

# Edmonton Historical Board

**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Center, Jefferson Room

## MINUTES

These minutes were approved on October 25 ,2017 by the Edmonton Historical Board

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

### Attending:

Daniel Rose          Erin MacDonald  
 Andreas Loutas      Aimee Shaw  
 Rebecca Goodenough  
 Stephanie Coombs   Dominic Schamuhn  
 Barbara Hilden

### Archives Staff:

Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support  
 Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

### Guest:

David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner  
 Robert Geldart, Senior Heritage Planner  
 Deeksha Choudhry, Graduate Heritage Planner  
 Owner of Spurr Residence

### Regrets

Darlene Fisher  
 Neil Cramer  
 Earl Anderson

### Agenda Item

**Person(s)  
Responsible**

**Date  
Due**

### WELCOME & CHAIR'S REMARKS

Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m.

Barbara

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved:** Erin  
**Second:** Rebecca  
 -Addition of Naming Edmonton as item 3d  
**Approved** (unanimously)

Barbara

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 23, 2017 minutes

**Moved:** Dominic  
**Second:** Dan  
**Approved** (unanimously)

Barbara

<b>3. Items for Discussion/Decision</b>			
<b>a) Follow-up:</b> Value of Built Heritage Report next steps & letters	Budget has been circulated to Executive -Package for Council will be ready for Board approval at October's meeting...circulated prior to meeting -Information still required from some committees -HOC had taken over this item	Barbara	
<b>b) Information:</b> Community member recruitment for all committees	-Posting was made available and 5 people have showed interest. -Committee Chairs to review skill sets needed on committees, short list and interview. -Posting to remain up for another bit of time -Exec will remain after meeting this meeting to review applicants	Barbara	
<b>c) Follow-up-</b> Hangar 11 Heritage Assessment report	-Dan will work on this item. -Update from Heritage Planners: no update regarding hangar 11 if land being transferred to NAIT. If Hangar land is excluded from land transfer, Hangar remains under City's control. Meeting to be arranged with Blatchford team. Request has been made that the Condition Assessment report be shared with EHB.	Barbara	
<b>d) Information:</b> Naming Edmonton	-Dan, Erin and Barbara met with EHC's Executive Director and Chair, around time of the renaming of Oliver came up. -Potential idea: EHB & EHC to co-host an event for community engagement in the overall process. -Expectations of outcomes need to be framed for community participants. -Also thought needs to be given to the follow-up from this engagement and what the next steps would be	Barbara	
<b>4. Board Committee Reports</b>			
a) Historical Resources Review Panel	-Presentation reviewed for the Spurr Residence and Bellevue Community League building.	Andreas	

	<p><b>Motion: That the Spurr Residence located at 14326-99 Avenue be added to the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton</b>  <b>Moved:</b> Dominic  <b>Second:</b> Aimee  <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)</p> <p>-Owner of Spurr Residence addressed the Board and gave brief history of building.</p> <p><b>Motion: That the Bellevue Hall located at 7507 Borden Park Road be added to the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton</b>  <b>Moved:</b> Dominic  <b>Second:</b> Rebecca  <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)</p> <p>-HRRP also reviewed the Dominion Hotel on Whyte Avenue. Was reconstructed in 1984. HRRP voted on the recommendation of this building to the Inventory. There was some confusion regarding the ability of the Chair to vote. As Chair is able to vote, the vote was a tie and as a result failed. Clarification will be brought back to the HRRP.</p>		
<p>b) Heritage Outreach Committee</p>	<p>-Tom Long presented to committee regarding an interactive committee. Additional info has been requested, hopefully for next meeting.  -Website: new profiles going to be added. Info coming on a refresh of the site.  -Committee has decided not to continue with a print version of the newsletter. Curio has been contacted regarding moving forward with an enewsletter  -Curio has also been contacted regarding branding materials (brochures, cards, etc.)  -Please let Dominic know if you will be able to attend the Molson's Brewery tour.</p>	<p>Dominic</p>	

