

Edmonton Historical Board

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Center, Governor's Boardroom

MINUTES

These minutes were approved on September 26, 2018 by the Edmonton Historical Board

Chair

Recording Secretary

Attending:

Christina Wilson David Rynning
Barbara Hilden Hanna Choi
Erin McDonald Dominic Schamuhn
Andreas Loutas Marlena Wyman
Rebecca Goodenough

Archives Staff:

Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support

Guest:

Robert Geldart, Senior Heritage Planner
David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner
Councillor Scott McKeen

Regrets

Neil Cramer
Daniel Rose

Agenda Item		Person(s) Responsible	Date Due
WELCOME & CHAIR'S REMARKS	-Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. -Christina acknowledges on behalf of the EHB: We, as members of the Edmonton Historical Board acknowledge that we are meeting on Treaty 6 territory. We respect the histories, languages and cultures of First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich and influence our community.	Barbara	
1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	-Addition of an item f to discuss EHB support of Glenora rezoning Moved: Rebecca	Barbara	

	Approved (unanimously)		
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ▪ June 27, 2018 minutes	Moved: Dominic Approved (unanimously)	Barbara	
3. Items for Discussion/Decision			
a) Discussion: Camsell Commemoration	Rebecca sits on the TRC Committee at the Provincial level, and wanted to notify the EHB that grants are available for programs such as signage and thought this may be a opportunity for the board to make a Plaque for this site. -Earlier this year, P&A had discussed the possibility of creating a plaque for this same site and reason. Danielle Metcalfe-Chenail, former Historian Laureate and member of RISE, was contacted for her thoughts on how to proceed. -Suggestion was for EHB to pause on this one plaque as there are discussions currently underway within the community and the EHB may be contacted directly by the community for this when the time is right. -Barbara will provide Rebecca with Danielle's contact for further discussion to see how board can be a part of this in an appropriate and respectful way.	Barbara	
b) Update: Minchau Blacksmith Shop	-Darryl Babuk has been hired to complete the HRIA. -HRIA supersedes all other actions and nothing can be done until this is completed	Barbara	
c) Update: U of A student work experience	-EHB received interest from 3 individuals. -Executive Committee will meet with all three in the next few weeks. -Committees are asked to draft ideas for projects for the successful candidate to work on or complete.	Barbara	

d) Standing Item/Discussion: EHB's approach to TRC and next steps	-No further information at this time	Barbara	
e) Standing Item/Discussion: RAM building in Glenora; Hangar 11: letter to Council	<p>RAM- a motion was passed at Council for the Mayor to write a letter to the Province requesting that the city be included in the process. Letter has been sent.</p> <p>Hangar 11- August 13 agenda item has been moved to August 27 with a 1:30 time specific. Barbara will be registered to speak. Marlena will also be registered to speak on behalf of the City's Historians Laureate and will submit a letter which all have signed.</p> <p>-Sonia to share the agenda and the request to speak links when available tomorrow.</p>	Barbara	
f) Discussion: Old Glenora rezoning	<p>-The Old Glenora Conservation Association is currently working with the City to rezone.</p> <p>- Association is looking to develop guidelines or regulations to make it a special neighbourhood to protect built heritage in some way such as other neighbourhoods (Oliver, Garneau, Strathcona, Church Street, etc) have in place. There are about 9 of these neighbourhoods in the city.</p> <p>-This will be going to Council on September 11</p> <p>Motion: That the EHB provide a letter to the Old Glenora Conservation Association in support of the area rezoning exploration.</p> <p>Moved: Erin</p> <p>Approved (unanimously)</p>		
4. Board Committee Reports			
a) Historical Resources Review Panel	-The A. C. Jackson Residence was reviewed and discussed	Andreas	

