

# Edmonton Historical Board

**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, June 25, 2014

**LOCATION:** Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre, Jefferson Room

## Minutes

These minutes were approved on August 27, 2014 by the Edmonton Historical Board

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

### Attending:

Sean Moir            Helen Cheung  
Gayle Simonson    Darlene Fisher  
Leslie Chevalier   Kyle Witiw  
Michael Boire      Erin McDonald  
Ana Laura Pauchulo  
Marilyn Assheton-Smith

Archives Staff:  
Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support

### Guests:

Robert Geldart, Senior Heritage Planner  
Mary Ann McConnell-Boehm, Director, Sustainable Development  
Danielle Metcalfe-Chenail, Historian Laureate

### Regrets:

Barbara Hilden  
Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist  
Scott Ashe, Heritage Planner  
Connor Thompson, Heritage Planner  
Summer Student

Agenda Item	Action	Person(s) Responsible	Date Due
<b>1. Welcome and Chair's Remarks</b>	Call to order at 5:10 p.m. Warm welcome to everyone. Everyone re-introduced themselves.	▪ Erin	
<b>2. Approval of Agenda</b>	Addition of Board Training under Other Business <b>Moved:</b> Helen <b>Second:</b> Sean <b>Approved</b>	▪ Erin	
<b>3. Approval of Minutes</b>	Amendment to EDHS Report: currently reads "Monthly speaker series to begin next month." Should read in September. <b>Moved:</b> Leslie <b>Second:</b> Michael	▪ Erin	

	<b>Approved</b>		
<b>4. Items for Discussion</b>			
a) <b>Information:</b> Board Training Session held on Saturday June 21, 2014	-Civic Agencies hosted a training session for Agency, Board and Commission members. Was held this past Saturday -Kyle, Helen, Sean, Michael and Sonia were able to attend. -Training focused on Robert's Rules of Order with practical use. A good refresher. -Presenter highlighted the importance of the development of a Legacy Statement-to plan what the Board wants to accomplish before terms are done. -Legacy Statement to be discussed and developed at Planning Session.	▪ Erin	
b) <b>Information:</b> Board Planning Session	Originally planned for a Saturday in September. As dates proposed did not have enough members available, proposed date is now on Wednesday September 24. -As EHB members will be in attendance for Board meeting, a brief meeting to cover any business followed by the planning session. The meeting is scheduled for ½ hour and the session for 1 ½ hours.	• Erin	
c) <b>Request:</b> HRRP Chair needed for August meeting	-Barbara will not be able to attend the HRRP's August meeting, and as a result, a Board member sitting on the HRRP needs to Chair. -Marilyn agreed to Chair the HRRP's August meeting and provide a report for the August Board meeting.	▪ Erin	
d) <b>Motion:</b> To amend EHB's Committee Roster	<b>Motion: To accept Michael moving from HOC to HRRP.</b> <b>Moved:</b> Leslie <b>Second:</b> Ana Laura <b>Approved</b> HOC had 5 members and HRRP 3. Switching committees works better for Michael's schedule	▪ Erin	
<b>5. Board Committee Reports</b>			
a) Historical Resources Review Panel	-Report attached. <b>Motion: That the Unity Shoe Building located at 11739-11740 95 Street be added to the Inventory of Historic Resources.</b>	▪ Barbara	

	<p><b>Moved:</b> Darlene  <b>Second:</b> Kyle  <b>Approved</b></p>		
b) Heritage Outreach Committee	<p>-Report attached.          -Date for Council Luncheon has been set and a meeting request has been sent out. Please let Sonia know if you will be able to attend.          -Social Media Training: Kathryn will contact Jason Darrah to arrange for a time to speak to HOC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Leslie</li> </ul>	
c) Plaques and Awards Committee	<p>-Report attached          -Possible budgetary item may be addressed at the Planning Session; hiring an individual to research and write the texts  <b>Motion: To withdraw Andy Patrick Edwards from the recipient list</b>  <b>Moved:</b> Sean  <b>Second:</b> Michael  <b>Approved</b>          -Mr. Edwards' nomination was internal; upon further research it is felt that Mr. Edwards' book is more of a personal memoir and not a record of community history.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sean</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Other Reports and Updates</b>			
a) Heritage Planners' Report	<p>-Report attached          -Proposed development of lot on SE corner of Whyte Avenue and 105 Street; re-zoning is needed for the proposed building. Information will be reviewed by Council on September 22.          -Issues with proposed building include the inclusion of balconies and the total height. May be taller than the Post Office's parapet          -EHB has decided to draft briefing notes for Council to highlight the importance of keeping Whyte Avenue's historic appearance          -Members to provide comments to Erin by Friday July 11, 2014; Erin will compile the information and Kathryn to submit notes to Administration for September 10 Council meeting.          -EHB members congratulated Robert on the appointment to his new position.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Robert</li> </ul>	

