed new Municipal Wards based on Indigenous place names. (5:00pm Presentation by Rob Houle on Indigenous place names followed by discussion with Terri Suntjens and presentation by Administration on Sub-Committee and next steps)

Motion: Lefebvre

That the Naming Committee establishes a Naming sub-committee to work with Indigenous leaders and Elders to determine 12 Ward names based on Indigenous place names. Naming Committee members Alyssa Lefebvre, Erin McDonald, Stephanie Bailey, and Ailwin Boulet will act as ex-officio members supporting the sub-committee.

The sub-committee is officially recognized as Iyiniw Iskwewak Wihtwawin which translates to Indigenous women's involvement/movement/action. iyiniw encompasses all those who come from the land. Representing the first peoples. The word wihtwawin implies our being and the way we do things and our involvement in that process

For the Motion : Ayling, Bailey, Boulet, Lefebvre, McDonald, Miller, Wiebe
Carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

2. Request to name a portion of the Whitemud Creek Ravine within the Blue Quill Estates Neighbourhood.

Motion: Lefebvre

That the Naming Committee table the item and request that the applicant provide:

- Additional letters of support
- Provide details on the fundraising initiative
- Reasons for the site location and
- Confirmation from the family regarding the use of the names

For the Motion : Ayling, Bailey, Boulet, Lefebvre, McDonald, Miller, Wiebe
Carried unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS

3. Discussion regarding the Oliver Community League's Call to Action regarding its name (4:30pm Discussion with Administration's Communications and Engagement Anne Harvey and Mark Torjusen)

Motion: Lefebvre

That the Naming Committee receives the item as information.

For the Motion : Ayling, Bailey, Boulet, Lefebvre, McDonald, Miller, Wiebe

Carried unanimously

4. Naming Policy C509B Amendment to City Council

Motion: Lefebvre

That the Naming Committee receives the item as information.

For the Motion : Ayling, Bailey, Boulet, Lefebvre, McDonald, Miller, Wiebe

Carried unanimously

5. Discussion regarding the Decoteau ASP

Motion: Lefebvre

That the Naming Committee tables the item until next meeting for further discussion.

For the Motion : Ayling, Bailey, Boulet, Lefebvre, McDonald, Miller, Wiebe

Carried unanimously

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th, 2020. The Meeting has since been reScheduled to Thursday August 27th, 2020 .

Adjournment: 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanine Bailey, EHB Representative.