

Edmonton Historical Board

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Center, Jefferson Room

MINUTES

These minutes were approved on September ,2017 by the Edmonton Historical Board

Chair

Recording Secretary

Attending:

Barbara Hilden Neil Cramer
 Darlene Fisher Stephanie Coombs
 Earl Anderson Andreas Loutas
 Dominic Schamuhn Aimee Shaw
 Rebecca Goodenough Daniel Rose

Archives Staff:

Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support
 Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

Guest:

Scott Ashe, Principal Heritage Planner
 Robert Geldart,

Regrets

Erin McDonald

Agenda Item		Person(s) Responsible	Date Due
WELCOME & CHAIR'S REMARKS	Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.	Barbara	
1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Moved: Darlene Second: Dan Approved (unanimously)	Barbara	
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ▪ June 28, 2017 minutes	Moved: Neil Second: Stephanie Approved (unanimously)	Barbara	
3. Items for Discussion/Decision			

<p>a) Review/Discussion: Value of built heritage report next steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Orientation package being planned for Council post election. -CommitteeChairs were asked to gather some information. -HOC took this item on -All will receive high level information introducing the EHB and each councillor will receive tailored information regarding their ward presenting numbers on buildings on inventory, designated, and brief history of area -HOC will continue and finalize this discussion at next meeting and have all information ready by Election Day- October 16, 2017. -HOC has also discussed other ways in which to interact with Council. -EHB's logo designer will be contacted to plan this out and get a quote -Information to be circulated via Google; motion for EHB approval at September meeting 	<p>Barbara</p>	
<p>b) Information: Community member recruitment for all committees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Plan to have a Facebook post to encourage community members to participate on the EHB's committees -Barbara and Dominic to work over email to complete this agenda item 	<p>Barbara</p>	
<p>c) Information: National Trust for Canada Bill C-323</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -This Bill has passed second reading and now going to committee -Information attached -National Trust continues to ask individuals to write MPs in support of this Bill. 	<p>Barbara</p>	
<p>d)Discussion: Rebecca- Committee Change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Rebecca has accepted a new position with her employer. As a result, Rebecca would like to change committees to avoid any conflicts (real or perceived) <p>Motion: That Rebecca be removed from HRRP and be on HOC</p>	<p>Barbara</p>	

	<p>Moved: Dominic Second: Andreas Approved (unanimously)</p>		
<p>e)Discussion- Hangar 11 Heritage Assessment Report</p>	<p>-Last Fall, EHB Chair wrote a letter in support of Hangar 11 -Final Heritage Report has been received and circulated. - Final version of Condition Assessment Report has not yet been received by Heritage Planners as still in draft form -EHB to prepare a draft letter to highlight some important points from Heritage Report and to amend letter when Condition report is received.</p> <p>Motion: That the HOC Committee draft a letter for circulation within the EHB regarding the Hangar 11 Condition Assessment Report for review at September meeting</p> <p>Moved: Dan Second: Dominic Approved (unanimous)</p> <p>-Barbara will prepare letter for Peter Ohm requesting the Condition report as soon as available</p>		
<p>f) Update: EHB External appointments change to Council appointments</p>	<p>-Historically,EHB has had two member seats allotted to two organizations, with most being appointed by City Council -As more organizations now exist, EHB feels that better community representation would be to have these two seats change from organizational appointed to Council appointed. EHB has discussed this over sometime. -Members from these organizations would certainly be encouraged to apply as Community members</p>		

	<p>-Discussion has already been had with both organizations and current members -To take effect with new term -EHB to maintain communication with both organizations going forward</p> <p>Motion: That the EHB amend the bylaw to change organizational representative positions to Council appointed effective the end of the this term Moved: Rebecca Second: Aimee Moved (9 in favour, 1 abstain)</p>		
g) Discussion: Brewery Building 11 tour	<p>-After the successful tour of the EPCOR Power Plant EHB members interested in the possibility of other tours -Andreas has reached out to Chandos and First Capital in regards to touring the Administration and Brewery buildings. -Dominic will follow up with EHB members to finalize the tour details. -Full PPE is required in order to participate with the this tour. -Ideas for further tours, please pass them along.</p>	Andreas/Dominic	
4. Board Committee Reports			
a) Historical Resources Review Panel	<p>-HRRP had four buildings. Two were accepted, one was sent back for further information and 1 was postponed</p> <p>Motion: That the Albert Fugl/Dr. Robert Shearer Residence located at 10719-127 Street and the Thomson Residence located at 11248-92 Street be added to the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton Moved: Andreas Second: Darlene Moved (unanimously)</p>	Andreas	

