

Board Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: March 22, 2023; 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Meeting Location: Virtually via Google Meet

Attendance: Stephen Rees, Chair Shalene Williams, Vice Chair Elyse Abma-Bouma John Beamish
Joshua Budinski Elizabeth Cytko Harrison Sheremeta Cindy Yan James McTague

Regrets: Carrie-Ann Lunde Kokulan Mahendiran

Guests: David Johnston-Principal Heritage Planner

Support Staff: Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Admin Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

Agenda Item	Description/Actions; Date Due	Person(s) Responsible
1. Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement	Meeting called to order at 5:02 PM. Welcome to all. The Edmonton Historical Board acknowledges the traditional land on which we reside is in Treaty Six Territory. We would like to thank the diverse Indigenous Peoples whose footsteps have marked this territory for centuries, such as Nêhiyawak (Cree), Dené, Anishinaabe (Saulteaux), Isga Nakota (Nakota Sioux), Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), and Métis– Region 4 peoples. We acknowledge this as the home of one of the largest communities of Inuit south of the 60th parallel. It is a welcoming place and a gathering place for all peoples who come from around the world to share Edmonton as a home. As the meeting is being live streamed and some attendees are choosing to	Stephen

	keep their cameras off, roll call was completed.	
2. Approval of Agenda	Motion: That the EHB approve the Agenda Moved: Josh Approved (unanimously)	Stephen
3. Consent Agenda	Motion: That the EHB approve the Consent Agenda Moved: Cindy Approved (unanimously)	Stephen
4. Reports and External Updates		
a. Chair report & update	Strategic Planning Session follow-up -Thanks to those who could attend. It went well; good input from the group. Facilitators did a great job. Report should be arriving shortly	Stephen
b. Heritage Unit Report	Report attached and reviewed. -No grant money is being requested for the Magrath Mansion. -Application to Amend the Inventory for the Griesbach Training School in April -Ortona Armoury: Watermane break in Janurary (offsite) affected the building; has been cleared up and work is progressing well. -Outstanding Designation agreements: Planners are working with owners to have these completed either by: -completing work on buildings so payments can be made or -to close the file(s). -Question regarding oppportunity to tour City owned rehabilitated projects. David will look into the possibility.	David
c. Naming Committee	No report at this time	Carrie
5. Committee Reports & Requests for Decision		
a. Policy & Planning	Briefing Notes attached	Harrison

Committee	Motion: That the EHB hire Curio Studio based on their quote to carry out the work for graphic design of the “Heritage Preservation and Climate Change Information Guide” at the March EHB meeting for the amount of \$1,549.80. Moved: Harrison Approved (unanimously) -Draft guide should be ready for review in April. -Final guide will be ready in the early part of the next term.	
b. Historic Plaques Committee	Committee didn't meet this month, but work has been ongoing especially for the EHB's involvement during the Historic Festival and Doors Open. Draft description was reviewed. Elizabeth to complete and submit the application to EDHS. -Board was in favour of hosting this event at the Pendennis.	Elizabeth
6. Other Business		
a. Administrative Support	Analytics for the Edmonton's Architectural Heritage website -is provided so EHB members can get a sense of what the website's use has been like. Also to note that people accessing the site are not just from Edmonton or Alberta, but from around the world. -request to have a bit more information around which page(s) are being looked at most often 2023-2024 Committee Roster: -as most members are looking to continue on the Board, please start thinking about which committee(s) you would like to sit on for the next term so the roster can be approved at the April meeting and the board can continue to work starting in May without a delay. Please let Stephen and Sonia know. -Any new EHB members' committee selection can be approved in May.	Sonia
7. Roundtable and Conclusion		

a. Roundtable	-National Trust Conference: call for presentations deadline is April 21.	Stephen
b. Action Items	-Analytics for website	Stephen
c. Feedback & Next Meeting	Next Meeting: April 26, 2023 at 5:00PM, location:Virtual	Stephen
8. Adjournment	Moved by Cindy at 5:59PM	Stephen

HERITAGE MANAGEMENT UNIT REPORT

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

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UPCOMING DESIGNATIONS FOR 2023:

Magrath Mansion (6240 Ada Boulevard NW, Highlands) - Notice of Intention to Designate memo sent to City Council on February 28, 2023