	<p>-Dan will take future tours on.          -Curio has provided a quote for the following templates: e newsletter, branding material (brochure, banners), orientation materials for Council; design not printing.</p> <p><b>Motion: That the EHB hire Curio studios for the design of the aforementioned products for \$1596.</b>  <b>Moved:</b> Dominic  <b>Second:</b> Erin  <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)</p> <p>-EHB to discuss budget items at October meeting. Kathryn to do a projection to year end. Committees to review ahead of time and to bring requests to October meeting.</p>		
c) Plaques and Awards Committee	<p>-Texts have been circulated.          -Reviewed by EHB  <b>Motion: To approve the 2017 EHB plaque and awards text subject to copy edit</b>  <b>Moved:</b> Erin  <b>Second:</b> Andreas  <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)</p>	Barbara	
<b>5. Other Reports and Updates</b>			
a) Heritage Planners' Report	Report attached	Robert	
b) City Archivist's Report	Report attached	Kathryn	
c) Historian Laureate Report	Report attached	Chris	
d) Naming Committee	<p>-Invitation will be sent to Barbara, Dan, David R and Alex to discuss item 3 d. For the November meeting.          -Committee met last night.          -Presentation from Valley Line West LRT group.          -Discussion around the Oliver name issue that has been brought up in the City.</p>	Erin	

	-100 st Funicular is the approved name.		
e) EDHS Update	Report attached	Aimee	
f) NAPDA Update	No report at this time	Earl	
g) Heritage Council	-Holding strategic planning this weekend. -Policy review at last meeting -Focus on Calls to action with Indigenous issues	Kathryn	
h) Fort Edmonton Park	No report at this time	Darlene	
<b>6. Issues/Project Updates</b>			
<b>7. Other Business</b>			
<b>a) Administrative support</b>	-Received an email request from Edward Vanvliet for the use of the EHB's banner for an activity for Culture Days -EHB were in favour of allowing for the banner's use as long as the EHB's new logo is used for credit -Sonia to contact Edward to notify. -FAD follow-up: Thank you to the EHB for participation and especially the EHB members who were able to attend.	Sonia	
<b>b) Building Agenda for Next Meeting</b>		Barbara	
<b>8. ADJOURNMENT</b>	Moved by Stephanie at 6:47 p.m.		

> **Next Meeting:** Wednesday October 25, 2017 5:00 pm

# HERITAGE PLANNERS' REPORT

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

September 26, 2017

For 2017, we have a number of Designation Bylaws and Notices of Intention to designate now approved and new ones coming forward to City Council for approval:

## **Approved Designation Bylaws:**

William Buster Residence, at 10950-81 Avenue (Garneau)  
Calder Cenotaph (Calder)  
Queen Elizabeth II Planetarium (Woodcroft)  
J.B. Little Brickyard House (Riverdale)  
Ira Stephens Residence (Highlands)  
Rodd Apartments (Boyle Street)  
Streetcar Railway Substation No. 600 – on 124 Street (Oliver)  
Mill Creek House (Strathcona)  
Barto Residence (McCauley)  
Tipton Investment Co. Building (Whyte Ave)  
Southpark Sign (Queen Alexandra)  
Gibbard Block (Highlands)

## **Approved Notice of Intention to Designate**

St. Joachim Church (Oliver)

## **Upcoming Designation Bylaws**

St. Joachim Church (Oliver)

## **Upcoming:**

Burns Residence (McCauley)  
Blue Cross Animal Hospital (McCauley)  
Mayor J.J. McKenzie Residence (Strathcona)  
Ukrainian Greek Cultural Association Hall (McCauley)  
The Richards Block (Strathcona)  
West End Telephone Exchange (Oliver) – Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will need to reinitiate the designation process in

the fall of 2017

The Delton Apartment (Delton) - Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will need to reinitiate the designation process in the fall of 2017

**In discussions:**

Snook Residence (Allendale)

Dr. Leslie McIntyre Residence (Westmount)

Keillor Cabin/Stone House (Whitemud Equine Centre)

Judge Downs Residence (Strathcona)

Empire Building (Downtown)

McClory Residence (Glenora)

Stewart Residence (Glenora)

Ostolovsky Residence (Glenora)

Wilkin Residence (Glenora)

Wilson Residence (Glenora)

Bellevue Community League Hall (Bellevue)

Kennedale Building (Belevedere)

**Demolitions:**

To date eight (8) applications to demolish historic resources listed on the Inventory have been approved in 2017.

**Updates:**

Westmount Community League has a committee focusing on the Westmount Architectural Historic Area (WAHA) that is advocating for the development of new regulations to more effectively preserve the architectural character of the area. The committee has lobbied the City to amend the ARP and DC1 zoning. Preliminary work on the project has been initiated, with the public launch targeted for January, 2018. We have also met with a committee tasked with setting up their own Westmount plaque program similar to Highlands.

A report on City Owned Historic Resource Management Strategy was prepared for Urban Planning Committee for September 6, but was deferred for later this year with a recommended approach to ensure a development of a comprehensive strategy for the proper preservation of the City's existing historic resources. It will also establish direction on how the City maintains, programs, acquires and markets its historic resource assets in the future.

