

Edmonton Historical Board

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Center, Jefferson Room

MINUTES

These minutes were approved on June 28,2017 by the Edmonton Historical Board

Chair

Recording Secretary

Attending:

Aimee Shaw Dominic Schamuhn
Barbara Hilden Erin McDonald
Neil Cramer Stephanie Coombs
Andreas Loutas Earl Anderson
Rebecca Goodenough

Archives Staff:

Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support
Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

Guest:

Robert Geldart, Senior Heritage Planner
David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner

Regrets

Darlene Fisher
Daniel Rose

Agenda Item		Person(s) Responsible	Date Due
WELCOME & CHAIR'S REMARKS	Welcome to everyone, meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m. especially the EHB's new members Rebecca and Stephanie. Introductions were made	Barbara	
1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Moved: Dominic Second: Aimee Approved (unanimously)	Barbara	
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES • April 26, 2017 minutes	Moved: Neil Second: Dominic Approved (unanimously)	Barbara	

3. Items for Discussion/Decision			
a) Review/Discussion: Review of Agencies Boards, Committees and Commissions report	Draft report attached -Members reviewed the information pertaining to the EHB and suggestions were made to provide more detailed information regarding the work of the board. -Barbara will work with Kathryn and Sonia to get the information to Civic Agencies by this Friday.	Barbara	
b) Follow-up: Value of Built Heritage Report next steps & letters	-draft letter has been drafted for Councillor's to detail numbers of heritage buildings per ward. -final letter to be submitted shortly -package for new council post election will be put together, to let them know the EHB's work will now be fast tracked to make sure it is able to address item 3a	Barbara	
c) Motion: 2017-2018 EHB Committee roster addition of 2 new board members	-Rebecca is interested in joining the HRRP -Stephanie is interested in joining HOC Motion: That Rebecca be appointed the HRRP and Stephanie to the HOC Moved: Erin Second: Andreas Approved (unanimously)	Barbara	
d) Information: Community member recruitment for all committees	-EHB members had expressed interest to include more community members for the three committees -although not a requirement, it is good to include more input and interaction from the public at large -Barbara will speak to Dominic to see how to promote the positions -each committee has 1 community member currently, and as per policy can have an additional 2 members per committee	Barbara	
e) Discussion: Position on EHB plaques and awards	-Discussion regarding where and what the EHB's plaques should/could address.	Barbara	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -TRC recommendations, #10; plaques and awards to recognize existing buildings (built heritage) only or others (non built heritage) as well. -Possible partnering with EHC as they have a focus on non built/non-tangible heritage -Criteria for EHB's program needs to be better defined to avoid grey areas in the future. -Plaques and Awards Committee to take this item and discuss and bring back a recommendation prior to the next nominations are sought. 		
4. Board Committee Reports			
a) Historical Resources Review Panel	No report at this time as no meeting this month	Andreas	
b) Heritage Outreach Committee	Report attached	Dominic	
c) Plaques and Awards Committee	No report at this time as no meeting this month	Neil	
5. Other Reports and Updates			
a) Heritage Planners' Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report attached -Meeting held today regarding Ritchie School, which is now under threat. EPSB gave ownership over to the Francophone School Board -School built in 1913. No work has been done since the 1970s, and the original 1913 portion has not been used since 1994, is now under threat. In Councillor Nickle's ward -Have received another Young Canada Grant, with a graduate planner to start in July potentially. 	Robert	
b) City Archivist's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Retirement of Tj Lewis, who worked with the City for 28 years and made the EHB's awards. -Latest online exhibit went live today; about Canada's centennial -June/July- physical exhibit on the EPS' 125 anniversary to be ready 	Kathryn	
c) Historian Laureate Report	Report attached	Chris	

	<p>-Request for funding from the EHC which was partially funded -At his last request, money was set aside which he didn't fully use and is still available for his use.</p> <p>Motion: that the EHB provide the funds of \$7500 for Chris to be able to continue his work with the podcasts. Moved: Neil Second: Earl Approved (unanimously)</p>		
d) Naming Committee	Report attached	Erin	
e) EDHS Update	Report attached	Aimee	
f) NAPDA Update	Report attached	Earl	
g) Heritage Council	-AGM is being held tonight at City Hall	Kathryn	
h) Fort Edmonton Park	Report attached -Park opened last weekend -Currently recruiting for a new President & CEO	Darlene	
6. Issues/Project Updates			
7. Other Business			
a) Administrative support	No update at this time	Sonia	
b) Building Agenda for Next Meeting	Barbara will be addressing Council on June 14	Barbara	
8. ADJOURNMENT	Moved by Rebecca at 6:37 p.m.		