Massey Residence (12009 - 95 Street NW, Alberta Avenue) - to be determined

COMMITTED FUNDING TO DATE IN 2023: \$0

Potential Designations:

Edmonton Iron Works 10415 - 96 Street NW (Boyle Street)

Revillon Building 10310 - 102 Avenue NW (Downtown)

Rossdale Low Pressure Plant (Rossdale)

No. 2 Pumping Station (Rossdale)

Boardwalk Building 10310 - 102 Avenue NW (Downtown)

Windsor Park 8905 Windsor Road NW (Windsor Park)

No. 1 Pumping Station (Rossdale)

Strathcona Collegiate Institute 10523 - 84 Avenue (Strathcona)

Proposed Demolitions:

Glenora Patio Homes 13416 - 109 Avenue NW (North Glenora)

El Tovar Apartments 10029 - 114 Street NW (Oliver) DEMOLISHED

Sandford Oils Building 10304 - 111 Street NW (Oliver) DEMOLISHED

Thomson Residence 11244 - 92 Street NW (Alberta Avenue) DEMOLISHED

Goldberg Residence 9517 - 103 Avenue NW (Boyle Street)

Joe Clarke Residence 7852 Jasper Avenue NW (Cromdale) DEMOLISHED

Settle Residence 11319 - 96 Street NW (Alberta Avenue) DEMOLISHED

Spurrier Residence 9805 - 155 Street NW (West Jasper Place)

James S. Waters Residence 9640 - 80 Avenue NW (Ritchie)

Waithe Residence 10531 - 152 Street NW (Canora)

McPherson Residence 10228 - 130 Street NW (Glenora)

Ball Residence 10232 - 140 Street NW (Glenora) DEMOLISHED

Neher Residence 9939 - 152 Street NW (Jasper Place)

Ongoing Discussions:

Dr. Leslie McIntyre Residence 10923 - 125 Street NW (Westmount)	Ritchie Triplex 9821 - 80 Avenue NW (Ritchie)
Henry J. Wells Residence 11649 - 95 Street NW (McCauley)	Emerson Residence 11404 - 123 Street NW (Inglewood)
Henry Weitzel Residence 9731 - 87 Avenue NW (Strathcona)	The Galleria 11220 - 99 Avenue NW (Oliver)
Lee's Food Market 9204-06 - 95 Avenue NW (Strathcona)	MacLachlan Residence NW (Alberta Avenue)
South Side Market 10335 - 83 Avenue NW (Strathcona)	Park Towers 9908 - 114 Street NW (Oliver)
McComb Residence 9848 - 88 Avenue NW (Strathcona)	
St. Teresa School and the Dawson/O'Connell Buildings 8441 - 101 Avenue NW (Forest Heights)	
Bellevue Community League 7507 Borden Park Road (Bellevue)	Royal Bank Building 10401 - 82 Avenue NW (Queen Alexandra)
Hawrelak Park Pavilions 9330 Groat Road NW (River Valley Mayfair)	
Griesbach Training School 2775 Sir Arthur Currie Way (Griesbach)	

CURRENT UNIT INITIATIVES:

1. The three service packages submitted by the Heritage Conservation Unit to City Council as part of the deliberations on the 2023-2026 budget were unfortunately not funded.

These included:

- a. Historic Resource Management Strategy and Implementation: In response to an audit recommendation and motion from City Council, this service package will fund preparation of a new strategy to guide heritage management in Edmonton. This work will better commemorate Edmonton's diverse history, consider climate change, and clarify the balance between preservation and redevelopment. We are in the process of establishing a project charter and scope of work for the project. The EHB will be a primary external stakeholder. Budget: \$826,000 including the cost of a new FTE between 2023-2026.
- b. Community-specific Heritage Work: In response to a motion from City Council, this service package will support a 2 year pilot project to undertake community-specific heritage work across the City as a value added component of the Neighbourhood Renewal Program. Budget: \$2,000,000.
- c. Implementation Program for City-owned Historic Resources: In response to a motion from City Council, this service package will provide the seed funding and staffing for a program to manage City-owned historic resources in Edmonton. It will allow Administration to better coordinate how it stewards, funds and manages City-owned historic resources. Budget: \$3,929,000 including staffing between 2023-2026.