	-This building has gone through many and significant alterations over the years. Panel voted not to include building on the Inventory		
b) Heritage Outreach Committee	-Summer newsletter should be going out later on this week. -WHERitage- Jason Blower has completed his illustrations for the project, so now moving on to the next phase. -Cultural landscapes Event: will be held on Sunday September 16 at the Alfred Savage Centre from 1:30-4:30. Some speakers have been confirmed, but still trying to finalize a few more. -Councillor McKeen will reach out to arrange for an Indigenous Elder or storyteller. -Barbara to extend invitation to City Councillors and Mayor -Thank you to Rebecca for all her effort in organizing this event on behalf of the EHB.	Dominic	
c) Plaques and Awards Committee	Report attached -EHB discussed Neil's offer to have the EHB participate in FAD at Muttart and have accepted	Neil	
5. Other Reports and Updates			
a) Heritage Planners' Report	Report attached	Robert	
b) City Archivist's Report	No report at this time	Kathryn	
c) Historian Laureate Report	Report attached	Marlena	
d) Naming Committee	No report at this time	Erin	
e) Heritage Council	No report at this time	Daniel	
f) Fort Edmonton Park	-AGM to be held on September 14	Dominic	
g) Art of Living Update Committee	-Consultations are done, drafting recommendations	Barbara	
6. Issues/Project Updates			

7. Other Business			
a) Administrative support	-Construction is beginning at POWA. Anyone needing to do research are advised that Archivists are not able to do retrievals during this time.	Sonia	
b) Building Agenda for Next Meeting	-David J. asked if the EHB could accommodate time to have a presentation regarding the plans for the abutment of the former Walterdale bridge. EHB agreed.		
8. ADJOURNMENT	Moved by Dominic at 6:48 p.m.		

➤ **Next Meeting:** Wednesday September 26, 2018 5:00 pm

Plaques & Awards Committee
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From what I understand, everyone should have submitted texts on Friday, with the exception of Daisy our contractor. I was in touch, and she said she would likely (99%) be done them this week, by tomorrow hopefully. So once I get those I will submit them to you along with her invoice.

I've spoken with FEP, they're busy right now but are looking like it's full steam ahead for using the theatre as our awards venue. I told them we could connect back again in September once they're closed to start hammering down details and they seemed to like that.

ALSO

I know that HOC and the board in general wanted to participate in FAD, from what I understand, JWM is no longer doing FAD, which I know was their first pick of location. If they are still willing to do it, I am more than willing to offer the Muttart as a venue. We get on average about 4K visitors, so it'd be a lot of opportunity to meet folks.

And that should be it, if you have any questions feel free to ask!

Respectfully submitted by: Neil Cramer, P&A Chair

HERITAGE PLANNERS' REPORT

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To date, six Designation Bylaws have been approved:

Approved Designation Bylaws in 2018:

St. Joachim Church (Oliver) approved on January 23, 2018

Burns Residence (McCauley) approved on March 20, 2018

West End Telephone Exchange (Oliver) approved on April 24, 2018

Blue Cross Animal Hospital (McCauley), approved on July 10, 2018

Ernest W. Morehouse Residence (Highlands), approved on July 10, 2018

Griffith Residence (Westmount), approved on August 21, 2018

Potential Designations:

The Richards Block (Strathcona)

Armstrong Residence (Garneau)

Bakos Residence (Westmount)

Wilson Residence (Glenora)

In discussion:

Snook Residence (Allendale)

Keillor Cabin/Stone House (Whitemud Equine Centre)

McClory Residence (Glenora)

Wilkin Residence (Glenora)

Kennedale Building (Belvedere)

Kensington Court (Calder)

McLear Residence (Westmount)

Henry J. Wells Residence (McCauley)

Emerson Residence (Inglewood)

Dr. Leslie McIntyre Residence (Westmount)

Judge Downs Residence (Strathcona)

Stewart Residence (Glenora)

Bellevue Community League Hall (Bellevue)

Elliot Residence (Westmount)

Ritchie Triplex (Ritchie)

Frost Residence (Westmount)

Hartley Residence (Westmount)

Henry Weitzel Residence (Strathcona)

Demolitions in 2018:

Netzel Residence 10525 - 78 Avenue

Louise Watts Residence 11031 - 86 Avenue

Spurr Residence 14326 - 99 Avenue
A. Minchau Blacksmith Shop 8108 - 101 Street (Note HRIA requested)
Nightingale Nursing Home 10833 - 83 Avenue
J.M. Kinnear Residence 10837 - 83 Avenue
Hermenegilde Buteau Residence 10510 - 86 Avenue
Miller Residence 9534 - 109A Avenue
Solon Low Residence 10925 University Avenue
William Marshall Residence 10404 - 125 Street
William Milne 9803 - 93 Avenue
Frank Duguid 9851 - 83 Avenue
Norgren Residence 11603 - 130 Avenue
Harold Ross Residence 11234 - 123 Street
Robert McKernan Residence 11030 - 81 Avenue

Updates:

The 2018 This Old Edmonton House seminar series program has wrapped for the season. This year there was a slate of 12 courses, with two new ones - a Historic Interiors Tour at Rutherford House, led by Johanne Yakula, and a Masonry/Stucco course taught by Chris Ambrozic of Scorpio Masonry. Planning for the seminar series for 2019 is starting this month.

