



EDMONTON HISTORICAL BOARD

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

ATTACHMENT 1

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EDMONTON HISTORICAL BOARD MANDATE:

TO ADVISE CITY COUNCIL ON MATTERS RELATING TO CITY OF EDMONTON HISTORICAL ISSUES AND CIVIC HERITAGE POLICIES.

TO ENCOURAGE, PROMOTE, AND ADVOCATE FOR THE PRESERVATION AND SAFEGUARDING OF HISTORICAL PROPERTIES, RESOURCES, COMMUNITIES, AND DOCUMENTARY HERITAGE.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Mayor Iveson and Councillors,

I am pleased to present the 2017 Annual Report of the Edmonton Historical Board (EHB), which was approved by the Board on February 28, 2018. The pages that follow outline our activities in 2017, the Board's 51st year of operations.

The Edmonton Historical Board was established as a Council Committee under the Edmonton Historical Board Bylaw (Bylaw 13601). The bylaw defines the Board's mandate as "...[to] advise Council on historical issues and heritage policy; and to encourage, promote, and advocate for the preservation and safeguarding of historical properties, resources, communities, and documentary heritage." The Board consists of 11 volunteer members appointed by City Council. These members include nine citizens-at-large and, for the moment, one representative each of the Northern Alberta Pioneers and Descendants Association and the Edmonton and District Historical Society.

The Board enjoyed a busy 2017. In addition to public and City Council advocacy, we continued to consult on the River Crossing Heritage Interpretive Plan; reviewed heritage properties in 5 neighbourhoods, ultimately voting to add 10 properties to the Inventory of Heritage Resources; reviewed and recommended 12 properties be designated Municipal Heritage Resources; met regularly with fellow heritage organizations such as the Edmonton Heritage Council to coordinate, collaborate, and share resources; completed a long-overdue rebranding project; supported our fourth Historian Laureate, Chris Chang-Yen Phillips, in his outreach activities; and facilitated conversations around issues of remembering and reconciliation. We look forward to continuing many of these projects in 2018, to welcoming our fifth Historian Laureate, and to ongoing advocacy for threatened buildings such as the former Royal Alberta Museum and Blatchford's Hangar 11.

The Edmonton Historical Board has three sub-committees which make recommendations to the Board as a whole. The Historical Plaques and Recognition Awards Committee reviews nominations and writes/researches interpretive plaques for placement throughout the City. The Heritage Outreach Committee manages our social media channels and helps to facilitate public engagement and learning opportunities. And the Historical Resources Review Panel focuses on built heritage, evaluating and making recommendations for the preservation of sites of significance throughout the City.

More detailed information about these committee's activities, successes, and directions follow.

In 2017, the Edmonton Historical Board continued to enjoy the strong and welcome support of the City of

Edmonton administration. The Board is particularly grateful for the continuing efforts of the City of Edmonton Archivist, Kathryn Ivany, our administrative support, Sonia Caligiuri, and all of their colleagues at the City of Edmonton Archives. The Edmonton Historical Board also values its relationship with the Heritage Planners, Robert Geldart, David Johnston, and Scott Ashe and their colleagues in the Sustainable Development Department. The members of the Edmonton Historical Board also wish to thank Council for their ongoing and positive support. We look forward to continued collaboration in 2018.

Kind Regards,



Barbara Hilden
Chair, Edmonton Historical Board



PLAQUES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION

The Plaques and Awards Committee's role is to mark preserved historic structures in Edmonton with plaques and to recognize groups and individuals that have made significant contributions to the preservation of heritage. Since 1974, the EHB presents these Plaques and Awards at a public event. The Board has participated in its plaque programs since 1974.

PLAQUE & AWARD WRITING

In April of 2017, submissions for Plaques and Awards were reviewed and selections made. Research and writing began from that point. Two drafts of each Plaque and Award were made by members of this committee and were then sent to the recipient for review. Changes were made in consultation with the recipient before the plaques went to manufacturing. In the Fall, planning began for the Awards Ceremony for early 2018.

