

Edmonton Historical Board

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Center, Jefferson Room

MINUTES

These minutes were approved on February 22, 2017 by the Edmonton Historical Board

Chair

Recording Secretary

Attending:

Daniel Rose Earl Anderson
 Andreas Loutas Dominic Schamuhn
 Leslie Chevalier Darlene Fisher
 Erin McDonald Neil Cramer
 Aimee Shaw Barbara Hilden

Archives Staff:

Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support
 Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

Guest:

Robert Geldart, Senior Heritage Planner
 Brooke Hoeven, Graduate Heritage Planner
 Chris Chang-Yen Phillips, Historian Laureate
 Robyn Webb, Presenter
 Monica Turta, Presenter
 Vickie Gunderson, Civic Agencies

Regrets

Michael Boire

Agenda Item		Person(s) Responsible	Date Due
WELCOME & CHAIR'S REMARKS	Welcome everyone. Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m. Busy agenda, with one presentation cancelled.	Erin	
1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Moved: Dominic Second: Daniel Approved (unanimously)	Erin	
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ▪ November 23, 2016	Moved: Aimee Second: Neil Approved (unanimously)	Erin	
3. Items for Discussion/Decision			
a) Presentation to EHB: Rebecca and Chris: The Klan Query	Rebecca is not able to attend today. Presentation cancelled may be rescheduled for a later time.	Erin	

b) Presentation ECO Clty:	<p>Information on the installation of Solar Panels to the Strathcona Farmers Market (Strathcona Bus Barns) was presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Group was thanked for providing the EHB with this information. -As building is not designated or on the inventory, group was encouraged to continue the conversation with the Heritage Planners. 	Robyn, Monica, Gordon	
c) Follow-up: Shirley's Report	<p>Report was received last fall, and has been circulated. Has also been circulated with Council and recently with a list of individuals who are interested in Heritage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ryan Jesperson: interview scheduled for tomorrow. -Sharon from Globe and Mail: has also received it and has been referred to Peter Ohm and Councillor Henderson. <p>Report will be used for reference in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ad-hoc committee is now no longer as purpose was to oversee this report's development 	Erin	
d) Follow-up: Luncheon with Council	<p>Took place in November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Feedback and questions from Council was circulated in meeting package. -Over the next few meetings, will be revisited to ensure all issues brought up by Council are addressed -Information provided was reviewed briefly -Document with figures and facts was well received. -Bring item back for inclusion in February's agenda 	Erin	
f) Follow-up: Hangar 11, letter to Council and response letter	<p>At last meeting, EHB directed Chair to write letters to Council regarding some areas of concern.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -One of these letters addressed the issue regarding the possible demolition of Hangar 11; sent out November 14 -Response received from Peter Ohm dated December 5. Letter attached 	Erin	

	<p>-An update on Hangar 11 is addressed in the Heritage Planners' report. Further information will probably be received in March-April</p> <p>-Other letter was sent to Councillor McKeen regarding the three designated properties on 112 Street.</p> <p>-Councillor McKeen responded via email</p> <p>-Update on these properties is updated in the Heritage Planners' report. More information to come, probably next month</p>		
<p>g)Information: Bill C-232, Act to Amend Income Tax Act</p>	<p>-Information was shared regarding the Private Members bill presented in the House of Commons; tax break for Canadian heritage buildings that qualify</p> <p>-Canadian inventory covers all buildings designated at a municipal level across Canada.</p> <p>-As a Board, nothing that can be done directly;</p> <p>-Motion: That the EHB provide a letter to the Mayor in support of the initiative and encourage the Mayor and City to support recommendations of Administration</p> <p>Moved: Dan</p> <p>Second: Dominic</p> <p>Letter to be cc'd to Gary Klassen</p> <p>Approved (Unanimously)</p> <p>-As members of the public, EHB members can participate through individual action.</p>	Erin & Daniel	
<p>4. Board Committee Reports</p>			
<p>a) Historical Resources Review Panel</p>	<p>Motion: That the Edmonton Historical Board recommend the addition of the Fred and Marion Hall residence, at 11023-64 Street, to the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton</p> <p>Moved: Earl</p> <p>Second: Andreas</p> <p>Approved (unanimously)</p>	Daniel	
<p>b) Heritage Outreach Committee</p>	<p>Report attached</p>	Leslie	