The Westmount Architectural Heritage Area (WAHA) Rezoning project is underway. A consultant, Greenspace Alliance, has been engaged to provide graphic support for the duration of the project. To launch the project, the first drop in workshop was hosted on March 13, 2018. It was well attended with over 75 people. The next drop-in workshop will be hosted on September 25, 2018, where concept DC1 and ARP amendments will be presented for vetting by the community.

Councillor McKeen has made the following inquiry on Hangar 11:

Blatchford Field was the major Canadian hub in a network of airfields known as the Northwest Staging Route to transfer military equipment to the Soviet Union in the fight against Germany during the Second World War. Hangar 11 at Blatchford was built in 1942 by the United States Army Air Force, is listed on the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton, and is one of the last-remaining Second World War-era structures on the Blatchford site and immediate surrounding area.

A number of groups, including the Edmonton Historical Board, Edmonton Heritage Council, and the National Trust of Canada, have raised concerns about Hangar 11's fate in the development of Blatchford.

Please provide a report on Administration's current thinking and plans for Hangar 11 located at Blatchford, as well as information available on estimated rehabilitation costs and potential for reuse.

A report to respond to the motion is being prepared, and is scheduled to be heard by Executive Committee on August 27, 2018.

A motion was made by City Council at the July 10/11, 2018 Council meeting to send a letter to Alberta Infrastructure indicating the City's interest in retaining the former Royal Alberta Museum building and exploring opportunities for its re-use. A letter has been drafted for the Mayor in this regard.

A report regarding consultation with the Glenora community on a possible exercise to develop three new special heritage character area zones for the recommended heritage conservation areas south of Stony Plain Road will be at Urban Planning Committee on September 11, 2018. There has been a good amount of interest from property owners in these areas. David facilitated three public information sessions with property owners in mid June to provide information on such a process and determine the level of support.

The owner of the A. Minchau Blacksmith Shop, located at 8108 - 101 Street NW, has applied to demolish the building. It was recently included on the National Trust of Canada's Top 10 Endangered Places List. On June 4, 2018, the Mayor sent a letter to the Minister of Alberta Culture and Tourism requesting further evaluation of the property for Provincial significance under the auspices of the Historical Resources Act, with additional consideration towards compensation for the owner, if required. On June 11, 2018, Alberta Culture and Tourism issued an order to the owner for a Historic Resource Impact Assessment (HRIA) to be prepared on the building. The order supersedes any approvals at the municipal level, and no further action can be taken on the building until the HRIA has been deemed satisfactory to the Minister. The owner appealed the Development Permit for the proposed demolition to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board on June 20, 2018. The appeal was upheld. However, the Minister has issued a subsequent notice to the City that no permit approvals are allowed until the HRIA process has been completed.

David continues to work with Real Estate and Housing on the planned rehabilitation of the Edmonton Iron Works. The City has issued a tender request for site clean-up and abatement, in order to have the site and buildings properly cleaned up. A contractor has been engaged, and work is anticipated to begin soon.

A sales offering on the Stovel Block has recently closed, and Administration is reviewing the submissions. Several were received. A decision on the successful applicant is expected in the near future.

The new owner of the Brighton Block has initiated work to stabilize the building. They had submitted an application to rezone the site to allow for its redevelopment. It features an additional 3 storeys of development stepped back from the Jasper Avenue facade. The rezoning application was passed by Council at Public Hearing on July 9th. Also, the new owner had submitted a request to amend the designation bylaw, to remove some architectural features listed as character defining elements in order to allow for the structural stabilization and rehabilitation of the site. The proposed amendments to the Designation Bylaw were approved by Council on June 26, 2018.

Our project of creating an app for our four walking tour booklets (Downtown, Strathcona, Oliver and Highlands) is currently on hold. When we start up again with the project, we will focus on the Strathcona walking tour as a pilot project. The Edmonton Heritage Council has generously offered to be a sponsor for the project.