Transit Hotel is now officially closed. It is a historic resource on the Inventory, but not designated. Robert is monitoring the

hotel and working closely with the Fort Road Business Association. Robert with the Executive Director of the Fort Road Business Association, also met with the owner to have a discussion about the opportunity to designate. The owner indicated he has no immediate plans for the building, but will entertain offers to sell.

Hangar 11: a draft of a Building Condition Assessment has been received by Integrated Infrastructure Services, using S2 Architecture and RJC Engineering. The Heritage Management Unit has also reviewed and accepted a Heritage Significance Assessment from David Murray Architect. Heritage is in discussions with the Blatchford Team to encourage them re-consider its plans for Hangar 11 to demolish it and instead explore preservation and adaptive re-use opportunities. Outside of Hangar 14 (the Aviation Museum), Hangar 11 is the only remaining hangar on Blatchford Field. Negotiations with NAIT on the proposed land transfer have apparently moved forward, and we are working to determine the fate and next steps.

Oliver 112 Street houses: The City has had building condition assessments completed recently on the three properties, and have engaged Dub Architects to develop options to rehabilitate and re-purpose the buildings. At this point, there is not a specific re-use program that has been identified. David is working with the team for the assessments and reviewing the possibility of rezoning the site to allow for additions to be made at the rear of the buildings to provide additional redevelopment opportunity. Dub Architects have indicated that the rehabilitation costs vastly exceed the City's available budget. The team is working on options on how to best address the circumstances with the funding currently available.

The work of plan Whyte continues. The goal of this study is to better understand how the area's heritage, character and livability be further strengthened while exploring opportunities for additional development over the next 20-25 years. The study will examine heritage, land use, urban design, transportation, and development opportunities (outside the core heritage commercial area), in order to develop a design vision for the long term evolution of Whyte Avenue. A third public open house was held on June 20, 2017, which was well attended. The purpose of the open house was to present the draft design concept and project direction for feedback. A final open house will be held in fall 2017 to present the final recommendations prior to City Council consideration targeted for early 2018.

On July 11, City Council approved the River Crossing Heritage Interpretative Plan (HIP). The HIP will now move into work planning for short-term implementation, which will consist of low-cost tactical interpretation and events that leverage partnerships and existing programs to celebrate the four interpretive themes in the HIP. David will continue to be involved on the project team for the River Crossing Heritage Interpretative Plan. The City has hired a Stantec as consultant for the redevelopment concept design.

Ritchie School built in 1913 at 9750 - 74 Avenue, owned by the Conseil Scolaire Centre-Nord is under threat. The owners have drawn up conceptual plans to build a new school, demolish the existing school except for the gym. Councillor Nickel is aware of



this. The Province is also aware and has expressed their interest in the school. Our Unit and Citizen Services (Open Space Planning and Design) have been in a meeting with the school board and expressed our concerns. A design coordination meeting was held in June by owner's architect, Stantec. New school will be built while the 1950's portion of the existing school will continue to operate. The Province informed us they are unlikely to intervene to save the school.

David continues to work with Real Estate and Housing on the planned rehabilitation of the Edmonton Iron Works. The City is arranging hazmat assessment and remediation work, as well as general clean-up of the building interior. Discussions are ongoing with Alberta Culture and Tourism to determine what specific portions of the building need to be preserved, and what can be removed.

The Real Estate and Housing Branch has advertised Street Railway Substation No. 600, a MHR located on 124 Street, for sale. Potential purchasers are required to submit proposals for the redevelopment and repurposing of the building. The Invitation for submissions closes on October 2, 2017. Scott and Robert will be included on a committee which evaluates the submissions to identify the successful purchaser.

Scott has joined the steering committee for the Coliseum Station Area Redevelopment Plan. The project area includes the Northlands exhibition grounds. Through the plan, the City will be seeking to establish a permanent location for the Old Timer's Roost, a vernacular log cabin constructed in 1928, so that it can be designated as a MHR. The plan will also identify opportunities to recognize the more than 100-year history of Northlands as the site of Edmonton's annual agricultural exhibition.

Scott has joined the Evolving Infill Working Group. The working group will support Evolving Infill 2.0, an initiative to mature the City's strategy related to residential infill. Best practices for preserving neighborhood character while accommodating infill, is one of the items to be addressed through the initiative.

The Jasper Place Historic Resources Inventory is underway, with Donald Luxton & Associates. They expect to begin evaluations with the HRRP in November. The project is scheduled for completion in March 2018.