b) City Archivist's Report	-No report at this time	▪ Kathryn	
c) Historian Laureate Report	-Article published on Iconic Architecture- Danielle interviewed Gene Dub -Article in Edmonton Journal on the WWI recipients of the Victoria Cross -Attended Citizens' Fair with City Hall School -Was able to connect homeowner who discovered print plates with the Edmonton Journal -Beginning next week, a series on CBC Radio on "What's in a Name" profiling the individuals city parks are named after.	▪ Danielle	
d) Naming Committee	-Presentation by Lewis Cardinal -Continued work with some neighbourhoods	▪ Marilyn	
e) EDHS Update	-Reminder of the Historic Festival launch on July 6 -Programs available	▪ Gayle	
f) NAPDA	-Consultant continues work with Board -BBQ was held last weekend; good turn out	▪ Marilyn	
g) Heritage Council	-Kathryn provided the following information at the Executive meeting -Hiring of Program Manager for City Museums Strategy -Heritage Investment Grants Launched, include Operational, Seed Project, Living Local Neighbourhoods and Travel Grants	▪ Kathryn	
h) Fort Edmonton Park	-Report attached	▪ Darlene	
<b>7. Other Business</b>			
a) Board Training	-List of possible training opportunities circulate and attached -Some money available for members to attend training; preference given to local opportunities.	▪ Erin	
b) Administrative Support	-Tom Long has been contacted to arrange a time for EHB members to view "Northern Light" AV presentation at FEP. Date to be determined -I will be away the last two weeks of August, missing the Executive Committee but will attend the Board meeting.	▪ Sonia	
c) Building Agenda for Next Meeting	-P&A texts to be approved	▪ Erin	

	-Briefing notes may need to be approved via email in early August and be ratified at August Board meeting; in order to be submitted in time for September 10 Council meeting		
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	Moved by Marilyn at 7:02 p.m.	▪ Erin	

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday August 27, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.** in the POWA Jefferson Room
- **Please bring:** Your agenda, meeting minutes, committee reports
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**Historical Resources Review Panel**  
**Report to Edmonton Historical Board**  
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Committee received a request to have the Unity Shoe Building at 11738-11740 95 St. added to the Inventory of Historic Resources. The following were noted:

- year of construction: 1940
- the building is a rare extant demonstration of post-WWII commercial development in the Alberta Avenue area;
- it evidences Modern-influenced design with an inset front entrance, three parallel bands near roof, cantilevered flat roof above entrance, brick chimney, and distinct fenestration pattern (including double-door entrance);
- and visually demonstrates numerous historical themes of the neighbourhood: small commercial spaces, post-Depression frugality, independent business, community interaction.

Of further note is the fact that the building was previously on the Inventory (2009) but was removed in 2010 at the then-owner's request.

After evaluation, the Panel recommends that the Unity Shoe Building be added to the Inventory.

The committee's next meeting is Tuesday, Aug 12 (for which the chair will be absent and seeks a willing surrogate).

**Motion: That the Unity Shoe Building located at 11738-11740 95 St. be added to the Inventory of Historic Resources**

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Hilden, HRRP Chair

**Heritage Outreach Committee**  
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1. Current Projects: Review of HOC's continued involvement in preparation of the Building Heritage Newsletter, the Edmonton Heritage Home Owners Association, the Edmonton's Architectural Heritage website, the Facebook page, and the City Council luncheon.

a. The Edmonton Heritage Homeowner's Association met on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 11233 - 63 Street. There were 16 in attendance (a new high). Six had responded to the advertisement in the Newsletter. Lots of discussion about how to support heritage homeowners and how to celebrate the owning of heritage homes! The next meeting will be in September and it will be hosted by the owners of the John Snook Residence. Leslie Chevalier will continue to liaise for the Board with the Homeowner's Association.

b. City Council Luncheon – Planning for September/October that will also serve as a reminder to council members to attend the Plaques and Awards evening.

2. Past Projects: Review of HOC over the years, with examples of publications from Archives, Heritage Outreach Committee Report for Wednesday, June 11, 2014

3. Future Projects: Committee members shared relevant interests and made commitments regarding participation in HOC to find the best ways to promote public awareness of heritage concerns and issues in the City of Edmonton.

a. Kyle Witiw - is willing to take over administration of Facebook and asked for City of Edmonton specific social media training. A training session with city staff for all interested committee members is being organized.

b. Kyle Witiw, Leslie Chevalier - are willing to undertake an exploration of EHB's involvement with regard to the issue of infill housing in heritage areas (possible position paper?).

c. Gayle Simonson, Helen Cheung - are particularly interested in opportunities for educating Edmonton youth about heritage. Gayle will be exploring ways to do this through a Teacher's Resource section of the Edmonton's Architectural Heritage website.

4. Helen Cheung invited EHB members to Painted Faces on the Prairies: Cantonese Opera and the Chinese Community in Edmonton, an exhibit curated by her. The opening is Friday, July 4, with a reception from 4:30 to 5:30, and an operatic performance (by Helen) from 5:30 to 6:30. The exhibition will be held at the Bruce Peel Special Collections Library from July 7 to September 26, 2014. Congratulations Helen!

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Chevalier, HOC Chair

**Plaques and Awards Committee**  
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General business:

Meeting focused on bringing the new members of the committee up to speed on processes and the November ceremony.