A new 5-year agreement with the Alberta Sign Association for the on-going acquisition, restoration, installation and maintenance of signs at the Neon Sign Museum has recently been executed. David is looking forward to working with the Association on the advancement of the Museum over the next few years, including the identification of a new location for additional one-sided signs.

A report on a City Owned Historic Resources Management Action Plan is scheduled for Executive Committee on October 15, 2018. The report will be recommending that Administration prepare a detailed implementation program for City-owned historic resources and return to City Council for adoption, likely in late 2019 or early 2020.

The City's Heritage Team was invited to hear about in-house research that Alberta Culture and Tourism is conducting on the Old Strathcona Provincial Historic Area. The work will consist of targeted building research as well as broader contextual research into the broader aspects of the social history of the area. The Heritage Team will be engaged as research progresses and has been invited to contribute as able.

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

HISTORIAN LAUREATE'S REPORT

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

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July - August, 2018

- I invited my sketch group, Urban Sketchers Edmonton, to sketch Church Street on July 7th in conjunction with Historic Festival and Doors Open. I spoke with Tim Marriott and Reverend Father Peter Babej, Rector for St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, to coordinate with Tim's tour so that we could also sketch inside the Cathedral. It was a rainy day so most sketching was done inside this inspiring, historic cathedral. I shared the post that I wrote for the Edmonton Urban Sketchers blog on the Historian Laureate Facebook page. These posts have also been shared on other social media such as that of Heritage Forward & the Edmonton Heritage Council.

<https://edmontonsketchers.wordpress.com/2018/07/15/st-josaphat-ukrainian-catholic-cathedral-july-2018/>

- Our August 4th sketchout was in Mill Creek Ravine Park, where I invited the group to sketch the historic Edmonton, Yukon & Pacific trestle bridge. Here is the post that I wrote and shared:
<https://edmontonsketchers.wordpress.com/2018/08/15/mill-creek-ravine-park-august-4-2018/>
- For the September 1st sketchout, I have invited Urban Sketchers Edmonton to the Ortona Armoury Arts building. This is a City-owned municipally designated heritage resource, built in 1914. I am the artists' liaison with the City for the work being planned for the building to bring it up to code. I am presently involved in meetings with the City and the artists for the City's budget approval. The City has informed artists that they must vacate the building in early 2019 for up to two years while the building is rehabilitated. We have been in discussions with the City to maintain the historic interior which has remained largely unchanged for 80 years (the Navy HMCS Nonsuch era) but there is very little of the interior that is protected by the heritage bylaw. I feel that this could be a case for increasing protection of the interiors of heritage buildings in instances such as this where a layer of the interior history has remained intact over time and uses. In particular, the Navy layout works well for the artists (who will be returning to the Ortona if all goes well and if the rent is still affordable). Artists gain inspiration from the

character of heritage buildings, and modern finishes are not needed or wanted for their work environment.

- I attended the July 2nd launch of the 2018 Historic Festival & Doors Open Edmonton.
- I have been posting “A Historian Laureate’s Sketchbook” on my personal art blog “The Prairie Line”. These posts have also been shared on various social media sites, including the Historian Laureate Facebook page. <https://theprairieline.wordpress.com/>
- Public requests for my assistance have continued but have slowed over the summer. I have added these requests to the Excel spreadsheet that I created in order to keep track.
- I have had several requests for public speaking engagements, which I will report on as they come up.
- At the August 27th City Council Executive Committee meeting, I will be speaking to and presenting a letter signed by all of the Historians Laureate re: the preservation of Hangar 11.
- I will be meeting with Linda Hut late August to talk about my participation in City Hall School.
- I am in final production mode for my visual art installation for the group exhibit titled “Archived Land”, opening September 14, 2018 at the Jackson Power Gallery in Edmonton. My installation will be an archives/art exhibit about Gladys Reeves and her fellow citizens who were involved in Edmonton’s city beautification/vacant lot gardening/city clean-up campaigns/tree planting initiatives, ca. 1920s to 1940s. We are working on promotion for the exhibit, which I will pass along to the EHB, EHC and City Archives to assist with promotion. I will also be promoting the exhibit on my personal blog, website and

Facebook page as well the Historian Laureate Facebook page. Thank you for approving financial support for this exhibit.

Respectfully submitted by Marlena Wyman