> **Next Meeting:** Wednesday June 28, 2017 5:00 pm

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

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The Heritage Outreach Committee continued the discussion on the 2017 research report, which will have a refined focus on case studies that demonstrate the value of preserving built heritage. Work continues in preparation for the report, with the intention of concluding work by October 2017. As a result, it is anticipated that the 2017 research report will be smaller in scope than the 2016 research report.

Curio Studio is also concluding the next steps of the Edmonton Historical Board rebranding project, which includes the development of new collateral materials. The Committee will be bringing forward final recommendations to the Board in the near future.

Additional communications activities continue, including regular updates on the Facebook Page. The Facebook Page is now closing in on 1000 likes, and all Board members are encouraged to send potential content to Dominic.

Respectfully submitted by: Dominic Schamuhn, HOC Chair

HERITAGE PLANNERS REPORT
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For 2017, we have a number of Designation Bylaws and Notices of Intention to Designate now completed 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)

Upcoming Designation Bylaws (in May and June)

Rodd Apartments (Boyle Street)
Barto Residence (McCauley)
Streetcar Railway Substation No. 600 – on 124 Street (Oliver)
Millcreek House (Strathcona)
West End Telephone Exchange (Oliver)
Tipton Investment Co. Building (Whyte Ave)

Upcoming Notices of Intention to Designate (June):

Southpark Sign (Queen Alexandra)

Upcoming:

Mayor J.J. McKenzie Residence (Strathcona)
Gibbard Block (Highlands)
Ukrainian Greek Cultural Association Hall (McCauley)

In discussions:

Snook Residence (Allendale)
Dr. Leslie McIntyre Residence (Westmount)

Keillor Cabin/Stone House (Whitemud Equine Centre)
Judge Downs Residence (Strathcona)
Empire Building (Downtown)
Burns Residence (McCauley)
McClory Residence (Glenora)

Updates:

The reorganization of our Branch, City Planning, is nearing completion and will be effective as of May 29, 2017. The Heritage Management Unit will be part of the Urban Design Team and will be reporting to General Supervisor, Peter Spearey. Our new Director will be Rhonda Toohey. Our Branch Manager remains Peter Ohm.

Westmount Community League has a committee focusing on the Westmount Architectural Historic Area (WAHA) that is advocating that the architectural guidelines be changed to regulations to ensure a higher level of integrity of the architectural styles within the WAHA. The committee applied to the City to amend the DC1 zoning. As this is a pilot project, it was agreed with the Westmount Community League that the rezoning fees will be paid from the Heritage Resources Reserve.

Hangar 11: A Building Condition Assessment is being prepared 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 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 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 planWhyte continues. The goal is for a report to go forward to Urban Planning Committee in early June for input and comments prior to a public Open House in June. The overall project intends to have draft recommendations by fall 2017. The objective is to reinforce the heritage character of the Provincial Historic Area, and identify redevelopment opportunities in the vicinity.

Church Street DC1 is now scheduled for City Council at Public Hearing on July 10, 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 Rosedale Heritage Interpretative Plan, which will be developing a framework for how all aspects of the history of Rosedale 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 HIP will be considered by Urban Planning Committee on July 5.

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 contact with the school board and a meeting has been set up with them and their design team to discuss further.

This Old Edmonton House seminar series for 2017 is now wrapped up for 2017. Attendance has been the best in years. David has worked diligently on reaching out to our targeted audience to ensure the success of the series. Come summer, it will be time to plan the for the 2018 seminar series.

Based on recent direction from Urban Planning Committee, David is working with the Zoning Bylaw Amendments team to formally enshrine documentation requirements for proposed demolitions of buildings on the Inventory. The City Council public hearing to adopt the amendments to the Zoning Bylaw will be June 28.

David is working 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 held last week to determine what portions of the building must be retained.

We were successful in getting another Young Canada Works grant with National Trust Canada for 2017-18 to hire a Graduate Heritage Planner. We will soon post the position and begin the interview process. Our goal is to have the graduate on board by the end of June or early July.

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

HISTORIAN LAUREATE REPORT

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

May 24, 2017

May was mainly a month of editing and planning. I have a plethora of public talks coming up!