b) Heritage Outreach Committee	-Committee met last week. -Discussed Council Orientation package -Also, HOC would like to find out what direction the Board wants to go in regards to outreach. Discussion was had, with the Board deciding to look at the possibility of participation at events	Dominic	
c) Plaques and Awards Committee	Report attached -Second round of text edits have begun, and will be ready for EHB approval at September's meeting -In report, motion for EHB nomination to Salute to Excellence is not required. Motion(s) will be made on a case by case basis Motion: That the EHB approve adding the following changes to the Plaque Nomination form Moved: Neil Second: Aimee Approved (unanimously)	Neil	
5. Other Reports and Updates			
a) Heritage Planners' Report	Report attached	Robert	
b) City Archivist's Report	Report attached	Kathryn	
c) Historian Laureate Report	Report attached	Chris	
d) Naming Committee	No report at this time	Erin	
e) EDHS Update	Report attached	Aimee	
f) NAPDA Update	-Early stages of upgrading the NAPDA Cabin's basement -Exterior renos of Cabin are now complete	Earl	
g) Heritage Council	-Strategic Planning over the next month -Survey circulated regarding Edmonton Maps	Kathryn	
h) Fort Edmonton Park	Meeting on Aug 10. Mostly an orientation meeting for new members	Darlene	

	-Previously mentioned that FEP was looking for a new CEO. 65 applicants, and offer has been made, but no formal announcement yet, but coming in the next couple of weeks -FEP foundation doing an anniversary project.		
6. Issues/Project Updates			
-Scott and Barbara were interviewed this morning at the Crawford Block, regarding infill -Meeting next week regarding the River Crossing meeting next week.			
7. Other Business			
a) Administrative support	-Free Admission Day will be on Sunday September 24, 2017. -As EHB has participated in the past, EHB being asked once again. -Sonia to email EHB members for availability	Sonia	
b) Building Agenda for Next Meeting		Barbara	
8. ADJOURNMENT	Moved by Aimee at 6:52 p.m.		

> **Next Meeting:** Wednesday September 27, 2017 5:00 pm

PLAQUES AND AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

August 23, 2017

In July the first draft of texts were edited by the P&A Committee and were submitted to the recipients for their first round of edits. As of the writing of this report, Neil and Kathryn are to meet on August 23rd to go over the second round of edits on the texts for the plaques and awards.

On July 25th, the P&A Committee held a meeting to discuss several matters.

1. Edmonton Salutes and the Art of Living

The first was the involvement of the EHB in the Edmonton Salutes awards, as recommended by the Art of Living. Kathryn shared the details of her meeting with the awards, generally, they agree with the board in that our awards do not match many of their own and that we should remain separate, however, as per the suggestion from the Art of Living, a potential way to get the EHB involved was discussed. It has been determined that some of the recipients of our Heritage Awards occasionally meet the qualifications of the heritage aspect of the Edmonton Salutes award. As such, it is recommended that from here onward, those recipients of the EHB award that meet said qualifications, should be nominated for an Edmonton Salutes award by the EHB in the year following their receipt of an EHB award. This effort should bring the EHB closer to Edmonton Salutes, while also maintaining the mandates of both groups.

MOTION: That the P&A Committee begin nominating successful EHB award recipients for an Edmonton Salutes award if they meet the eligibility requirements.

2. The P&A Committee Award Ceremony

The second was the annual Award Ceremony held at the Prince of Wales. During this portion of the meeting, the feedback that the Board received from the last award ceremony was discussed. From this there were 3 areas that needed to be addressed.