	<p>-EHB was provided with concept for new logo. Motion: That the EHB approve the new logo as presented to represent the EHB Moved: Leslie Second: Neil Approved (unanimously) -Facebook doing well. Post on Clinker Brick had 27 shares and over 5700 reaches -Thanks to the HOC members for their work in the process for the new logo and Dominic for his work with Facebook</p>		
c) Plaques and Awards Committee	<p>-Event is taking place next week -Earl and Michael will be reading shortened text, need two members to help present the awards and the plaques. Neil and Dominic have volunteered.</p>	Barbara	
d) Ad-hoc Committee	Item is now closed as committee's work is complete	Leslie	
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	No update at this time	Earl	
g) Heritage Council	No update at this time	Kathryn	
h) Fort Edmonton Park	No report at this time	Darlene	
6. Issues/Project Updates			
7. Other Business			
a) Administrative support	-No information at this time	Sonia	
b) Presentation: Vickie Gunderson	<p>In-private under section 24 of FOIP Motion: to move meeting in camera Moved: Dominic Second: Dan</p>	Erin	

	Approved (unanimously) Motion: to move meeting out of camera Moved: Dominic Second: Leslie Approved (unanimously)		
		Erin	
c) Building Agenda for Next Meeting		Erin	
8. ADJOURNMENT	7:26 by Barbara		

➤ **Next Meeting:** Wednesday February 22, 2017 5:00 pm

HERITAGE PLANNERS REPORT
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Glenora Neighbourhood Historic Resources Inventory Phase II: The review and evaluation by the HRRP is now completed. Next steps: Final Report from Donald Luxton and Associates to be submitted by end of February, with public meeting with owners of Inventory buildings to be held in later, possibly March or early April 2017.

We have a number of Notices of Intention to Designate and Designation Bylaws coming forward for City Council approval in 2017:

Notices of Intention to Designate:

J. B. Little Brickyard House (Riverdale)
Barto Residence (McCauley)
Rodd Apartments (Boyle Street)
Ira Stephens Residence (Highlands)
Streetcar Railway Substation No. 600 – on 124 Street

Designation Bylaws:

William Buster Residence, at 10950-81 Ave. in Garneau
Calder Cenotaph
Queen Elizabeth II Planetarium

Upcoming:

Millcreek House (Strathcona)
West End Telephone Exchange (Oliver)
Tipton Investment Co. Building (Whyte Ave)
Burns Residence (McCauley)

In discussions:

Dr. Leslie McIntyre Residence (Westmount)
Mayor J.J. McKenzie Residence (Strathcona)
Keillor Cabin (Whitemud Equine Centre)
Judge Downs Residence (Strathcona)

Empire Building (Downtown)

Hangar 11 – A Building Condition Assessment will be prepared by Integrated Infrastructure Services, using S2 Architecture and RJC Engineering. The Heritage Management Unit has also commissioned a Historical Significance Assessment, being undertaken by 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 prior to selling it to NAIT. 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 is looking to engage an architect 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. We have also discussed the possibility of rezoning the site to allow for additions to be made at the rear of the buildings to provide additional redevelopment opportunity.

Brighton Block: Building now stabilized and mothballed for the time being with a roof and building wrap. A purchaser, Ken Cantor, has an offer in place with conditions. We are in very early discussions with them now and currently their proposal is positive and in keeping with the designation.

Ortona Armoury is scheduled for major renovation work on the interior. This work will likely not begin until late 2017 and after the tenants have vacated and re-located. We have been actively involved in the discussions to date, and will continue to participate in the on-going process.

We will be issuing a Request for Proposals soon for the preparation of a Historic Resources Inventory for the Jasper Place area (covering the neighbourhoods of West Jasper Place, Glenwood, Canora and Britannia Youngstown).

The City is considering a potential offer from a prospective purchaser for the Stovel Block at 97 Street and 103A Avenue. Heritage has met with Real Estate and Housing staff to discuss the offer, and the potential for a possible sale offering, and how designation of the building will be achieved. It is currently on the Inventory.

David recently met with several home owners on 85 Avenue, west of 109 Street, to discuss a group addition to the Inventory, and potential designation for 5 or 6 houses. No confirmation as yet if they will move forward, but it is an interesting initiative that might be an example for others as a “mini” heritage area.

