

Edmonton Historical Board

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Virtually via Google Meets

MINUTES

These minutes were approved on February 24, 2021 by the Edmonton Historical Board

Chair

Recording Secretary

Attending:

Daniel Rose Alison McGavigan
 Dominic Schamuhn Carrie-Ann Lunde
 David Rynning Nancy MacDonald
 Stephanie Bailey Neil Cramer
 Anna Gibson Hollow James McTague

Archives Staff:

Sonia Calligiuri, EHB Support
 Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

Guests:

Rob Houle
 David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner
 Sydney Gross, Graduate Heritage Planner
 Councillor Scott McKeen

Regrets:

Amber Paquette, Historian
 Laureate
 Fatima Fazeli, U of A
 Student Board Intern
 Andrew Lints, U of A Student
 Board Intern

Agenda Item

WELCOME

Action

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.
 Welcome to everyone, especially our guests.
 Daniel would like to begin tonight's meeting by respectfully acknowledging that although today's meeting is taking place remotely throughout Edmonton, we are all on the traditional territory of Treaty Six First

Person(s) Responsible

Daniel

	Nations, Méfis and Inuit Peoples. The subject matter of our work is the product of a difficult legacy, and our hope is that in our work we can strive to honour the full history, culture, and contributions of all Indigenous Peoples who have and continue to call this place home.	
1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Moved: Carrie Approved (unanimously)	Daniel
2. APPROVAL OF Minutes ▪ November 25 , 2020 minutes and December 15, 2020 (attached)	Moved: Carrie Approved (unanimously)	Daniel
3. Presentation: EHB Architectural Heritage website audit	-Introduction and background provided by Stephanie. -Audit idea came from a suggestion in a report submitted by former EHB UofA Intern Elise Sammons. -Rob was contacted by Stephanie and agreed to take this on. Rob has completed some of the preliminary work and has prepared an interim report (attached) and is presenting some of his findings tonight. -Interim report information and suggestions will be reviewed and discussed at HOC.	Rob Houle
4. Reports & Updates		
a) Heritage Conservation Unit	Report attached -Hangar 11: report to come out tomorrow and will be presented at Executive Committee on Monday February 1. Report options were explained to EHB. Since the Unit is in support of option 2, the Board is in agreement and supports the Unit. Daniel will be in attendance and EHB members are encouraged to attend; Please let Daniel know of any information they would like highlighted as Daniel will sign up to speak.	David J
b) Historian Laureate	No report at this time	Amber
c) Naming Committee	Minutes from December and agenda from last night's	Stephanie

	meeting are attached -Committee is currently reviewing it's policies. Please look at the <u>policies</u> and provide feedback at the next EHB meeting.	
d) City Archivist	Report attached	Kathryn
e) Fort Edmonton Management Company	In good place for reopening this year	Dominic
5. Items for Discussion/Decision		
a) Discussion/Decision: Heritage Stakeholders Event	Motion: that the EHB approve the Annual Heritage Stakeholder event to be held virtually on Thursday February 18 at 5:30pm. Moved: Dominic Approved (unanimously)	Daniel, Dominic, Alison
b) Reminder: 2020 Annual Report	-Draft attached -Please review and provide your comments/suggestions. -Report and attachments will brought for approval at February's meeting	Daniel
c) Discussion/Decision: EHB re-org options	Tabled for February meeting	Daniel
d) Information: Naming Committee representative	-Required by March 15 -Decision to be made at February's meeting	Daniel
e) Motion: North Saskatchewan River Nomination for Canadian Heritage River System	Tabled for February meeting	Daniel
f) Motion: 2021 meeting dates/times	Motion: that the EHB approve the 2021 meeting dates and times as presented Moved: Anna -Information may be updated depending on the EHB's re-org at next month Approved (unanimously)	Daniel
6. Board Committee Reports		

a) Heritage Outreach Committee	<p>-Report attached</p> <p>-Thank you to Stephanie for all of her work in organizing the virtual roundtable “Removal and Renaming: Public Memory in Public Space” event this past week. Really interesting conversation that was timely and well received</p>	Stephanie
b) Plaques and Award Committee	<p>-Plaques and awards texts and photos were provided</p> <p>Motion: That the EHB approve the plaques and awards text and photos presented.</p> <p>Moved: James</p> <p>Stovel plaque photo may be changed to one from 1914</p> <p>Approved (unanimously)</p>	Neil
7. Issues/Project Updates		
8. Other Business		
a) Administrative support	<p>-Idea to potentially have the EHB awards displayed on EHB's CoE web page</p> <p>-Item to be discussed at P&A</p>	Sonia
b) Building Agenda for Next Meeting	<p>Annual Report approval</p> <p>EHB re-org</p> <p>Naming Committee representative</p> <p>North Saskatchewan River nomination</p>	Daniel
9. ADJOURNMENT	Moved by Carrie at 7:16 p.m.	