1. Addresses in the Program
2. The Piper led procession in
3. The sound system

It was decided that addresses would be added to the profile pages of each Plaque and Award recipient. While these addresses were already in the pamphlet, they were not prominent so this should resolve this issue.

Secondly, the grand procession will now start in the Jefferson Room. At the start of the event, award and plaque recipients will be asked to wait in the Jefferson Room along with Board members. Then we shall proceed to march down the middle of the aisle and take our seats before the start of the ceremony. This should hopefully alleviate some issues in regards to organization prior to the start of the event.

Finally, it was decided that in 2018, a sound system would be rented to ensure that there is adequate sound throughout the Armoury, so that all guests can hear all parts of the ceremony.

Alongside these changes, some minor changes will be made to the pamphlet and invitation to incorporate the new logo of the EHB.

3. Ghost Sites and Nominations

Finally, members of the P&A Committee went over suggested changes to the EHB nomination process to be inclusive of 'Ghost Sites'. Specifically, changes were suggested for the eligibility requirements and necessary attachments that a successful application needs. Below are the original requirements, and then after are the highlighted suggestions for change.

Current Eligibility:

- Buildings, building fragments, and sites of any type including residential, industrial, commercial and public, and must typify cultural community, social or architectural development within the city.
- The owner(s) of the buildings, building fragments, and/or sites must provide written consent.
- In special circumstances, a plaque might be awarded for groups or figures that have made exemplary and outstanding contribution(s) to historical events that shaped the development of the City and are associated with a named feature (a park, building, etc..)

Current Attachments Required in Nominations:

- A description of the building/site's heritage value. Please include important occupants and the building/site's history. Description is not to exceed four typewritten pages.
- Supporting material (publications; news clippings, letters of support, photographs, etc..)

Suggested Eligibility Edits:

- Buildings and building fragments of any type including residential, industrial, commercial and public, and must typify cultural community, social or architectural development within the city.

- In special circumstances, a plaque might be awarded for groups or figures that have made exemplary and outstanding contribution(s) to historical events that shaped the development of the City and are associated with a named feature (a park, building, etc..)
- Historically significant sites that contain narratives that currently have no form of recognition in either name or plaque/marker in the area. These narratives must have historical significance to the history of the City of Edmonton and their narrative must be tied to a specific site, an original building or building fragment is not necessary for this type of nomination to be successful.
- The owner(s) of the buildings, building fragments, and/or sites must provide written consent.

Suggested Attachments Edit:

- A description of the building's heritage value. Please include important occupants and the building's history. Description is not to exceed four typewritten pages.
- In lieu of an original building or building fragment being present, a description of the heritage value of the site is required. Please include important occupants and events in the site's history. Description is not to exceed four typewritten pages.
- The history and heritage value of the building/site must have ties and significance to the history of Edmonton,
- Supporting material (publications; news clippings, letters of support, photographs, etc..)

Motion: That the EHB approve adding the following changes to the Plaque Nomination form:

Under Eligibility:

- Historically significant sites that contain narratives that currently have no form of recognition in either name or plaque/marker in the area. These narratives must have historical significance to the history of the City of Edmonton and their narrative must be tied to a specific site, an original building or building fragment is not necessary for this type of nomination to be successful.

Under Attachments:

- In lieu of an original building or building fragment being present, a description of the heritage value of the site is required. Please include important occupants and events in the site's history. Description is not to exceed four typewritten pages.
- The history and heritage value of the building/site must have ties and significance to the history of Edmonton,

Respectfully submitted by: Neil Cramer, P&A Chair

HERITAGE PLANNERS' REPORT

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

August 23, 2017

For 2017, we have a number of Designation Bylaws and Notices of Intention to designate now approved and new ones coming forward to City Council for approval:

Approved Designation Bylaws:

William Buster Residence, at 10950-81 Avenue (Garneau)
Calder Cenotaph (Calder)
Queen Elizabeth II Planetarium (Woodcroft)
J.B. Little Brickyard House (Riverdale)
Ira Stephens Residence (Highlands)
Rodd Apartments (Boyle Street)
Streetcar Railway Substation No. 600 – on 124 Street (Oliver)
Mill Creek House (Strathcona)
Barto Residence (McCauley)
Tipton Investment Co. Building (Whyte Ave)

