

EDMONTON HISTORIAN LAUREATE

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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EVENTS

PRESENTATIONS & GREETINGS:

- **Glenora Rotary Club breakfast meeting:** Explaining the Historian Laureate.
- **Connect Africa: City Hall** – a celebration of Africans in Edmonton. Spoke about the importance of cultural diversity.
- **Chinatown History: City of Edmonton Archives** – PowerPoint presentation about Edmonton's Chinatowns during the city wide community facilities open house.
- **Papaschase Reconciliation:** The importance of working together.

TOURS:

- **Old Strathcona 1912 Buildings Tour:** 1912 was the year that many of Old Strathcona's permanent buildings were completed and the year of amalgamation of Strathcona and Edmonton.
- **Communities in Bloom Bus Tour:** Tours of the historic main streets of Old Strathcona, Alberta Avenue and 124 St. Drove through Chinatown and Little Italy.

ARTICLES:

- **Edmonton and District Historical Society Newsletter:** Historian Laureate Update.
- **Queen Alexandra Community Newsletter:** How to Research Your Historic House

ATTENDANCE AT HERITAGE EVENTS:

- **Communities in Bloom Judges Luncheon:** Precursor to the Communities in Bloom conference in Edmonton and a chance to discuss Edmonton's origins. Gene Dub led the tour of the Alberta Hotel replica.
- **Historical Board Awards Ceremony:** People and places were honoured for their place in Edmonton's history.
- **Government House Centenary Celebrations:** Edmonton's Historian Laureate was invited to the event.

MEDIA

HISTORIAN LAUREATE

- **Shaw TV:** What does the Historian Laureate do? What are the significant heritage areas in Edmonton?
- **Global TV:** Gord Steinke interview about the work of a Historian Laureate in Edmonton

EDMONTON EXHIBITION

- **CBC Radio Wildrose Country (Calgary):** The name change and the evolution of the festival over the years.

ALBERTA LEGISLATURE BUILDING

- **Edmonton Journal:** the 100th anniversary discussion
- **CBC Radio Active:** how significant was the building to Edmonton?

1912

- **Shaw TV:** 1912 was the year that Edmonton completed much of its significant developments.

BLOGS

- **Todd Babiak:** Local context and heritage is vital to the identity of our city.

HERITAGE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Global TV:** How social media makes heritage more accessible. There are two web sites that collect photos of Edmonton's past.

MEETINGS

HERITAGE ORGANIZATIONS:

- Edmonton Historical Board (2)
- Heritage Council (3)
- City Hall School Program Planning Meetings (2)
- Nii Koney; Nile Foundation
- Junior League: Calgary & Edmonton Museum

COMMUNITY

- Bonnie Doon history author
- Poet Laureate collaboration: Anna Marie Sewell
- Interviews with owners/managers of heritage buildings in Old Strathcona
- Interview for Chinatown/McCauley history

PROJECTS

IN PROGRESS:

- **History of Planning in Edmonton:** A collaboration with five planners, current and retired, about the development eras of Edmonton intends to capture the forces and philosophies that brought us to the Edmonton of today.
- **Oral History Workshops:** pilot on February 24 at the Queen Alexandra Community League Hall.

PLANNED

- **School and community visits and tours in the spring:** taking walks through historic neighbourhoods; will include the Jane's walk through Old Strathcona.
- **City Hall School presentations:** talk to City Hall classes about the history of their heritage schools.
- **Blog:** about community, its past and future. Possible collaboration with Anna Marie Sewell, Poet Laureate.
- **Twitter:** Comments on topical events