➤ **Next Meeting:** Wednesday February 24, 2021 5:00 pm

HERITAGE CONSERVATION UNIT REPORT

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UPCOMING DESIGNATIONS FOR 2021:

Strathcona Garage (Strathcona) - Notice of Intention to Designate memo provided to City Council
Nye Residence (Highlands) - Notice of Intention to Designate memo provided to City Council
Bugis Residence (Strathcona) - Notice of Intention to Designate memo provided to City Council
Bashor Residence (Highlands) - Notice of Intention to Designate being prepared
Hartley Residence (Westmount) - Notice of Intention to Designate being prepared
Edmonton Cenotaph (Downtown) - Notice of Intention to Designate being prepared

APPROVED DESIGNATIONS IN 2020:

Kenneth T. Henderson Residence (Strathcona) - Bylaw passed on January 20, 2020
McLear Residence (Westmount) - Bylaw passed on March 9, 2020
Abram Residence (Strathcona) - Bylaw passed on October 5, 2020
Munroe Residence (Westmount) - Bylaw passed on December 7, 2020

TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATED FOR 2020: \$234,158.29

Potential Designations:

Armstrong Residence (Garneau)	Stone House (Whitemud Equine Centre)
11344 - 62 Street NW (Highlands)	Singer Residence (McCauley)
Great Western Saddlery Building (Downtown)	Royal Bank Building (Queen Alexandra))
W.A. Griesbach Residence (Glenora)	St. Luke's Anglican Church (Holyrood)

Proposed Demolitions:

Glenora Patio Homes (North Glenora)	El Mirador Apartments (Downtown)
Jasper Place Health Unit (Jasper Place)	John Kelm Residence (Ritchie)

Total Demolitions for 2020: 10

Ongoing Discussions:

Dr. Leslie McIntyre Residence (Westmount)	Stewart Residence (Glenora)
Wilkin Residence (Glenora)	Kenneddale Building (Belvedere)
Ritchie Triplex (Ritchie)	Frost Residence (Westmount)
Henry J. Wells Residence (McCauley)	Emerson Residence (Inglewood)
Henry Weitzel Residence (Strathcona)	Beaver House (Downtown)
St. Teresa School and the Dawson/O'Connell	Buildings (Forest Heights)
Bellevue Community League (Bellevue)	Matas Residence (Garneau)
Judge Downes Residence (Strathcona)	Carleton Sheldon Residence (Highlands)

2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

The Heritage Conservation Unit had a productive year in 2020, despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Four properties were designated as new Municipal Historic Resources (MHRs), allocating over \$234,000 in rehabilitation funding. This brings Edmonton to 162 designated MHRs. Six designations already in the process for approval from City Council, with several other owners in varying stages of preparing applications to designate. We are expecting another busy year for designations, as City Council continues to show good support for the program, even during the challenging economic times we are experiencing.

In addition to the designations, the team also led and completed several significant initiatives, including:

- Ongoing work on Phase 2 of the Implementation Program for City-owned Historic Resources. The Implementation Program framework was unanimously endorsed by Executive Committee of City Council on December 2, 2019. David has been leading this initiative for the last two years, and will continue to take it through the next steps (see further below), further to direction received from Executive Committee.
- Completion of an update on the Historic Resource Management Program, which was presented to Urban Planning Committee of City Council on October 15, 2019. Led by Scott, the update included an overview of the program, detailed current projections for the Heritage Resources Reserve, identified emerging issues and temporary mitigation measures that Administration has and will be undertaking to ensure the Reserve has sufficient capacity for the 2019 - 2022 period (see further below).

- Completion of an analysis for additional rehabilitation funding for the Brighton Block and Strathcona Hotel projects, led by Scott, which was initially considered by Urban Planning Committee on October 15, 2019. The requests for additional funding for these two designated MHRs were not consistent with the current terms of the City's Rehabilitation Incentive and Maintenance Programs, and exceeded the current capacity of the Heritage Resources Reserve. Funding for the Brighton Block will be provided through the Quarters Community Revitalization Levy; funding for the Strathcona Hotel will be provided by the Heritage Resources Reserve.
- Engagement of the consultant team and initiation of the Glenora Conservation Areas character area zoning project (see further below).
- Direction from City Council to consider tax-related incentives to encourage the preservation of non-residential historic resources, and an exploration of financial mechanisms to encourage the preservation of all types of historic resources.