Upcoming Designation Bylaws (in September)

Southpark Sign (Queen Alexandra)
Gibbard Block (Highlands)

Upcoming Notices of Intention to Designate (Set):

St. Joachim Church (Oliver)

Upcoming:

Mayor J.J. McKenzie Residence (Strathcona)
West End Telephone Exchange (Oliver) – Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will need to reinitiate the designation process in the fall of 2017
Ukrainian Greek Cultural Association Hall (McCauley)

Burns Residence (McCauley)

The Delton Apartment (Delton) - Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will need to reinitiate the designation process in the fall of 2017

In discussions:

Snook Residence (Allendale)

Dr. Leslie McIntyre Residence (Westmount)

Keillor Cabin/Stone House (Whitemud Equine Centre)

Judge Downs Residence (Strathcona)

Empire Building (Downtown)

McClory Residence (Glenora)

Stewart Residence (Glenora)

Demolitions:

To date eight (8) applications to demolish historic resources listed on the Inventory have been approved in 2017.

Updates:

Please join me in welcoming our new Graduate Heritage Planner, Deeksha Choudhry! She joined the Heritage Team on August 14, 2017. She is a graduate of University of Waterloo. During her co-op semester she worked on the River Crossing Historic Interpretative Plan.

Westmount Community League has a committee focusing on the Westmount Architectural Historic Area (WAHA) that is advocating for the development of new regulations to more effectively preserve the architectural character of the area. The committee applied to the City to amend the ARP and DC1 zoning. We have met with representatives of the committee and are scoping a process for proceeding with the initiative. The public launch of the project is targeted for November following the Municipal election.

A report on City Owned Historic Resource Management Strategy is being prepared for Urban Planning Committee for later this year with a recommended approach to ensure a development of a comprehensive strategy for the proper preservation of the City's existing historic resources. It will also establish direction on how the City maintains, programs, acquires and markets its historic resource assets in the future.

Transit Hotel is now officially closed. It is a historic resource on the Inventory, but not designated. Robert is monitoring the hotel and working closely with the Fort Road Business Association. With the business association, we plan on scheduling a meeting with the owner to have a discussion about the opportunity to designate.

Hangar 11: a draft of a Building Condition Assessment has been received by Integrated Infrastructure Services, using S2 Architecture and RJC Engineering. The Heritage Management Unit has also reviewed and accepted a Heritage Significance Assessment from David Murray Architect. Heritage is in discussions with the Blatchford Team to encourage them re-consider its plans for Hangar 11 to demolish it and instead explore preservation and adaptive re-use opportunities. Outside of Hangar 14 (the Aviation Museum), Hangar 11 is the only remaining hangar on Blatchford Field.

Oliver 112 Street houses: The City has had a building condition assessment completed recently on the three properties, and have engaged Dub Architects to develop options to rehabilitate and re-purpose the buildings. At this point, there is not a specific re-use program that has been identified. David is working with the team for the assessments and reviewing the possibility of rezoning the site to allow for additions to be made at the rear of the buildings to provide additional redevelopment opportunity.

The work of plan Whyte continues. The goal of this study is to better understand how the area's heritage, character and livability be further strengthened while exploring opportunities for additional development over the next 20-25 years. The study will examine heritage, land use, urban design, transportation, and development opportunities (outside the core heritage commercial area), in order to develop a design vision for the long term evolution of Whyte Avenue. A third public open house was held on June 20, 2017, which was well attended. The purpose of the open house was to present the draft design concept and project direction for feedback. A final open house will be held in fall 2017 to present the final recommendations prior to City Council consideration targeted for early 2018.

Church Street DC1 rezoning was approved by City Council at Public Hearing on July 10, 2017. The new DC1 zoning is to encourage the preservation of the area's unique collection of 12 culturally, historically and architecturally significant churches. This applies to 96 Street between 106 Avenue and 110A Avenue. In addition to the DC1, the first phase of interpretation for Church Street has been installed, with each of the 12 churches on being recognized with a Plaque.

