## EDMONTON HISTORICAL BOARD

## Agenda

**Board Meeting** 

Meeting Date & Time: September 24, 2025; 5:00PM - 7:00PM Meeting Location: Virtually, via Google Meet

Members: Harrison Sheremeta, Chair Kyle Schole, Vice Chair Stephen Rees, Past Chair

John Beamish Michael Aytenfisu Mark Minenko James McTague Joshua Budinski Vanessa Zembal

**Regrets:** Councillor Sarah Hamilton Darren N. Wagner Elizabeth Cytko David Ridley, EHC Exec. Director Donna Coombs-Montrose, Historian Laureate

**Guests:** Jess Burylo, EHC Chair

Support Staff: Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist Mitchell Norenberg, EHB Coordinator

David Johnston, Heritage Planner Sydney Gross, Heritage Planner

**NOTE:** This meeting did not meet quorum. Some discussion was held while waiting for the minimum number of members to arrive, but no business was transacted and the meeting was called off after 15 minutes.

Agenda Item	Description/Actions; Date Due	Responsible
1. Welcome &	The Edmonton Historical Board acknowledges the traditional land on	Harrison
Territorial	which we reside is in Treaty Six Territory. We would like to thank the	
Acknowledgement	diverse Indigenous Peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked	
	this territory for centuries, such as nêhiyaw (Nay-hee-yow), Dene	
	(Deh-neyh), Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-in-ah-bay), Nakota Isga	
	(Na-koh-tah ee-ska), and Niitsitapi (Nit-si-tahp-ee) peoples. We also	
	acknowledge this as the Métis' (May-tea) homeland and the home of	
	one of the largest communities of Inuit south of the 60th parallel. It is a	

	welcoming place for all peoples who come from around the world to share Edmonton as a home. Together we call upon all of our collective, honoured traditions and spirits to work in building a great city for today and future generations.			
2. Approvals				
	- Agenda and August 27, 2025 Board meeting minutes.	Harrison		
3. Reports & External Updates				
a. Chair Report & Update	<ul> <li>Orientation Manual - Section 3 (Advocacy Policy)</li> <li>- Update needed, referenced former Heritage Outreach Committee</li> <li>- Civic Agencies Updates:</li> <li>- Sept 11 Roberts Rules Workshop</li> <li>- Upcoming: Oct 1 Recruitment Update</li> <li>- Membership Intention Form, due October 26th</li> <li>- Strategic priorities action plan draft.</li> </ul>	Harrison		
b. Council Liaison Report	- Absent (election period) - nothing to report.	Councilor Hamilton		
c. Heritage Unit Report	- Heritage Conservation Unit <u>report</u> .	David Johnston/ Sydney Gross		
d. Naming Committee	- No meeting this month	Harrison		
e. Historian Laureate Report	Not present - at a Book Launch at U of A as a contributor to an anthology on Western Canadian Labour History. Recently returned from Ghana where she was presenting at a university on work as Historian Laureate and labour history.	Donna Coombs - Montrose		
f. Edmonton Heritage Council		David Ridley/Jess		
G. City Archivist	Report	Kathryn		
4. Committee Reports & Requests for Decision				

a. Historic Resources Review Panel	- No meeting this month.	James		
b. Historic Plaques Committee	<ul> <li>Corrected Hawrelak Park - Boat House plaque has been received - its installation along with the other Harelak Park plaques are being coordinated.</li> <li>Laurent and Eleanor Garneau plaque order has been submitted to Behrends.</li> <li>HP committee members have been allocated plaques to write and are beginning their drafts - still accepting possible ghost plaque locations and plaque replacement ideas until the end of October.</li> </ul>	Mitchell/ Elizabeth		
c. Policy & Planning Committee	- No meeting this month (no quorum so far this year).	Vanessa/Kyle		
d. Engagement Committee	<ul> <li>September 16 meeting - discussed: Social Media Strategy, EHC Engagement; Strategic Planning; poll to meet again in late October or November.</li> <li>Recommendation(s): <ol> <li>That the EHB informs Administration of their intent to establish an Instagram Account.</li> <li>That the Engagement Committee be tasked with creating and refining a 'terms of engagement' for the Board's consideration to guide ongoing use of the EHB's social media presence.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Chairs of Committee		
5. Other Business				
a. Administrative Support	- Veteran's Park - potential Cenotaph Plaza plaque.	Kathryn		
		Mitchell		

	- Letter to Councillor Hamilton thanking her for her time as our Councillor Liaison was sent on September 2 - now standard EHB practice to send thank you letters to outgoing Councillor Liaisons.			
b. EHB Mandate and Permanency Review Survey (from Civic Agencies)	<ul> <li>September 18 Email Requesting Feedback.</li> <li>Draft Governance Framework Engagement, please add comments here, due October 3rd</li> </ul>	Harrison/All		
6. Roundtable and Conclusion				
a. Roundtable	<ul> <li>Kyle: Short update on <u>Strathcona Rail Garden</u> progress.</li> <li>Edmonton Rail Garden site - <u>letter of support</u> to include on the Inventory + Designate.</li> </ul>	All		
b. Action Items		Harrison/All		
c. Next Meeting	- October 22, 2025 at 5:00PM - virtual.	Harrison/All		
7. Adjournment				