After a very successful term as Graduate Heritage Planner, we said farewell to Vada Antonakis in May. Vada was instrumental in assisting us with a number of our designations, getting us fully up to date with having all of our Municipal Historic Resources listed on the Alberta Register of Historic Places, assisting with the initial stages of the Glenora Conservation Areas character rezoning project, modernizing many of our program documents, and assisting on a host of other tasks and inquiries. Vada is now working with the City's Environmental Strategies team, looking at climate change adaptation strategies.

Despite the economic circumstances, Scott was able to facilitate our ability to hire a new Graduate Heritage Planner for a 6-month term with financial assistance from Young Canada Works. We are pleased to welcome **Sydney Gross** to our team, who will be with us until mid May. Sydney has a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Alberta. She has worked recently with the City as part of the City Plan team, as well as working in Councillor Scott McKeen's office. Sydney started on November 30, 2020, and has already been busy working on the Glenora zoning project, active designations, and assisting with research on our Council inquiries.

CURRENT UNIT INITIATIVES:

1. The Advanced Assessment and Documentation component of the Hangar 11 work is complete, and a draft report has been provided. A report on the building was intended to be presented to Executive Committee in March 2020, but

was deferred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The report is now being advanced to the February 1, 2021, Executive Committee meeting. The City's Real Estate Branch will be leading the report, using it as a case study for how approaches they are considering relating to City-owned properties, including historic resources. There will be an opportunity for interested groups or citizens to provide written submissions or make verbal submissions to Executive Committee as part of their review of the report.

2. The Implementation Program for City-Owned Historic Resources was unanimously endorsed at the December 2, 2019, Executive Committee meeting. The presentation and support by Board Chair, Dan Rose, on behalf of the EHB was greatly appreciated. David will be engaging with the internal working committee to determine the necessary staffing and funding support for the program, as well as some prioritization of current City assets in terms of rehabilitation. Due to the COVID-19 circumstances, this report has been delayed until June 2021.
3. The Glenora Heritage Character Area Rezoning project is proceeding following pandemic-related delays last year. An updated project website and public survey launched in December. Using feedback from the online survey, together with their heritage character analysis and City input, the consultants have started drafting an initial heritage Direct Control Zone. City Administration, our consultants, and the community working group are working to complete the project and proceed to Council prior to the municipal election in fall 2021.
4. A consultant team has been selected to undertake the Advanced Assessment and Priority Rehabilitation project for the Rossdale Power Plant complex. The team will be led by the Marc Boutin Architectural Collaborative (MBAC), who are presently also working with the City on the rehabilitation of the Ortona Armoury and the pavilions in William Hawrelak Park. MBAC has partnered with DFS Architecture and Design and Saucier + Perrotte, both out of Montreal. Collectively, they bring a very strong team to the project. Work is already underway for the Historic Building Record component of the exercise. The planned roof replacement work for the Turbine Hall and Switch House has been deferred to spring 2021.
5. David is working with the team at ILS on the rehabilitation of the Stone House at the Whitemud Equine Centre. The consultant team has been selected and the team is underway with the preparation of the required schematic design report, which will then inform the detailed design report. The project will involve full rehabilitation of the

building, and will include its designation as a Municipal Historic Resource. Rehabilitation work on the building is expected to start in late 2020 and continue through 2021.

6. Scott continues to represent the Unit regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Archibald Block site on Whyte Avenue. The owner is proposing to rezone the site to accommodate an 8-storey building, which would involve the demolition of the existing building, which is listed on the Inventory. The property is also located within the Old Strathcona Provincial Historic Area. The Province has requested the preparation of a Historic Resources Impact Assessment for the property, which the owner will be required to provide.
7. David continues to work with the Windsor Park Community League and the Open Space Strategy team on the potential designation of a portion of Windsor Park as a Municipal Historic Resource as a cultural landscape. The park was added to the Inventory of Historic Resources in November 2020. The next step will be to determine what elements of the park would be included under a potential designation of the site as a Municipal Historic Resource.
8. Scott is representing the Unit in recent discussions on the Centre LRT concept, and how this would potentially impact the High Level Bridge. We are reiterating to the consultant team and internal stakeholders that the bridge is a designated Municipal Historic Resource, and must be preserved. A report exploring a range of options will be advanced to Council for consideration in 2021.
9. David is also part of the project teams for the rehabilitation of the Peter Hemingway Fitness and Leisure Centre and the pavilions in Hawrelak Park. While none of the buildings are currently on the Inventory, the approach being taken will be to consider the buildings as historic resources, and ensure that rehabilitation work is undertaken in a way that their historic integrity will be retained as much as possible.
10. A consultant team has been engaged to undertake a Rehabilitation Assessment of the Edmonton Iron Works in the Quarters. The project is being led by GEC Architecture, in partnership with ERA Architects of Toronto. The work will involve an identification of key rehabilitation work needed to the entire complex (the original 1909 Edmonton Iron Works building, and the north and south annexes), a conservation plan, and a detailed building record of the structure. The Quarters team is exploring opportunities for a new tenant to occupy the space.