The Committee discussed the need for consistency in formatting of the text for awards and plaques, as well as length, and the need for increased historical content.

First draft and edits of text have been submitted; Sean, Kathryn and Sonia will meet July 9th to review text prior to it being sent out to recipients for review and approval.

Kathryn Ivany, having reviewed the book written by Andy Edwards relative to the Caribbean community, advised that we should withdraw this award; the book was less history of the community and more a personal memoir. The Committee accepted this advice and passed a motion to that effect. This possibility was brought forth by the Committee.

Further to the above topic, letters have been drafted advising Mr. Edwards, and Rosalie Gelderman (118th Avenue walking maps, part 1), that the Committee is taking these matters under advisement and will not be moving forward with awards at this time. In the case of the latter, the Committee wishes to review the project in its entirety, when completed.

Next formal meeting of the Committee will be in October; interim work will be facilitated by e-mail.

2014 recipients:

Awards:

Marianne Fedori

Carol Snyder

Gene Dub

Highlands Historical Society

1914 First World War volunteers (100th anniversary of the 1st WW)

Plaques:

Marshall McLuhan residence

A.K. Buckham residence

Humphreys residence

Borden Park Bandshell

Original Beverly Town Hall

Addition of Crowns:

J.J. Duggan residence

Knox Church

First Presbyterian Church

Production and Installation:

Subsequent to recipient review, second round of committee review of text in July; sign off July 31.

- August: Final approval at Board meeting
- September: sent to fabricator
- October: RSVP deadline (Oct 15)
- Sonia advised that we no longer have dedicated resources (person), via the city, to undertake this work. This will hamper installation of plaques previously awarded and not yet installed, and/or replacement plaques.

Event:

November 6th; at Prince of Wales Armoury.

Discussion centered on reducing length of text read; shorten time of presentation process

Respectfully submitted by Sean Moir, P&A Chair

**Heritage Planners' Report**  
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- Announcement: Robert Geldart has accepted the position as the Senior Heritage Planner. We will soon begin the process of backfilling the Principal Heritage Planner position.
- Progress is being made on the Church St. "interpretation" project. Thanks to Kathryn Ivany and Jane Molstad of Great Neighbourhoods Program for providing the assistance to our summer student, Connor Thompson.
- On July 8, 2014 we are meeting with a small focus group of Church St. residents to discuss the proposed draft DC1 zoning for Church St.
- The Province has approved our funding application to prepare a proposed Historic Resources Inventory for the Calder Neighbourhood. We are now preparing a Terms of Reference and letter to send out a limited invitation to consultants. Hope to have the consultants begin the work in September.
- Today, June 25<sup>th</sup>, City Council passed Designation Bylaw to amend (No. 1) the Kelly Ramsey Building to allow a changed from red common brick to limestone on the return west wall of the Ramsey building only.
- Bylaws to designate the Bramen Residence and Beverly Cenotaph are scheduled for City Council approval on July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- McKay Avenue School has applied to designate the building as a Municipal Historic Resource.
- Other potential designations still on the horizon include the Molson's Brewery, Mountifield (house in Oliver), Captain John Hall Residence (Cromdale), Cameron Block on 97 Street, Crawford Block (Strathcona) and the McDougall Church.
- We are about to wrap our interview process to hire a Graduate Heritage Planner.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Geldart and Scott Ashe, Heritage Planners

**Fort Edmonton Park Management Company**  
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- Capital Project Updates: Hotel menus have been revamped, park offering healthier grab and go options, including salads, wraps, fruit cups, etc. In-house catering moving forward, new expanded kitchen being added at Blatchford hangar, expected to be done in August including large dishwashers, but infrastructure issues slowing down progress.
- Relationship with Edmonton transit has improved, buses run four times an hour, but no numbers at this time as to whether usage is up from last year
- 1920's funhouse opened in May to good response
- Two potential donors of a 1920 Ford T and 1929 Oldsmobile, but challenges with getting them road worthy and proper storage/maintenance
- Ernest Brown studio was moved to the annex at Masonic Hall due to mold remediation. New location has better exposure and is being well-received
- Indigenous People's Experience – project charter being worked on with city's Aboriginal department to build an authentic and respectful experience, knowing some groups will not be on board. Groups will be consulted and help develop the concept and program development in January
- Infrastructure: Infrastructure issues will be addressed in a two and-a-half year project (actual length and specific start dates are still fluid), with discussion still ongoing on potentially closing the park for a year. Plans to add the Selkirk hotel expansion, new park front, and Indigenous experience for May 2017 grand re-opening. City budget goes forward in mid-December.
- Questions around adding cell phone tower for the park and immediate area, but bylaws for cell phone towers and other construction is different in the river valley. Guidelines for development are holding them back. Could it potentially be hidden on the train water tower or other structure? So far the answer is no, but a case may be made for it and put forward. For example safety and security issues, what about people jogging/walking through river valley, etc.
- After the park re-opens in 2017, it will be open all year round

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Fisher, EHB Representative