Our team is assessing the impact the lack of funding for these requests will have on our program. In particular, we are working to determine if funding can be found within our Department consulting budget to allow us to at least move forward with the new Historic Resource Management Strategy.

2. The Heritage Unit is working with our Ecological Planning team on considerations towards the addition of natural/archaeological sites and features in Edmonton to the Inventory of Historic Resources. The addition of these types of resources to the Inventory has not been undertaken in a formal way in the past. We will engage with the EHB and the Historic Resources Review Panel in the coming months to discuss how these can be accommodated under our current evaluation process.
3. The Heritage Unit has started working closely with the City's Climate Change Adaptation team to seek opportunities to combine preservation with energy retrofits. The City has a Building Energy Benchmarking program that building owners can join; through this benchmarking program, building owners can also seek grants through the Building Energy Retrofit Accelerator to assist in the costs of energy upgrades. With the retention of existing buildings emerging as a key part of achieving climate change and emission reductions goals, we see many opportunities to support each other's programs.
4. At its June 20, 2022, meeting, City Council approved the formal Bylaw adopting the program for deferring or exempting property taxes for non-residential heritage properties applying for designation. The program will be offering a hold on property tax increases for non-residential buildings that designate for a 10-year period, to a maximum of \$500,000 over that period. A minimum of \$100,000 in eligible heritage conservation work is required as part of the eligibility for the program. Owners of existing designated non-residential buildings are not eligible to apply for the tax rebate. We are coordinating with Assessment and Taxation to get the administrative processes for the program established.
5. The rehabilitation work at the Ortona Armoury is fully underway after work was paused in 2021 due to material cost increases. Abatement of lead paint inside the building has been completed, foundation repair work is underway, new structural steel elements are being installed and a contractor has been awarded the contract for the window replacement/rehabilitation.
6. The formal project for the rehabilitation work on the High Level Bridge has been initiated, and Scott is representing the Heritage unit on the project team. The Heritage unit will play a direct role throughout the course of the exercise, ensuring that the proper considerations towards the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada and the Designation Bylaw for the structure are properly addressed. The original project budget of \$270 million was reduced to \$200 million by City Council as part of the recent budget deliberations. It appears this reduction in funding will largely impact planned improvements to the bridge, versus the rehabilitation work.

7. The Heritage Unit is directly involved in the rehabilitation work underway for the Peter Hemingway Leisure Centre. The building is on the Inventory of Historic Resources, and we are working closely with the design team to ensure that the exterior rehabilitation maintains the historic integrity of the structure to allow for future designation. The initial phases of rehabilitation work will focus on the replacement of the pool and associated infrastructure. The initial design work around the exterior rehabilitation is underway.

8. The Heritage Unit has been directly involved in the planned rehabilitation work in Hawrelak Park, specifically related to the Main Pavilion, Boat Pavilion, and Picnic Shelters #1, #2 and #3. All five buildings are listed on the Inventory, and the required rehabilitation work to the structures is being undertaken in a manner to retain their historic integrity to allow for future designation.

9. Integrated Infrastructure Services presented a report to City Council on July 4, 2022, regarding Hangar 14, the current home of the Alberta Aviation Museum. The report recommended consideration towards the sale of the building due to the significant amount of rehabilitation required to the building, and the high costs of the work. The building is a designated Provincial and Municipal Historic Resource, so cannot be demolished or inappropriately altered. The Heritage team was involved in the preparation of the report. City Council passed the following motion:

That Administration implement a disposition strategy that maintains the public museum use within Hangar 14 including but not limited to partnering with other orders of government and private partners and that the strategy is limited to a maximum of two years at which time disposition options without conditions would be pursued.

A working group has been established, whose mandate is to attempt to develop a disposition solution that allows the Aviation Museum to continue to be accommodated in the building. If this cannot be achieved within the two year timeframe directed by City Council, the City will explore disposition options that may not include the retention of the Museum.