11. Two historic neon signs were recently removed from the Western Cycle building on 124 Street and Stony Plain Road. David has been coordinating with the Alberta Sign Association for the removal of the signs, and their eventual installation as part of the Neon Sign Museum. The first priority is to explore how the iconic cyclist sign can be introduced at the Museum as a roof-mounted sign, recognizing its 60-year history on the roof of the former business.
12. A consultant team led by S2 Architecture is in the early stages of design work for a new parkade structure and some basic rehabilitation at the Orange Hub in the Jasper Place area. The building is the former location of the Grant MacEwan Community College Jasper Place campus, and is listed on the Inventory. We are working with the City's IIS team and the consultants to ensure that the new parkade is designed to be respectful to the historic building.
13. We have been in contact with the owners of the Massey Ferguson building (the former Healy Ford site) regarding the condition of the property, which is listed on the Inventory. The building has been deteriorating and the owners are having issues with vandalism. They are working with the Edmonton Police Service to secure the site. The previous rezoning of the property included an expected designation of the building, and we are working with the owners to explore options for moving forward.

NAMING COMMITTEE
Report to Edmonton Historical Board
January 27, 2021

MINUTES: Tuesday, December 8, 2020

MEMBERS:

Ms. Alysa Lefebvre, Chair	Ms. Erin McDonald, Vice-Chair
Ms. Stephanie Bailey, Edmonton Historical Board	Ms. Debra Ayling
Ms. Ailwin Boulet	Ms. Marla Miller
Ms. Maryanne Wiebe	

PRESENT: All

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Cory Sousa, Administration

CALL TO ORDER : 4:29 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: McDonald

That the December 8, 2020 Naming Committee Agenda be adopted.

For the Motion: Ayling, Bailey, Boulet, Lefebvre, McDonald, Miller, Wiebe
Carried unanimously

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion: McDonald

That the October 27, 2020 Naming Committee Minutes be adopted.

For the Motion: Ayling, Bailey, Boulet, Lefebvre, McDonald, Miller, Wiebe
Carried unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to name the proposed District Park in Heritage Valley Town Centre
Motion: Boulet

That the Naming Committee approves the naming of the District Park in Heritage Valley Town Centre Neighbourhood as Heritage Valley District Park

For the Motion : Ayling, Bailey, Boulet, Lefebvre, McDonald, Miller, Wiebe Carried unanimously

2. Request to name two roads within The Orchards Neighbourhood

Motion: Lefebvre

That the Naming Committee approves the naming of two roads within The Orchards Neighbourhood as Hawthorn Place and Hawthorn Bend

For the Motion : Ayling, Bailey, Boulet, Lefebvre, McDonald, Miller, Wiebe Carried unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS

3. Discussion about the Naming Policy C509B review and revision

Motion: Lefebvre

That the Naming Committee receives the item as information.

For the Motion : Ayling, Bailey, Boulet, Lefebvre, McDonald, Miller, Wiebe Carried unanimously

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Adjournment: 6:47 p.m.

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 (4:15 pm)

Google Meeting Hangouts (virtual meeting)

MEMBERS

Ms. Alyssa Lefebvre, Chair

Ms. Erin McDonald, Vice-Chair

Ms. Stephanie Bailey, Edmonton Historical Board

Ms. Debra Ayling

Ms. Ailwin Boulet

Ms. Marta Miller

Ms. Maryanne Wiebe

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Cory Sousa

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION: That the Naming Committee Meeting Agenda for January 26, 2021 be adopted.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION: That the Naming Committee Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2020 be adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to apply an honorary name to an entryway road located in Coronation Park within the Woodcroft Neighbourhood

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Presentation and discussion with the River Valley Alliance
3. Discussion about the Naming Policy C509B review and revision.