The Edmonton Brewing and Malting Company Buildings: The exterior restoration and renovation work on the historic

Administration Building at the Brewery District is progressing well. The foundation has been stabilized. Brick work and a new roof are scheduled next. The original 1913 Brewery Building has had some structural work completed to date. A major tenant has been secured for the building and it expected exterior restoration work will begin soon.

The rehabilitation of the Yorath House has commenced. The project which includes restoration of the historic home, a contemporary addition and landscaping of the area surrounding the home is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2017.

The Heritage Lighting Pilot Program has been officially launched and information is posted on the City website. The designated Imperial Bank of Canada building (World Trade Centre) is the first recipient of the lighting program grant. The Rosedale Power Plant has also made a submission to the program, which is now under review.

The Strathcona Walking Tour and Oliver Walking Tour booklets are now with the City's graphic designers for a new look. We are aiming to them to be "print ready" for February 1, 2017 and in time to apply for a grant from the Alberta Historic Resources Foundation to assist with printing costs.

The work of Plan Whyte continues. The project intends to have draft recommendations by mid-2017. The overall objective is to reinforce the heritage character of the Provincial Historic Area, and identify redevelopment opportunities in the vicinity.

Alberta Culture and Tourism are now developing a discussion paper that they will be using to engage a number of municipalities on their historic areas. In the coming weeks, they intend to arrange meetings with City staff to discuss how we might partner to ensure that the Old Strathcona Provincial Historic Area and other Edmonton heritage districts are preserved and integrated into the cultural, social and economic fabric of the city.

The City is now the owner of the Edmonton Iron Works building, located at 10415 – 96 Street NW. Alberta Culture and Tourism requested a Historic Resource Impact Assessment (HRIA) for the building. This was issued to the then owners on September 19. The Province has advised that if the City intends to designate and rehabilitate the building, the need for an HRIA will be removed. However, they will continue to monitor the situation, and are prepared to require the HRIA formally if it appears the City decides to not protect the building.

Church Street DC1 is nearing completion and will be considered by Council at Public Hearing in March 2017. The purpose of the DC1 zoning is to encourage the preservation of the areas unique collection of 12 culturally, historically and architecturally significant churches. This would apply to 96 Street between 106 Avenue and 110A Avenue.

David continues his role on the project team for the Rossdale Heritage Interpretative Plan, which will be developing a framework for how all aspects of the history of Rossdale can be celebrated. It will be a high level document, providing direction for the Business Plan and Interpretation Themes for the River Crossing project. The City is working with Form Media of Halifax on the project. The team has vetted the draft Thematic Framework through a number of stakeholders, and will be shifting onto the development of the HIP document itself.

We have prepared the class list for the 2017 This Old Edmonton House seminar series, after a successful run in 2016. The class listings are online at ereg.edmonton.ca. We would ask that the Board assist us in spreading the information to your networks to help drum up interest in the program. We are preparing a PDF poster that can be provided in this regard.

We are preparing a report in response to an inquiry from Councillor McKeen regarding the demolition of buildings on the Inventory with the intention to subdivide for skinny lots under the new RF1 Zone. To date, 4 buildings in Glenora that have either already been evaluated (or are about to be) have pending demolition permits to allow subdivision. We will be working with the Planning Coordination section on formulating recommendations – the report is due back in March 2017.

Brooke's contract as our Graduate Heritage Planner comes to an end on February 3, 2017. We thank her for her work with us. She has accomplished several projects including two walking tour booklets, the preparation of the required mandatory documentation of our designated buildings, preparing reports and bylaws, and researching.

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

City Archivist's Report
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As the City Archives moves into the new year there have been lots of activities with group visits. There have been classes of both the overflow from City Hall School - called Out of the Box and from the ICE School - who are learning about the history of Edmonton's downtown and our hockey traditions. Both the University of Alberta and MacEwan University classes in public history and visual arts have come to do research and be oriented to archival work. We are expecting both Kings College and NAIT students in the next few weeks. There has also been a group from NAIT's graphic arts program here to explore options for creating a brand for the Prince of Wales Armouries which could be used to promote the facility and the tenants within.