43RD ANNUAL PLAQUES AND AWARDS CEREMONY

2017 saw the Plaques and Awards Committee recognize 3 individuals and 2 groups with its awards and 7 designated buildings and 2 designated locations received historical plaques. On February 1st, 2018, these individuals, groups, and locations were all formally recognized at our 43rd annual Plaques and Awards Ceremony at the Prince of Wales Armouries.

CHANGES TO PLAQUE NOMINATIONS

The Plaques and Awards Committee also expanded its Historical Plaque program. Starting in 2018, the EHB will allow 'Ghost Sites' to be submitted for official recognition. These are historically significant sites that contain narratives that currently have no form of recognition in either name or plaque/ marker in the area. These narratives must have historical significance to the history of the City of Edmonton but need not be tied to a specific site, an original building or building fragment. It is our hope that by allowing these nominations, the City will be able to recognize more narratives and locations that might not necessarily have a physical building associated with them.

Historic Resources Review Panel

YEAR IN REVIEW

Over the course of 2017 the Historic Resources Review Panel (HRRP) has been very active in identifying potential viable properties for inclusion in the Inventory of Historic Resource as well as very active in reviewing these properties to provide recommendations to the Edmonton Historical Board. This process is facilitated by the diverse array of committed individuals that the HRRP is composed of, including members of the EHB, the City Archivist, Heritage Officers from the City of Edmonton, historians, community members, and a representative architect from the Alberta Association of Architects.

Meeting roughly once a month (excepting summer and holiday season breaks), the HRRP is able to bring to bear the full wealth of its technical, professional and historical knowledge to submissions

brought forward for review. Coming off of the Glenora inventory in 2016, the HRRP saw 2017 bring a variety of submissions in the Westmount, Glenora, Strathcona and Downtown areas, amongst others. These submissions varied in size and scale from small, single family homes to high-rise commercial structures to community gathering spaces or places of worship.

REVIEWED SUBMISSIONS

Compared to 2016, 2017 did not feature a single, extensive inventory of a singular neighbourhood. Instead the HRRP saw a geographically wide variety of submissions from throughout the Edmonton area. Other than diversity of locations, these submissions varied widely in architectural style, utilization, age and size.

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PROPERTIES
RECOMMENDED

12

DESIGNATIONS
OF NEW MUNICIPAL
HERITAGE RESOURCES

8

DEMOLITIONS OF
BUILDINGS ON
THE INVENTORY

Standout submissions for 2017 included the Knox Metropolitan Church in Strathcona, the Bellevue Community League, and the Dominion Hotel Façade and Edmonton Farmers Market, both in Strathcona.

All of these submissions solicited enthusiastic and rigorous discussion surrounding not only their integrity as historic resources but also their greater history in the Edmonton area. Multiple submissions in 2017 also featured individual homeowners coming forward and actively participating in the review

process through either attendance at HRRP meetings or the submission of historical information. These homeowners typically bring forward single family homes and are passionate about maintaining not only the historical integrity of the structure, but also many times a family history stretching back decades. This type of direct engagement with the community serves, in some ways, to demystify adding properties to the Inventory, and encourages further submissions in the process.

PROPERTY TIMELINE

January:
Fred M. Hall
Residence

February:
Knox Metropolitan
Church; Strathcona
Bus Garage;
Empire Building

April:
187 Quesnell
Crescent

August:
Alfred F. Fugl/
Dr. Robert
Shearer Residence;
Thomson Residence;
Spurr Residence

In December 2017, the HRRP also saw our review of the Jasper Place Historic Resources Inventory commence, with the first batch reviewed and three more batches to follow, totalling approximately 44 properties slated to be reviewed. The Jasper Place area offers a fascinating insight into the early history of the Edmonton area and of the Town of Jasper Place prior to its incorporation into the City of Edmonton and the board is fastidiously reviewing all submissions as they are presented to us by the Heritage Planners.

