



# MINUTES

## Board Meeting

**Meeting Date & Time:** September 27, 2023; 5:00PM - 7:00PM

**Meeting Location:** Virtually via Google Meet

**Members Present:**

Stephen Rees, Chair      Shalene Williams, Vice Chair      Elyse Abma-Bouma  
 John Beamish              Joshua Budinski              Elizabeth Cytko  
 Harrison Sheremeta      Darren N. Wagner  
 Regrets: James McTague, Cindy Yan

**Guests:**

David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner      Sydney Gross, Graduate Heritage Planner

**Support Staff:** Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

Agenda Item	Description	/Actions; Date Due
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Territorial Acknowledgement</b>	Stephen started the meeting at 5:02 PM with a welcome and a land acknowledgement. The Edmonton Historical Board acknowledges the traditional land on which we reside is in Treaty Six Territory. We would like to thank the diverse Indigenous Peoples whose footsteps have marked this territory for centuries, such as Nêhiyawak (Cree), Dené, Anishinaabe (Saulteaux), Isga Nakota (Nakota Sioux), Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), and Métis– Region 4 peoples. We acknowledge this as the home of one of the largest communities of Inuit south of the 60th parallel. It is a welcoming place and a gathering place	

	for all peoples who come from around the world to share Edmonton as a home.	
<b>2. Approval of Agenda</b>	Motion to approve the agenda	Carried Elyse
<b>3. Consent Agenda</b>	Motion to approve the Minutes of June 2023 in the consent agenda	Carried John
<b>4. Reports &amp; External Updates</b>		
a. Chair report & update	<p>Stephen announced the resignation of Rose Herman from the Board. He will send a letter of thanks and acceptance of the resignation.</p> <p>The Administration at the request of Council has been carrying out a review of the Governance of public committees. They are looking at justifying all the Council committees and ensuring that there is no duplication of duties between Administration and other agencies, streamlining processes, and providing efficacy in the work. Largest concern is the removal of sub-committees and ensure they are advisory not advocacy committees.</p> <p>Questions included what is actually being suggested for the EHC and EHB. Members are wondering if it is a done deal and if the Council wants to tell the board how to divide up the work (no sub-committees) - and does that mean we can't have community members - especially on the Historical Resources Review Panel where experts are heavily relied upon. Some members felt that there is a general misunderstanding of how different the work of the EHC and the EHB is.</p>	<p>Stephen to write to Rose with thanks.</p> <p>Stephen will continue to interact with Civic Agencies as to what is intended with this change. He will also try to meet with Councilor Stevenson.</p>
b. Heritage Unit Report	David reviewed the highlights of the <a href="#">Heritage Conservation Unit Report</a> including a disturbing number of demolitions. Welcome back to Sydney as a heritage planner backfilling for Scott Ashe. She is assisting with the visits (ten/year) to long designated buildings to ensure the City is aware of the current situation for	



d. Engagement Committee	Meeting scheduled for tomorrow - consultation with influencers	Shalene & Elyse
<b>6. Other Business</b>		
a. Administrative Support	- Internal posting on the position of coordinator - going ahead - possibly 4-6 weeks before replacement is hired	Kathryn
<b>7. Roundtable and Conclusion</b>		
a. Roundtable	Open house this weekend for the Queen Elizabeth Planetarium - and the Dyde House documentary is going to the Edm International Film Festival and the Design Festival. Ironworks building update requested - David will be planning a site visit which would be during the day (and maybe the Ortona Armoury) David will send out a note for availability.	Stephen/All
b. Action Items		Stephen/All
c. Feedback & Next Meeting		Stephen/All
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	Motion to adjourn at 6:06 PM	Harrison

Next Meeting: October 25, 2023 at 5:00PM, location Virtual or TBD