On July 11th, City Council approved the River Crossing Heritage Interpretative Plan (HIP). The HIP will now move into work planning for short-term implementation, which will consist of low-cost tactical interpretation and events that leverage partnerships and existing programs to celebrate the four interpretive themes in the HIP. David will continue to be involved on the project team for the River Crossing Heritage Interpretative Plan. The City has hired a Stantec as consultant for the redevelopment concept design.

Ritchie School built in 1913 at 9750-74 Avenue, owned by the Conseil Scolaire Centre-Nord is under threat. The owners have drawn up conceptual plans to build a new school, demolish the existing school except for the gym. Councillor Nickel is aware of this. The Province is also aware and has expressed their interest in the school. Our Unit and Citizen Services (Open Space Planning and Design) have been in a meeting with the school board and expressed our concerns. A design coordination meeting was held in June by owner's architect, Stantec. New school will be built while the 1950's portion of the existing school will continue to operate. The Province informed us they are unlikely to intervene to save the school.

At the June 28, 2017 Public Hearing, City Council approved amendments to the zoning bylaw, to formally enshrine documentation requirements for proposed demolitions of buildings listed on the inventory.

David continues to work with Real Estate and Housing on the planned rehabilitation of the Edmonton Iron Works. The City is arranging hazmat assessment and remediation work, as well as general clean-up of the building interior. A site meeting with Alberta Culture and Tourism was recently held to determine what portions of the building must be retained.

The Real Estate and Housing Branch has advertised Street Railway Substation No. 600, a MHR located on 124 Street, for sale. Potential purchasers will be required to submit proposals for the redevelopment and repurposing of the building. Scott will be included on a committee which evaluates the proposals to identify the successful purchaser.

Scott has joined the steering committee for the Coliseum Station Area Redevelopment Plan. The project area includes the Northlands exhibition grounds. Through the plan, the City will be seeking to establish a permanent location for the Old Timer's Roost, a vernacular log cabin constructed in 1928, so that it can be designated as a MHR. The plan will also identify opportunities to recognize the more than 100-year history of Northlands as the site of Edmonton's annual agricultural exhibition.

Scott has joined the Evolving Infill Working Group. The working group will support Evolving Infill 2.0, an initiative to mature the City's strategy related to residential infill. Best practices for preserving neighborhood character while accommodating infill, is one of the items to be addressed through the initiative.

Respectfully submitted by: Robert Geldart, David Johnston and Scott Ashe

CITY ARCHIVIST'S REPORT
Report to Edmonton Historical Board
August 23, 1017

The Archives is continuing to see high numbers of researchers this summer as well as groups of City Staff who are taking advantage of slower workloads to learn more about the Archives. We have had several tours of staff from the 311 Call Centre, Office of the City Clerk and Community Services.

Our last summer contractor has left to return to school. Dylan processed over 85 metres of records since the spring, including the Federation of Community League files and several collections from the Government Records. New and updated finding aids for several Municipal Departments have been completed and entered not only on our <http://archivesphotos.edmonton.ca> database but also on “Alberta on Record” a province wide archives network. We know that researchers have already found those new descriptions and are requesting the material in the Reference Room.

The Indigenous Peoples, First World War and the new Genealogical Sources research aids have been posted to the Archives webpage on edmonton.ca/archives. Hopefully, researchers will also find these subject focused tools helpful. Other subject guides will be developed by future practicum students in future.

The posting for the Archivist position (Tj's replacement) is now up on the City's Job website. Partly because of the loss of Tj as well as issues around space and access due to the upgrades on the facility's boilers and environmental control equipment we have called a temporary hiatus to the volunteer program until the new year 2018 when we will reassess it and it's goals. We say goodbye this month to our remaining four regular volunteers, Doug, Erica, Kevin and Len who together have put in thousands of hours assisting the archivists.