The above reviews would not have been possible without the hard work of Donald Luxton and his team, as well as the Heritage Planners, City staff and panel volunteers who have provided their ongoing time, support and expertise. On behalf of the Panel we would like to extend our thanks to these individuals for their efforts in supporting the continued activities of the Historic Resources Review Panel.



September: Bellevue
Community League
Hall

October:
Ellen Elliot
Residence

December:
First 8 properties
from Jasper Place

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING PACKAGE

The Heritage Outreach Committee led the preparation of a Briefing Package for new and returning Councillors and the Mayor. This new initiative provided a listing of inventoried and designated built heritage in each of the 12 wards, along with an overview of the work of the Edmonton Historical Board and information on the designation process.

COUNCIL-BOARD LUNCH MEETING

The annual lunch meeting between members of the Edmonton Historical Board and City Council was held on Wednesday, December 6th and provides the board with the opportunity to engage with City Council. The discussion at the meeting was focused on a number of topics, including how both the Board and Councillors can engage with citizens on heritage issues.

EDMONTON'S ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE WEBSITE

The Heritage Outreach Committee continues to maintain and promote the Edmonton's Architectural Heritage website (EdmontonsArchitecturalHeritage.ca). The Committee began work on a refresh of the website, including updates that will make the website more user friendly (including mobile-friendly updates), which continue into 2018. The website also saw the addition of 21 neighbourhoods, 8 buildings, and 3 architectural styles.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Edmonton Historical Board continues to be active on social media through a dedicated Facebook page. The page has more than 1200 likes and followers, and has regular posts featuring content and photos from Edmonton's Architectural Heritage website, along with information on emerging heritage issues and events.

OUTREACH AND TOURS

In 2017 the Heritage Outreach Committee began organizing meetings with owners of heritage buildings, including tours of notable Edmonton landmarks such as the Rossdale Power Plant and the former Molson Brewery. These meetings and tours provide Board members an opportunity to interact with owners, and to gain insight issues of built heritage preservation to better inform the work of the Board.

Edmonton Historical Board 2017 Members

CITIZENS AT LARGE	DATE APPOINTED BY CITY COUNCIL
Darlene Fisher	January 1, 2012
Barbara Hilden (Chair)	May 1, 2014
Erin McDonald	May 1, 2014
Daniel Rose (Vice Chair)	May 1, 2015
Neil Cramer	May 1, 2016
Andreas Loutas	May 1, 2016
Dominic Schamuhn	May 1, 2016
Stephanie Coombs	May 1, 2017
Rebecca Goodenough	May 1, 2017

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES	
Earl Anderson Northern Alberta Pioneers & Descendants Association	January 26, 2016
Aimee Shaw Edmonton & District Historical Society	June 14, 2016

DARLENE FISHER

Darlene holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology from the University of Alberta and is currently completing a post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Heritage Resources Management through Athabasca University. Darlene has a great interest in museums, history, culture, and the preservation of Edmonton's historic buildings.

BARBARA HILDEN

Barbara has lived, worked, studied, and instructed in four countries on three different continents. Everywhere she goes, she immerses herself in the culture and heritage of her surroundings: walking, hiking, exploring, and drinking whatever kind of wine they produce. She has worked at Fort Edmonton Park and the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, interned with the Smithsonian Institution, and now serves as Exhibits Coordinator for the Legislative Assembly of Alberta (Borealis Gallery). Barbara is current Chair of the Board.

ERIN MCDONALD

Having completed an Honours BA at the University of Toronto, Erin completed her Certificate of Museum Management & Curatorship at Fleming College. Erin has actively volunteered at several museums and has served on the Alberta Museums Association Board of Directors. Erin is passionate about arts, culture and heritage and seeks to engage the Edmonton community in the history and stories of the city.

