



# Minutes

## Board Meeting

**Meeting Date & Time:** May 22, 2025; 5:30PM - 7:30PM **Meeting Location:** Governor's Boardroom, POWA (10440 - 108 Ave)

**Members:** Harrison Sheremeta, Chair Elizabeth Cytko John Beamish  
Michael Aytenfisu Darren N. Wagner James McTague Mark Minenko

**Regrets:** Stephen Rees, Past Chair Vanessa Zembal Kyle Schole  
Joshua Budinski Jess Burylo, EHC Chair David Ridley, EHC Exec. Director

**Guests:** Councillor Sarah Hamilton Donna Coombs-Montrose, Historian Laureate

**Support Staff:** Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist Mitchell Norenberg, EHB Coordinator  
David Johnston, Heritage Planner Sydney Gross, Heritage Planner

Agenda Item	Description/Actions; Date Due	Responsible
1. Welcome & Territorial Acknowledgement	- Harrison opened the meeting at 5:44PM. - Councillor Hamilton and James arrived at 5:54PM. - The Territorial Acknowledgment was read.	Harrison
2. Approvals		
	- The agenda and <a href="#">April 23, 2025</a> Board meeting minutes were approved as circulated.	Harrison
3. Reports & External Updates		

a. Chair Report & Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Harrison is now the EHB Chair and Steve is Past Chair.</li> <li>- Seeking a new Vice Chair - Kyle is the only member who has expressed interest so Mitchell will reach out to him and confirm if he's still willing to move up.</li> <li>- Committee <a href="#">appointments</a>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mitchell is waiting to hear confirmation from some members - will send a reminder email otherwise members will remain on the committees they are already a part of.</li> <li>- Need a new chair of the P&amp;PC as well as an additional member.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Harrison
b. Council Liaison Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Councillor Hamilton presented her report and a discussion was held. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are many examples of mid-twentieth century properties, especially residences, in Edmonton as a result of that time's economic boom so deciding what should be designated in the future will be a tricky conversation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Councilor Hamilton
c. Heritage Unit Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Heritage Conservation Unit <a href="#">report</a> was presented and a discussion was held. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council designated the Gilpin Residence (10525 - 129 Street NW) as an MHR on May 14th.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	David Johnston/ Sydney
d. Naming Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- April 29th meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ezio Faraone Park renaming proposal to "Ezio Faraone Edmonton Police Memorial Park".</li> <li>- Collector road naming in Glenridding Heights (Glenridding Loop SW).</li> <li>- Green space naming in Crestwood (William S. McGregor Park).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Harrison
e. Historian Laureate Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Donna presented her report - will continue using a performance style to advocate for and preserve the history of emerging local communities.</li> </ul>	Donna
f. Edmonton Heritage Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kathryn asked when the EHC and EHB can get together at some point to discuss aligning our interests - a Wednesday in July or August will be arranged.</li> </ul>	David Ridley/Jess

G. City Archivist	- Kathryn presented her written <a href="#">report</a> to the Board.	Kathryn
<b>4. Committee Reports &amp; Requests for Decision</b>		
a. Historic Resources Review Panel	- James presented his report on the May 13th meeting and a discussion was held.	James
b. Historic Plaques Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plaques will be ordered from Behrends very soon.</li> <li>- The Edmonton Cenotaph plaque has been installed.</li> <li>- EHB Plaque Presentation Ceremony Wednesday, July 9, 7:00 - 9:00pm Revillon Building - as of May 1st, the Revillon and Boardwalk buildings has a new owner who has already expressed their interest in attending the ceremony to receive their plaques.</li> </ul>	Mitchell/ Elizabeth
c. Policy & Planning Committee	- The May 21st meeting was discussed.	Kyle
d. Engagement Committee	- No meeting this month.	Chairs of Committee
<b>5. Other Business</b>		
a. Administrative Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Orientation <a href="#">manual</a> - Section 1 - <a href="#">Mandate</a>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bylaw <a href="#">13601</a> has been repealed and replaced with Bylaw <a href="#">20674</a></li> <li>- Kathryn suggested adding a section on membership to the Board's procedures as it is not covered in Bylaw 20674.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Mitchell
b. EHB Mandate and Permanency Review Survey (from Civic Agencies)	<p>Harrison was asked by the Civic Agencies Team (CAT) for Board member's thoughts on the following questions - they will be gathered and submitted to CAT.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the work of Edmonton Historical Board aligned with the current mandate of the Board. Why or why not? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there work occurring that is not aligned with the current mandate?</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Harrison/All

	<p>2. How does Edmonton Historical Board's mandate align with Council's strategic priorities (as described in 2023-2026 Operating Budget)? (i.e. <i>Community Safety and Well-Being; Arts and Culture; District Planning; Mobility Network; Economic Growth; and Climate Action and Energy Transition</i>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What changes to Edmonton Historical Board's mandate would improve alignment with Council's strategic priorities?</li> </ul> <p>3. Please describe how the Edmonton Historical Board's mandate supports the needs of Council and Edmontonians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What changes to Edmonton Historical Board's mandate would enable greater relevance of the Committee for Council and Edmontonians?</li> </ul> <p>4. Is there any overlap between the mandate of Edmonton Historical Board and the work of Administration, another civic agency, or an external organization?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, what recommendations does Edmonton Historical Board have to mitigate the overlap?</li> </ul> <p>5. Does the Edmonton Historical Board have any other recommendations regarding the committee's current mandate?</p> <p>6. Please describe the implications for Edmonton Historical Board, if for each Council term, Council was required to renew Advisory Committees, for the duration of the Council term.</p>	
<b>6. Roundtable and Conclusion</b>		

a. Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kyle: EHC AGM on May 28th - <a href="#">RSVP</a>; River Valley Planning Modernization (<a href="#">RVMP</a>) Public Hearing Scheduled for June 9th (<a href="#">Joint EHB/EHC Letter of Support</a>); Surgeon County Victoria Trail Municipal Historic Area designation delayed (Redwater Wildfire).</li> <li>- Elizabeth, Michael, and Vanessa attended the Heritage Places Strategy Engagement on May 20th.</li> <li>- The <a href="#">planned demolition of Spruce Avenue school</a> was discussed.</li> <li>- Kathryn promoted the Arts in the Archives event happening on May 31st that's themed towards Asian heritage and community archives and mentioned the Edmonton Queer History exhibit is back at Fort Edmonton Park.</li> <li>- Mark promoted Canada's Contribution to Peacekeeping in the Balkans event that is organized by the Edmonton United Services Institute and happening on May 31st.</li> </ul>	Harrison/All
b. Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitated Conversation with EHB for COE Heritage Places Strategy - <a href="#">Doodle poll</a>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need all responses by end of day Sunday, May 25th as I need to let the COE know on Monday the 26th.</li> <li>• Still need responses from Josh, James, Mark, Michael, Stephen and Vanessa.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The EHB's Strategic Priorities Action Plan will be circulated to everyone.</li> </ul>	Harrison/All
c. Next Meeting	- June 25, 2025 at 5:00PM - in-person - Governor's Boardroom, POWA (10440 - 108 Ave).	Harrison/All
<b>7. Adjournment</b>	- 7:35PM.	