The Business Case for the digital preservation program is progressing through the planning stage - hopefully to be completed before the end of March when we can obtain funding permissions and start acquiring the necessary software. The Archivists are already planning and preparing for a new database (not yet specified but one that is based on archival arrangement). This transition will take approximately two years to implement so we are doing preparatory work now. In a perfect world this would not affect retrieval times - however, the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre is also slated to have some capital renewal (roof replacement, boiler and HVAC replacement and foundation repairs) in the same time which might affect our abilities to maintain service levels.

The other initiative going ahead is a governance review which began last year with the update of the Archives Policy 448 to a new system of an Administrative Directive within the City. This has sparked other internal reviews of our procedures and guidelines which need updating. This work will also take a few months and underpin the transition to the new working model and new catalogue system.

In the meantime, regular processing of the collection continues - several of the fonds descriptions have been updated and the government records collections are receiving significant revisions to reflect the City's organization (and reorganizations). Finding aids are becoming much more complete and researchers will find that more of this part of the collection is available on the on-line catalogue. The Exhibition schedule is planned for the next year - and the three locations for exhibits continue to receive new content three times a year. The Art Wall in the Prince of Wales will have new exhibitions in the next few months as well.

Kathryn Ivany

HISTORIAN LAUREATE REPORT

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1. On December 13, I did a talk on lessons I've learned from Let's Find Out for the Historical Resources Review Panel.
2. In December, I released an episode of Let's Find Out called The Great Apartment Caper. I helped Pamela Learmond investigate whether her grandpa really had an entire apartment building picked up and moved down the street.
3. Shallima Maharaj from Global TV did a story about Rebecca Jade's plaque idea and the history of the Ku Klux Klan in Edmonton.
4. As you know, Rebecca Jade decided not to proceed with that application. She said, "Unfortunately, a number of other personal and professional commitments have rapidly increased in intensity for me of late, and I am going to have to cancel my presentation to the Board. I am deeply sorry for any inconvenience this causes you all, and so grateful for the welcoming manner in which you invited me to present in the first place." It's unfortunate, but I think the questions she raised started an important dialogue in the city about how to acknowledge this ugly part of Edmonton's past.
5. On January 15, I attended the launch of the Edmonton & District Historical Society's book The Fur Trade in the West.
6. This month on Let's Find Out, I'm featuring a podcast I originally made last summer, capturing the conversations at the Chinatown Conference.
7. Next month, I'll be helping Nathan Smith answer a question about how to ask questions about each other's history across cultures, and which food plants have been important to Indigenous peoples in this area.
8. I'm planning to do a live recording of Let's Find Out in late February/early March. Many thanks to Sonia for helping me explore potential venues! I'm pursuing funding from the Edmonton Heritage Council to make this happen.

Respectfully submitted by: Chris Chang-Yen Phillips

EDMONTON DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

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Meeting held January 16 2017

Misc.

- The Christmas party which was held last year was a huge success with Chris Chang-Yen Phillips speaking and the society was also able to make a profit!
- Fort McMurry schools had to destroy many of their school books due to smoke damage. There has been a call out to collect books for the schools which have historical content. The contact name for this is Wanda Bourne of the Ice on Whyte Festival.

EDHS Awards

- A motion was passed on how the EDHS addresses awards. How the awards will be given will be readdressed and they will be given on an *ad hoc* basis which speaks to the value of the award for those he receive it. The EDHS also discussed the possibility of making nominations for other awards, further championing the members and contributors to their society.

Newsletter

- The newsletter is out.
- I have a copy if you would like to peruse it.
- The next one will be out in March and there is a possibility of a continued theme of the 150th anniversary of Canada.

Speaker Series

- The speaker series continues. The information about coming events is on the website. The first one of this year was held last night.

Ice on Whyte

- The EDHS continues its support of the Edmonton festival Ice on Whyte.
- Take a visit down and enjoy the festivities!
- It will be held January 26 to 29 AND February 2 to 5, 2017: Thursday & Friday from 2 PM to 10 PM Saturday & Sunday from 10 AM to 10 PM

Aviation Museum

- The March EDHS meeting will be held at the Aviation Museum.
- Another opportunity to collaborate and showcase the heritage and historical fervor and quality of Edmonton!

Respectfully submitted by: Aimee Shaw