1. On May 1, I presented my annual report to the Community Services Committee, as an addendum to Erin McDonald's presentation from the Edmonton Historical Board.
2. Also on May 1, Metro Edmonton's Jeremy Simes interviewed me about "making history cool":
<http://www.metronews.ca/news/edmonton/2017/05/01/edmonton-historian-laureate-cool-stories-city.html>
3. Also on May 1, I met with local author Laurel Deedrick-Mayne to explore possible future collaborations.
4. On May 5, I volunteered as a chaperone at the Pride Centre's Queer Prom.
5. On May 6, I helped MC and judge the Edmonton Regional Heritage Fair.
6. My April episode of Let's Find Out actually came out the first week of May. It took a considerable amount of work to connect with Elder Jim O'Chiese for the episode and edit it all together. The final episode is called A Lesson in Protocol, and I'm quite pleased with it:
<https://letsfindoutpodcast.com/2017/05/04/episode-9-a-lesson-in-protocol-2/>
7. The Edmonton Heritage Council approved partial funding for my grant request for Let's Find Out. I have sent a request for partial funding to the EHB and am happy to answer any questions you may have about it.
In hopeful anticipation that my request will be approved, I have put up the job posting for an Assistant Producer on the podcast:
<https://letsfindoutpodcast.com/hiring/>
8. On May 11, an enterprising Grade 5 student named Abi Struthers interviewed me for a school project. She is trying to understand why some historical figures like Nellie McClung are more widely remembered and celebrated than others (like Thanadelthur).

Coming up:

- This month's episode of Let's Find Out will feature questions from kids about dinosaurs. I went down to the Danek Bonebed to pose their questions to real-life paleontologists digging up real-life Edmontosaurus and Albertosaurus bones.
- On May 28, I'll be moderating a Q&A after a film called All Our Father's Relations, which is being presented at Metro Cinema as part of Reconciliation Week and the Asian Canadian Film Series.
- On June 1, I'll be speaking at Edmonton NextGen's Canada 150-themed PechaKucha Night. My talk will be titled "The Land We Stand On."
- On June 4, I'll be leading a historical walk around Ritchie neighbourhood, answering local residents' questions about the area's history. The recording of this walk will be used for June's episode of Let's Find Out.

- On June 9, I'll be speaking at the NEOS Miniconference at MacEwan University.
- Also on June 9, I'll be helping interview candidates who've applied to become the next Poet Laureate.
- On June 10, I'll be volunteering for the Queer History Project booth at Pride.
- In July, I'll be speaking at the Ignite Change conference.

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

NAMING COMMITTEE REPORT

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1. Request to name a collector roadway in the Blatchford Area as “Runway 1230 Drive”

This item has returned to the Naming Committee several times. Concerns with the requested name including a number as part of the proper road name raises issues for Police, EMS and Fire response. Canada Post has responded that the name will not cause them issues for postal delivery. An e-mail had been received from EPS indicating the name “could” work, however the Naming Committee requests a formal letter of support from Edmonton Police Services prior to making any motion.

Motion deferred until further information provided by Administration.

2. Request to name a municipal facility within Borden Park located in the Virginia Park Neighbourhood

Administration returned to the Committee with an amended naming request to name the natural pool under construction at Borden Park “Borden Park Natural Swimming Pool.” Carried, unanimously.

3. Request to name arterial roadways within the Horse Hill ASP

To approve the request to name three major roadways in the Marquis Neighbourhood and Horse Hill Area: *Horse Hill Gate, Horse Hill Boulevard, and Horse Hill Way.* Carried.

4. Request to name roadways within The Orchards Neighbourhood

Administration received a naming application, representing the developers, requesting to name local roads within The Orchards Neighbourhood using the tree species “Plum” and “Muckleplum” and to name a collector roadway as “Orchards Road.” The application proposed to name the roads as follows: *Plum Gate, Plum Circle, Plum Lane, Plum Link, Plum Court, and Plum Crescent; Muckleplum Crescent and Way; and, Orchards Road.* Carried.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the public concern regarding names all featuring the same prefix. Maps were reviewed of the area in detail. In this neighbourhood, due to the NSP there is a requirement for the Developers to plant the trees of the subdivision in the area so non-native species are not appropriate. The addition of a sub-area for future naming to include another descriptor, such as “Black Plum” or “Red Plum” was made by the Committee to Administration.