DANIEL ROSE

Dan was born and raised in Edmonton and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science from the University of Alberta. Having lived and worked in some of Edmonton's finest historic buildings, Dan has become active in Edmonton's heritage community working to raise awareness of our City's built heritage and advocating for historic preservation and adaptive reuse.

NEIL CRAMER

Born and raised in Edmonton, Neil holds a Bachelor Degree in History with a Minor in Psychology from Grant MacEwan University. His passion for history started with his career at Fort Edmonton Park, where he learned about how fun and interesting the stories of Edmonton's past were. Neil enjoys sharing his knowledge with everyone and has worked with both the federal and provincial governments to provide text for historic plaques throughout the province of Alberta.

ANDREAS LOUTAS

As a proud, life-long Edmonton resident and practicing structural engineer, Andreas has witnessed firsthand the extensive transformation of the Edmonton area and maintains a keen interest in the history of the city, having previously and currently participated first-hand in several high-profile historical projects. Having just completed his second term as an Edmonton Historical Board member, Andreas is eager to further expand his knowledge of Edmonton's built heritage.

DOMINIC SCHAMUHN

Dominic is a lifelong Albertan, and has called Edmonton home since 2012. After spending more than five years working in provincial politics, Dominic now works with the University Hospital Foundation. He is currently completing his Bachelor of Arts at the University of Alberta, with a double major in Human Geography and Art History. Dominic is an active volunteer with arts, heritage, and cultural organizations in Edmonton.



STEPHANIE COOMBS

Stephanie Coombs has a keen interest in history, culture and current affairs. The former managing editor of the Edmonton Journal, Stephanie holds two degrees in journalism. She now works with the Edmonton Economic Development Corporation as a communications and marketing director, where she continues to tell our city's stories. Stephanie grew up just outside Edmonton, and then spent two decades living in B.C. and Ontario before returning to Edmonton in 2011. Stephanie is passionate about travelling, and never misses an opportunity to visit a museum or read a historical plaque.

REBECCA GOODENOUGH

Rebecca is a registered professional planner who currently works in the field of heritage conservation with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism. She values the integration of historic fabric into our evolving communities as a way to add memory, texture and interest to our growing city.

EARL ANDERSON (NAPDA)

Earl's grandparents came to Alberta in 1903 and 1904, mainly from Switzerland and Sweden via the USA route. Earl's father passed away suddenly on a farm

southwest of Calmar and his mother remarried and moved to Edmonton in 1949. Here, Earl finished his schooling and graduated from Strathcona High School in 1955. Earl was appointed as the representative to the Edmonton Historical Board in January of 2016, and serves as the historian for NAPDA. While Earl has been taken by the genealogy bug, he is also involved in the heritage of the Bonnie Doon Community.

AIMEE SHAW (EDHS)

Aimee grew up in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Canada and attended the University of Edinburgh where she received her undergraduate degree and the University of Oxford University, receiving an MA in 2009. Aimee has resided in Edmonton since 2013, at which time she commenced work at the Royal Alberta Museum (RAM). Aimee has always possessed a genuine interest in cultural and built history and heritage preservation, and is keen to apply her skills in the interest of such activities in her adopted home of Edmonton. An avid runner, this is a means for her to connect to the physical surroundings of the city, notably the river valley region, often reminding her of the roots of this place we all now call home.

Edmonton Historical Board 2018-2019 Work Plan

MAY 2018

CHAIR

- liaise with Council, Councillor Designate, external groups, media (as required)
- EAC Advisory Group meeting: Art of Living 2018-28 revisions
- new member orientation
- appoint representative to Fort Edmonton Park Management Company

EXECUTIVE

- meeting third Wednesday (as required)
- review, interview (as needed), and award of research contract

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- meeting second Wednesday
- social media channels maintenance
- organization, planning, promotion of Heritage Conversations event
- promotion of CoE cemetery tours

HISTORICAL RESOURCES REVIEW PANEL

- meeting second Tuesday
- review of individual Inventory and Designation applications
- completion of Jasper Place Inventory review

