



EDMONTON DESIGN COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Location: (Hybrid) Edmonton Tower, 03-340 / Google Meet
Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

MEMBERS:

J. Mills, Chair
N. LaMontagne, Vice-Chair
C. Dorward, Vice-Chair
D. Brown
G. Freer
J. Monfries
K. Dieterman
K. Oxley
M. Tindall
N. Pryce
R. Subramanian

PRESENT:

J. Mills, Chair
N. LaMontagne, Vice-Chair
C. Dorward, Vice-Chair
D. Brown
G. Freer
J. Monfries
K. Dieterman

R. Subramanian

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

P. Spearey, Urban Form and Economy, Lead Urban Designer
W. Sims, Urban Planning and Economy, Urban Designer
A. Rowan, Urban Planning and Economy Department, EDC Administration
K. Bacon, Urban Planning and Economy Department, Planner

A. CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS

A.1. CALL TO ORDER

J. Mills called the meeting to order at 4:02p.m.

A.2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: J. Mills

Motion to adopt the January 21, 2025 agenda

SECONDED: J. Monfries

The motion passed unanimously.

A.3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: J. Mills

Motion to adopt the January 7, 2025 Minutes

SECONDED: C. Dorward

A.4 REQUESTS TO SPEAK

None.

B. PROJECT SYNOPSES (Closed to the Public)

MOTION: J. Mills

That the Edmonton Design Committee meet in private pursuant to Section 24 (advice from officials) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the discussion of item B.1 and C.1.

SECONDED: C. Dorward

The motion passed unanimously.

Edmonton Design Committee met in private at 4:04p.m.

MOTION: J. Mills

That the Edmonton Design Committee meet in public.

SECONDED: G. Freer

The motion passed unanimously.

The Edmonton Design Committee met in public at 4:11p.m.

C. APPLICATIONS

FORMAL PRESENTATIONS (Open to the Public)

C.1 Burgundy Building (DP)

Aleksandra Burzynska- S2 Architecture

Motion of Support: D. Brown

Seconded: J. Monfries

The Committee welcomes this proposed development, and in the interest of ensuring a high standard of urban design recommends the Applicant:

- Address the current scale of proposed perimeter planters, and potential CPTED issues, by considering the following:
 - Moving the parkade out of the setback area to accommodate in situ planting;
 - Increasing proposed recesses in the parkade/nose in stalls to reduce the height of proposed planters to establish more human-scale to planters and tree plantings, and/or using short stalls to reduce the parkade footprint;
 - Working with the City to incorporate tree/shrub planting in the turf area between the existing sidewalk and property line to reduce the height of tree planters along 113 Street; and/or
 - Using plant material that provides year-round colour, texture and massing and that drapes the larger planters to reduce their scale.
- Consider enlarging planter areas or adding groundcover to reduce the amount of aggregate, especially in areas around main floor patios.

For the Motion: N. LaMontagne, K. Dieterman, G. Freer, R. Subramanian, C. Dorward, D. Brown, J. Monfries, J. Mills

CARRIED

D. OTHER BUSINESS

D.1 2025-26 Work Planning

- P. Spearey [presented](#) some proposed tasks for the 2025-26 Work Plan to the Committee, ranked in order of priority. The Work Plan must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk on February 7, 2025.
- J. Mills suggested adding ongoing engagement between EDC, Administration, and Development Officers.
- D. Brown inquired about the possibility of auditing projects in order to help quantify the benefits of EDC review. J. Mills echoed that this would be valuable, as Council often inquires about how the benefit of EDC can be quantified during the Annual Report presentation. **Action:** Administration will follow up with the OCC regarding how this type of audit could potentially be conducted.
- N. LaMontagne suggested adding coordination/dialogue with other Committees (similar to the presentation to ETCRC this year) to the list of Work Plan tasks.
- G. Freer suggested further exploring the possibility of making informal EDC presentations mandatory.
- P. Spearey informed the Committee that the list of identified tasks will be reviewed by the Subcommittee on January 23, 2025. The Subcommittee will provide further direction to Administration on what will be included in the 2025/26 Work Plan, and the draft document will be shared with the larger Committee again before it is submitted to the OCC on February 7, 2025. **Info.**
- **Action:** Administration to prepare a google document containing a summary of this discussion. **Committee members are encouraged to add any other ideas for consideration into the document**

E. UPCOMING APPLICATIONS, CONFLICTS AND REGRETS (Tuesday, February 4, 2025)

Strathcona Junction Rezoning	Informal, RZ	Yolanda Lew- Stantec
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Conflicts: None

Regrets: R. Subramanian

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:21p.m.

G. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 4:00p.m. Hybrid.