Submitted by: Stephanie Bailey, EHB Representative

CITY ARCHIVISTS REPORT
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Two periods of closure for the public side - March to July, and November to 2021 although staff were able to continue work from home with occasional days in-facility to work directly with the records. Despite closures the archivists continued to reply to emailed requests for information and research support.

Much of the at-home work was done on governance to document (and standardize) practice in the Archives. The product of this work will be an operational manual which will also capture much of the institutional memory. Other work which was undertaken was to standardize (and rewrite) many of the collection descriptions for the website and to ensure that finding aids are available making much more of the material discoverable on the web. There was also a huge amount of original archival material made available on the internet through a number of digitization projects - including most of the resources in the reference room - which were self serve for researchers like fire insurance maps, aerial photographs, and maps. There were also a number of audio recordings of oral histories from the 1970s and 1980 that were digitized and made easily available via a podcast series.

There was also a large number of private collections which were added to the on-line catalogue several of which had digitized documents as well as photographs attached. There are now 284 fonds fully described on the website which can be discovered via a general internet search as well.

Similar work is being carried out at the Artifact Centre - with a full re-catalogue of the artifacts in Fort Edmonton Park underway prior to its reopening in Spring 2021. Thousands of items have been catalogued, photographed with condition reports prepared. Several of the houses/ business buildings will have 'refreshed' exhibits when the Park reopens as well with new interpretive approaches.

The City Archivist has been working over the year with a small number of heritage organizations during their attempts to deal with the impacts of COVID-19 which shut down much of their operations from school and group programming at the Alberta Aviation Museum, the 2020 Regional Heritage School Fairs, the Historic Edmonton Week Festival and

Archives Week. Working with the City's Partnerships working group we have provided information about reopening resources and potential funding opportunities as well as offering support.

Strategic planning for 2021 will see a continuation of the growth in the on-line resources as well as the provision of more finding aids for both government and private collections. Other focuses will draw on the interest of various cultural groups in getting their records/ collections described and more accessible to the public. Hopefully we will be able to receive donations about which we have been taking calls as people have been focusing during home isolation on clearing up their personal collections. Issues of finding room will also grow as we are approaching full status at the Archives and the Artifact Centre. Both facilities will also spend part of 2021 under construction as a couple of structural issues need to be addressed.

Submitted by: Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

Edmonton Historical Board

2021 Meeting Dates

EHB Executive for 2021-2022:

Chair: Daniel Rose

HOC: Stephanie Bailey

P&A: Neil Cramer

January to May

Vice Chair: Dominic Schamuhn

HRRP: James McTague

No scheduled meetings in July or December

EHB Board meetings- VIRTUALLY 4th Wednesday of the month; 15-20 people, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

January 27	February 24	March 24	April 28	May 26
June 23	August 25	September 22	October 27	November 24

Historic Resources Review Panel- VIRTUALLY

February 9	March 9	April 13	May 11	June 8
August 10	September 14	October 12	November 9	

2nd Tuesday of the month; 10-20 people, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Heritage Outreach Committee- VIRTUALLY

January 5	February 10	March 10	April 14	May 12
June 9	August 11	September 8	October 13	November 10

2nd Wednesday of the month; 5-10 people, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Executive Committee- VIRTUALLY

February 17	March 17	April 21	May 19	June 16
August 18	September 15	October 20	November 17	

3rd Wednesday of the month; 6 people, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Plaques & Awards- VIRTUALLY

As required; 5-10 people, 12:00-1:00 or 5:00-6:30 p.m.

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

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VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE EVENT

On January 20, 2021, HOC co-hosted a virtual roundtable event with the Centre for Race and Culture: "Removal and Renaming: Public Memory in Public Space." The discussion was moderated by Senator Paula Simons and panelists included EHB chair Dan Rose, Shannon Stunden Bower, Robert Houle and Deborah Dobbins. The roundtable provided a space for thought leaders to explore the complex issues around collective memory and public space as it pertains to commemorative naming, statues and monuments, and to examine potential ways forward for our city, our province and our country.

More than 220 people attended the 1.5 hour event, hosted on EventBrite, and the facebook live event, hosted on CFRAC's page, has since received more than 900 views. While the Board was forced to cancel our signature plaques and awards event due to the COVID-19 restrictions, this virtual roundtable event was an effective way to still engage our community in a timely subject related to heritage preservation.

Link to facebook live event (hosted on Centre for Race and Culture facebook page) here:
<https://www.facebook.com/centreforraceandculture/videos/1027656061063890>

We will host a post-mortem at the next committee meeting.