PLAQUES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

- Receive and review nominations for 2017

BOARD

- meeting fourth Wednesday
- members re-appointed to 2018/19 term
- new members appointed to Board

JUNE 2018

CHAIR

- liaise with Council, Councillor Designate, external groups, media (as required)
- EAC Advisory Group meeting: Art of Living 2018-28 revisions

EXECUTIVE

- meeting third Wednesday (as required)
- committee chairs orient new members
- committees set annual goals

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- meeting second Wednesday
- social media channels maintenance
- organization, planning, promotion of Heritage Conversations event
- preparation of electronic newsletter for July

HISTORICAL RESOURCES REVIEW PANEL

- meeting second Tuesday
- review of individual Inventory and Designation applications

PLAQUES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

- recommend nominations for 2017
- nominees notified of Edmonton Historical Board decision

BOARD

- meeting fourth Wednesday
- review and approval of 2017 P&A recipients

JULY 2018

CHAIR

- liaise with Council, Councillor Designate, external groups, media (as required)
- meet with P&A to review and edit award/plaque texts

EXECUTIVE

- meeting third Wednesday (as required)

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- social media channels maintenance
- quarterly e-newsletter issued
- Heritage Conversations event organized, promoted

HISTORICAL RESOURCES REVIEW PANEL

- meeting second Tuesday (as required)
- review of individual Inventory and Designation applications

PLAQUES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

- research and writing for 2017 texts

BOARD

- participation in Doors Open Edmonton
- host Heritage Conversations event
- meeting fourth Wednesday (as required)

AUGUST 2018

CHAIR

- liaise with Council, Council Designate, external groups, media (as required)
- progress meeting with researcher and City Archivist

EXECUTIVE

- meeting third Wednesday (as required)
- progress meeting with Historian Laureate

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- meeting second Wednesday
- social media channels maintenance
- preparation for annual Lunch Meeting with City Council

HISTORICAL RESOURCES REVIEW PANEL

- meeting second Tuesday
- review of individual Inventory and Designation applications

PLAQUES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

- first drafts of award/plaque text

BOARD

- meeting fourth Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 2018

CHAIR

- liaise with Council, Councillor Designate, external groups, media (as required)
- EAC Advisory Group meeting: Art of Living 2018-28 revisions

EXECUTIVE

- meeting third Wednesday (as required)
- progress meeting with Edmonton Heritage Council, Edmonton & District Historical Society, Northern Alberta Pioneers & Descendants Society, others as identified

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- meeting second Wednesday
- social media channels maintenance
- hosting and attendance at Free Admission Day
- preparation for annual Lunch Meeting with City Council
- preparation of electronic newsletter for October
- promotion of community member recruitment

HISTORICAL RESOURCES REVIEW PANEL

- meeting second Tuesday
- review of individual Inventory and Designation applications

PLAQUES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

- review of award/plaque texts
- recipients receive texts for review

BOARD

- meeting fourth Wednesday

OCTOBER 2018

CHAIR

- liaise with Council, Councillor Designate, external groups, media (as required)
- preparation for Council luncheon

EXECUTIVE

- meeting third Wednesday (as required)
- budget review with City Archivist and City support staff

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- meeting second Wednesday
- social media channels maintenance
- quarterly e-newsletter issued
- planning for Lunch Meeting with Council
- promotion of community member recruitment

HISTORICAL RESOURCES REVIEW PANEL

- meeting second Tuesday
- review of individual Inventory and Designation applications

PLAQUES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

- final edits of texts in advance of Board approval
- review and evaluation of any recipient edits

BOARD

- meeting fourth Wednesday
- approval of final award/plaque texts
- review of research contract: progress and draft
- membership reappointment forms circulated

NOVEMBER 2018

CHAIR

- liaise with Council, Councillor Designate, external groups, media (as required)

EXECUTIVE

- meeting third Wednesday (as required)