5. Request to name collector roadways within the River’s Edge Neighbourhood

To approve the request to name three collector roadways within the River’s Edge Neighbourhood: *River’s Edge Drive, River’s Edge Way, and River Way.* Carried.

The Committee reiterated concerns with apostrophe's as they are not recognized by Canada Post.

6. Request to name two roads within the Chappelle Neighbourhood

A request was made to name two local cul-de-sac roads within the Chappelle Neighbourhood using the names “Cartmell” and “Cristall.” Defeated.

The Committee defeated the motion, intending to reserve the use of a new name from the Names Reserve List (Cristall) for use in another area with a more prominent roadway. The intended use proposed in this request is for the main corner of the cul-de-sac named “Cristall” to be developed into a church and potentially religious private school. The name Cristall is associated with Abraham “Abe” Cristall, the first Jewish man to arrive in Edmonton in 1893. The Committee recommended the use of the already-approved prefix *Cartmell* with an approved suffix. The request was returned to Administration.

7. Discussion regarding the naming of the River Valley Mechanized Access Project

Administration’s River Valley Parks and Facilities have requested that the Naming Committee discuss the naming of the developing River Valley Mechanized Access Project and recommend naming opportunities. Deferred until May 30, 2017.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 30, 2017

Respectfully submitted by: Erin McDonald, EHB representative to Naming Committee

EDMONTON DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

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New President: It with great pleasure that I introduce to you, Sean Moir, the new President of the EDHS. This is a familiar name for some of you as he used to be on this board and a former Chair of the Plaques and Awards Committee.

Volunteer discussion: There was a new discussion about how to coordinate volunteers and how best to utilize their skill sets or interest. The president is hoping for a more targeted approach and concerted effort with other societal groups and coordinating and connecting with them. Having worked in a few historical sites, I have always been astounded by the work ethic, passion and enthusiasm held by volunteers. They are a fabulous source to be tapped into.

Treasury Report: The annual Casino took place earlier in the month. The lack of parking may have put some people off sadly. It would appear that this is something the new Casino is feeling in general. There has been a discussion to re locate the event to a different casino where parking is accessible.

Publications: The University of Manitoba reviewed 'The Fur Trade in the West' publication written by Phyllis Arnold and published by the EDHS. It received a glowing report with 4 stars out of 4! The book is 'Highly recommended'. The CM reviews are the go to for school resources and so this will in turn increase the popularity and value of this amazing resource.

Newsletter: At the meeting we discussed the possibility of connecting with an app production which relays historical information about a large region of Alberta- from the Edmonton airport region to the Northern border. At first we discussed passing along all the EDHS newsletter articles. This discussion progressed to the possibility of simply linking the website in the app as a way to increase traffic on the EDHS website.

Future thoughts/ plans: We also discussed the endless possibilities of outreach. Tim O'Grady (the EDHS Newsletter editor) stumbled across a Facebook group which focused on mums sourcing free/ cheap historical actives to do with young children.

With that, our discussion widened to the possibility of changing the location of the Speaker Series to change/ mix up the usual attendees of the series and the membership of the EDHS. We also talked about the potential for a 'Nerd Night' or as we call it in the UK,

a Pub Quiz.

Needless to say, there are exciting times ahead for the EDHS!

Respectfully submitted by: Aimee Shaw, EDHS representative to EHB

NORTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS & DESCENDANTS ASSOCIATION

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Staining and re-finishing on the logs is coming along at a great pace and is expected to be completed in about 1 ½ weeks

Watch out for our Garage Sale and BBQ in June on our website.

Also, at our next EHB meeting I can give you further details on our Annual K-Days Pancake Breakfast.

Respectfully submitted by: Earl Anderson, NAPDA representative to EHB

FORT EDMONTON PARK MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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- Last meeting was on May 11. We received a presentation from ZAG Creative on this year's marketing strategy for the park. The presentation included images from the new ad campaign "untold adventure". The campaign includes radio ads as well as billboards and print.
- The park opened for the season this past weekend. A visitor increase of 13% is anticipated for this year, in part because of the Canada 150 celebrations.
- The management company is actively seeking a President and CEO to take the park forward in its expansion. This new role will focus on the long-term strategic planning and revenue growth of the Park. A position description has been completed. An update on the search should be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Next FEMCO board meeting will be held August 10, 2017. The FEMCO AGM will be held June 23.

Respectfully submitted: Darlene Fisher, EHB representative to FEMCO