10. The sale of the John L. Lang Apartments to new private owners has been completed. The new owners have initiated the rehabilitation work on the building, including new roofing, restoration/replacement of the exterior cladding, replacement of all windows and doors and interior renovations. The building will be repurposed to accommodate a psychiatry office/clinic for children and a small cafe. A grant of \$100,000 is being provided from the Heritage Resources Reserve to assist in the costs. The previous sales offering for the Dame Eliza Chenier Residences and the Lester Allyn House has been canceled, and a new offering is currently active on the City's Real Estate website. The foundation work on these two buildings has been completed, and the contractors are no longer on site.

11.The Advanced Assessment and Rehabilitation Prioritization project for the Rosedale Power Plant continues. The team is now focusing on identifying the phased rehabilitation work needed in the short, medium and long terms to allow the building to begin to be activated. We are now into the Design Development phase of the project, which will start focusing on specific interventions needed to allow temporary occupation of the building in the shorter term. Roof replacement work on the No. 2 Pumping Station is completed. Roof replacement work on the Turbine Hall and Switch House has been deferred until 2023 to allow more detailed structural assessments to be completed on these two buildings.

12.David is working with the team at IIS on the rehabilitation of the Stone House and Summer Kitchen at the Whitemud Equine Centre. Rehabilitation work is well underway, with the Stone House up on piers to accommodate the new foundation work, and the Summer Kitchen completely dismantled and reassembly work nearing completion.

13.David continues to work 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 was added to the Inventory of Historic Resources in November 2020. The Community League has indicated they wish to designate the park as a Municipal Historic Resource, which would be our first such designation. The next step will be to determine what elements of the park would be included under a potential designation and how this would dovetail into planned rehabilitation work on the site. The Community League has started meeting with contractors to discuss some components of the rehabilitation work.

14.Rehabilitation work on the Iron Works site continues. Due to budget constraints, full rehabilitation work will only be completed on the original 1909 Iron Works building itself. The north and south annexes will be made watertight and mothballed for the time being, until tenants can be found for these spaces. The work on the Iron Works building itself is continuing, with roof replacement, foundation repairs and dismantling/reassembly of the brick walls all underway.

15.The Mill Creek Trestle Bridge, a designated Municipal Historic Resource, will be undergoing a major rehabilitation project, starting in late 2022 or early 2023. A detailed condition assessment project has already been completed, and the preliminary design stage for the rehabilitation work is now underway. The existing bridge is in poor condition, and has several structural issues. Little or no original material remains in the structure, due to repair projects over the years from the 1940s and into the 1990s. We are working closely with the bridge team in Integrated Infrastructure Services to ensure all new work to the structure adheres to the Designation Bylaw and proper preservation standards.

Submitted by the Heritage Conservation Unit: David Johnston, Scott Ashe, Jared Althouse and Erik Backstrom

POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

Briefing Notes

MEETING DATE: March 22, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 5a. Policy & Planning

REASON FOR BRIEFING: Request for Decision

Motion: That the PPC recommend the EHB hire Curio Studio based on their quote to carry out the work for graphic design of the “Heritage Preservation and Climate Change Information Guide” at the March EHB meeting

Background Information:

- At the March PPC meeting, Harrison presented the quote for designing the Heritage Preservation and Climate Change Information Guide from Curio Studio in the amount of \$1,549.80.
- The work would finalize content and use the existing EHB branding throughout, as well as develop the layout concept and infographic style
- The document may include graphs and charts to display technical information
- The Guide would be finalized prior to the April EHB meeting, where it would be presented for final approval
- Pending approval by the Board, the April EHB meeting would determine the plan for stakeholder communications (i.e. Mayor and Council, public access on websites, etc.).

Outcomes/next steps and person(s)/committee responsible

- The Policy and Planning Committee requests that the EHB approve the quote from Curio Studio and have them proceed with the Information Guide design work to be brought back to the April EHB meeting for final approval

EDMONTON'S ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE WEBPAGE

Analytics:

Date Range	Users	New Users	Ave. Session Duration	Sessions	# of Sessions/user	Page views	Pages/ Session	Bounce Rate
Last 7 day	657	602	1 min 04 sec	749	1.14	1554	2.07	72.90%
Last 30 days	2,871	2,771	2 min 02 sec	3,471	1.21	7508	216	72.34%
Last 90 days	8,000		2 min	9,700				73.28%
Nov 1, 2013-Mar 19, 2023	190,363		2 min 04 sec	238,653				67.67%