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- meeting second Wednesday
- social media channels maintenance
- initial planning for 2019 activities

HISTORICAL RESOURCES REVIEW PANEL

- meeting third Tuesday
- review of individual Inventory and Designation applications

PLAQUES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

- planning for event begins
- recipients review texts

BOARD

- meeting fourth Wednesday
- host Lunch Meeting with City Council
- research report received and disseminated

DECEMBER 2018

CHAIR

- liaise with Council, Councillor Designate, external groups, media (as required)
- membership/re-appointment reports drafted
- introduction for EHB Annual Report prepared

EXECUTIVE

- committee chairs prepare reports for EHB Annual Report

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- initial preparation of 2018 Annual Report content
- social media channels maintenance
- preparation of electronic newsletter for January
- continuation of planning for 2019 activities

HISTORICAL RESOURCES REVIEW PANEL

- review of individual Inventory and Designation applications

PLAQUES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

- planning for event begins
- plaques and texts manufactured

JANUARY 2019

CHAIR

- liaise with Council, Councillor Designate, external groups, media (as required)
- membership/re-appointment reports submitted

EXECUTIVE

- meeting third Wednesday (as required)
- committee chairs submit reports for inclusion in Annual Report

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- meeting second Wednesday
- coordination of 2018 Annual Report
- social media channels maintenance
- quarterly e-newsletter issued
- new board member vacancies promoted

HISTORICAL RESOURCES REVIEW PANEL

- meeting second Tuesday
- review of individual Inventory and Designation applications

PLAQUES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

- planning for event continues
- save-the-date and invitations for event issued

BOARD

- meeting fourth Wednesday
- review of draft Art of Living revisions (presented to Council Dec); strategy session and responses

FEBRUARY 2019

CHAIR

- liaise with Council, Councillor Designate, external groups, media (as required)
- preparation for P&A event

EXECUTIVE

- meeting third Wednesday (as required)
- progress meeting with Historian Laureate

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- meeting second Wednesday
- social media channels maintenance
- new board member vacancies promoted

HISTORICAL RESOURCES REVIEW PANEL

- meeting second Tuesday
- review of individual Inventory and Designation applications

PLAQUES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

- event planning finalized
- Call for Nominations: 2018 Heritage Awards continue to be publicized

BOARD

- meeting fourth Wednesday
- representative appointed to Naming Committee
- Annual Report approved and submitted

MARCH 2019

CHAIR

- liaise with Council, Councillor Designate, external groups, media (as required)
- membership/re-appointment report presented to Community Services Committee
- review of new member applications, as invited
- members consulted re: upcoming term committee assignments

EXECUTIVE

- meeting third Wednesday (as required)

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- meeting second Wednesday
- social media channels maintenance
- preparation of electronic newsletter for April
- planning for 2019 events (as needed)

HISTORICAL RESOURCES REVIEW PANEL

- meeting second Tuesday
- review of individual Inventory and Designation applications

PLAQUES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

- event hosted
- Call for Nominations: 2018 Heritage Plaques and Awards publicized
- installation of plaques begins (maybe; this is Edmonton...)

BOARD

- meeting fourth Wednesday
- attendance at annual plaques and awards event

APRIL 2019

CHAIR

- liaise with Council, Councillor Designate, external groups, media (as required)
- 2018 Annual Report presented to Council (with Historian Laureate)

EXECUTIVE

- meeting third Wednesday (as required)
- 2019/20 executive chosen
- 2019/20 committee assignments discussed and confirmed
- external committee member assignments discussed and confirmed

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- meeting second Wednesday
- social media channels maintenance
- quarterly e-newsletter issued

HISTORICAL RESOURCES REVIEW PANEL

- meeting second Tuesday
- review of individual Inventory and Designation applications

PLAQUES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

- Call for Nominations: 2018 Heritage Plaques and Awards publicized con't

BOARD

- meeting fourth Wednesday
- approves 2018 award/plaque recipients



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