At the August 23, 2017, Urban Planning Committee (UPC), Councillor Catarina initiated an inquiry in relation to a recent subdivision proposal in the Viewpoint DC1 and more broadly how DC1 zoning can be employed as a tool to protect historic and low density character. Administration will return to UPC with a report responding to the inquiry in March of 2018.

Deeksha has been working on exploring the possibility of creating an app for our four walking tour booklets (Downtown, Strathcona, Oliver, and Highlands). It is time our unit offers the City of Edmonton's historic walking tours in an interactive way

that appeals to both Edmontonians and visitors.

Respectfully Submitted by: Robert Geldart, David Johnston, Scott Ashe and Deeksha Choudhry

# **CITY ARCHIVIST'S REPORT**

**Report to Edmonton Historical Board**

**September 26, 2017**

The Archives is beginning to see the first of the students coming in preparation of projects for this academic year. Several professors now bring in undergraduates to orient them to the Archives and to introduce them to primary source documents. A couple of our archivists also assist professors with in- class presentations and guest lectures. Hopefully, this will result in the spring in interest in the Archives as a practicum placement or a summer internship.

Interviews for the Archivist position (Tj's replacement) are now taking place - hopefully to fill before the end of October to bring the Archives back to a full complement of staff.

Free Admission Day was a great success again this year. Beyond our tenants, partner associations including the EHB, the Archives Society of Alberta, the Genealogical Society of Alberta, the Edmonton and District Historical Society and the Archeological Society of Alberta participated with table displays (and cake in the case of EHB). There was a soft launch of the HistoryCheck App which can be used to promote and locate historical sites around the province. Over 420 people visited the Prince of Wales Armouries and over 250 the Archives proper.

Our Annual 2018 Calendar is going to press and should be available for sale early in October. This year's theme is Food.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kathryn Ivany

# HISTORIAN LAUREATE REPORT

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This month was mostly planning ahead for future podcasts and events.

1. I applied to integrate Let's Find Out into the brand new Alberta Podcast Network, after consulting with the Edmonton Heritage Council and Kathryn Ivany. We'd be getting a small amount of sponsorship money (\$25 per episode), so Kathryn helped me make sure I had the go-ahead from the City of Edmonton's Communications and Law Branches.
2. I attended the Unite 2017 Conference, hosted by the Alberta Museums Association and the Western Museums Association. I attended sessions on Edmonton's Indigenous art park, the Derby Museum, gender and sexuality in museums, and repatriating artifacts.
3. On September 26, I spoke to the CSL 100 class at the University of Alberta about race, politics, the municipal election, and a Let's Find Out episode from last year, The Trustee Enigma.
4. We published the latest Let's Find Out episode, The Land at Hand:  
<https://letsfindoutpodcast.com/2017/09/27/episode-14-the-land-at-hand/>  
Lauren Crazybull asked what parallels we can see between broken treaties and gentrification in Edmonton. We spoke to Papaschase First Nation's Chief Calvin Bruneau, and Ward 9 City Council candidate Sandy Pon.

## Coming up

1. Shawn Tse submitted the next stage of our Edmonton Heritage Council Living Local grant application for Figure 一, 二, 三, 六, 八. It's a Chinese community art project showcasing the history and cultural impacts of Edmonton's Chinatown throughout the past 120 years.
2. I'll be speaking at a City of Edmonton TEDxEdmonton style event focused on climate change on November 2
3. The Ritchie Community League has asked me to work on an expanded version of our About Ritchie podcast research project, which would involve some physical markers of sites like the Gainers plant. They're also applying for EHC funding.
4. Let's Find Out has a live event coming up on October 15 called The Sign of the Ferry. It's a live history walk, in association with the John Walter Museum. We'll be exploring whether a curious Edmontonian has really found the remnants of John Walter's ferry in the river valley. It's already sold out!

Thanks very much,  
Chris

# **EDMONTON DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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The Casino was a huge success and the society discussed how they should spend the amount of money raised.

Communications plan was discussed further and when it is more fully fleshed out, I will report back.

The Best Book award for Children and young adults was granted to the Fur Trade in the West book, edited by Phyllis Arnold. The jury was ecstatic about the book and whilst the award went to the EDHS as the publisher, the society discussed passing it to Phyllis Arnold, to thank her for her contributions.

The Speaker Series has kicked off. See the website for more information.

The Christmas party is being planned at the Armouries. \$55 for members and \$60 for non members. A steal for a fun night with good people!

The website is still being worked on and continues to have great improvements and audience appropriateness edits.