



Council Policy

Policy to Encourage the Recognition of Heritage Places in Edmonton

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Guiding Principles

To achieve its commitment, the City of Edmonton will apply the following **Guiding Principles**, from the Heritage Places Strategy, to inform recommendations and decisions:

- **Inclusive:** Reflect Indigenous, racialized, 2SLGBTQIA+ histories and settler heritage.
- **Integrated:** Connect heritage goals with broader City priorities, including climate, housing and economic development.
- **Community-Led:** Support grassroots storytelling, stewardship and decision-making.
- **Living & Evolving:** Embrace heritage as dynamic, connecting past, present and future.
- **Visible & Accessible:** Make heritage visible in public space, infrastructure and everyday life.
- **Collaborative:** Enable meaningful partnerships between communities, the City and heritage organizations.

Statement

Heritage places are locations that hold special meaning and contribute to understanding our history, identity and sense of place. The City of Edmonton's Heritage Places Program will identify, commemorate and preserve heritage places in Edmonton.

Through this policy, the City of Edmonton will:

- Work with partners and communities and strive to implement the Pillar directions and priorities recommended in the Heritage Places Strategy.
- Encourage the retention, recognition, and celebration of heritage places in alignment with provincial and federal legislation and standards.

- Maintain, review and add to the Inventory and Register of Historic Resources in Edmonton.
 - Consider significant natural, Indigenous, community and cultural, and built heritage places for inclusion on the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton.
 - Seek to expand the Register of Historic Resources by recommending that significant natural, Indigenous, community and cultural, and built heritage places be designated as Municipal Historic Resources and/or Municipal Historic Areas.
 - Municipal Historic Resources will be permanently protected from demolition as per the *Historical Resources Act*.
- Provide incentives or grants to encourage the commemoration, designation, rehabilitation and restoration of heritage places and historic resources.
- Explore opportunities to retain heritage when properties on the Inventory of Historic Resources are proposed to be demolished.
 - Inform City Council of its authority under the *Historical Resources Act* to prevent the demolition of a historic resource.
 - Require, from the owner, historical documentation of a property on the Inventory of Historic Resources proposed for demolition or destruction, as outlined in the Edmonton Zoning Bylaw.

Related Policies, Strategies and Frameworks:

- Historical Resources Act
- Heritage Places Strategy
- Administrative Procedure - Heritage Places Program