The Centennial Exhibit continues to travel around the City's recreation and attraction facilities. The Police 125 anniversary exhibit is also on the concourse until after Free Admission Day at the end of September.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

HISTORIAN LAUREATE
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1. I volunteered at the World Indigenous Nations Games on July 2 & 3, at Enoch Cree Nation.
2. I ran a series for the Edmonton's Historian Laureate Facebook page for five days leading up to Canada Day. Each day, I featured a different Edmontonian's ideas for ways to work through our complicated feelings about Canada 150 through some sort of homework or volunteering. Miranda Jimmy, Ahmed Knowmadic, Kathryn Ivany, and Kisha Supernant contributed.
3. On July 19, I experimented with the Edmonton Public Library's Lydia Zvyagintseva about historical content they could use to create user experiences with location-based beacons in libraries.
4. On July 20, I met Shawn Tse and Lan Chan-Marples to discuss a Chinese community art project showcasing the history and cultural impacts of Edmonton's Chinatown across the last century and a half. This project will conduct a research study around Chinatown life to produce five "figures" of artwork, including four Chinese ink paintings and one documentary film. We are applying for an EHC Living Local grant to make the project happen. If it goes ahead, I'll be supervising four Community Service-Learning students from the University of Alberta at CJSR, who will do some of the research that feeds into the artist's work. These students will also produce short audio segments about what they learned.
5. Postmedia reporter Mitch Goldenberg interviewed me for a July 23 Edmonton Sun/Journal article about the Rossdale Power Plant appearing as the default image for Edmonton when most people Google the city's name:
<http://www.edmontonsun.com/2017/07/23/ok-google-its-time-to-change-edmontons-display-picture>
6. On July's episode of Let's Find Out, Samantha Power and I helped Kory deGroot find out where to learn about Edmonton's queer history.
7. I was interviewed by Metro national reporter Vicky Mochama for an August 9 article about how Chinatowns in Canada are changing over time:
<http://www.metronews.ca/views/metro-views/2017/08/09/an-lrt-runs-through-it-when-city-growth-leaves-chinatown-behind.html>
8. I attended the Treaty Six recognition ceremonies at City Hall on Friday, August 18.

9. On August 23, I delivered a talk entitled “Yes, the Klan Had a Newspaper Here” for the Ignite Change Conference hosted by the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights.
10. On August’s episode of Let’s Find Out, we are helping Tess Dehoog find out whether Nazi scientists ever visited Alberta to learn about our eugenics program.
11. Several Edmontonians and media outlets have reached out to me for help figuring out whether Edmonton has monuments, statues, or parks dedicated to white supremacist figures from our own past. The cloud of Charlottesville is hanging heavy here.

Coming Up

- We’re working on a Let’s Find Out episode about how the Papaschase First Nation lost their land.
- I’m meeting Karen Unland soon from the Alberta Podcast Network to discuss possibly integrating Let’s Find Out into the network.

Respectfully submitted by: Chris Chang-yen Phillips, Historian Laureate

EDMONTON DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

August 23, 2017

EDHS activities and events

- History in the classroom will continue this year on Tuesdays and Thursdays with nearly every session fully booked already!
- The EDHS has continued its sponsorship of the activities of the Edmonton Mama blog which reports on fun family things to do within Edmonton and surrounding areas. Recently the blog reported on the Telephone History centre and Loyal Edmonton Regiment Museum, The Ukrainian Village, The John Walter Museum and The Alberta Railway Museum. This has established a great deal of exposure for the EDHS and a great deal of traffic towards the EDHS website. Furthermore, this exposure is widening the client base of the society. The blog can be found [here](#).
- The Speaker Series has an array of fantastic talks again this season. For more go to the [website](#).
- The EDHS discussed the potential for more bus tours to places in interest, some hidden gems and some old favourites. More information to come as the planning unfolds.

Communications

- The EDHS has created a communications strategy. The communications strategy includes a competitor analysis of other boards and societies (the EHB included). The document also outlined SWOT information: Strengths and Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. This is a work in progress, with more information to come at the next Board meeting.

Nominations

- The EDHS will be discussing and welcoming nominations for it's awards.

Respectfully submitted by: Aimee Shaw, EDHS representative to EHB