



# Minutes

## Board Meeting

**Meeting Date & Time:** March 26, 2025; 5:00PM - 7:00PM  
Meet

**Meeting Location:** Virtually, via Google Meet

**Members:** Stephen Rees, Chair  
Kyle Schole  
Michael Aytenfisu

Harrison Sheremeta, Vice Chair  
Vanessa Zembal  
Darren N. Wagner

John Beamish  
Joshua Budinski

**Regrets:** Councillor Sarah Hamilton Elizabeth Cytko Mark Minenko James McTague

**Guests:** Donna Coombs-Montrose, Historian Laureate

**Support Staff:** Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist Mitchell Norenberg, EHB Coordinator  
David Johnston, Heritage Planner Sydney Gross, Heritage Planner

Agenda Item	Description/Actions; Date Due	Responsible
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Territorial Acknowledgement</b>	- Steve opened the meeting at 5:04PM. - The Territorial Acknowledgment was read.	Steve
<b>2. Approvals</b>		
	- Agenda - unanimously approved. - EHB Board meeting minutes: <a href="#">February 26, 2025</a> - unanimously approved.	Steve
<b>3. Reports &amp; External Updates</b>		
a. Chair Report & Update	- A discussion around the EHB/EHC alignment was held. Kyle made a <b>motion</b> that the Edmonton	Steve

	<p>Historical Board put forward an invitation to the Edmonton Heritage Council to attend future regular EHB meetings and provide an opportunity to provide updates, identify synergies, and work more collaboratively together - unanimously <b>approved</b>.</p> <p>- Steve discussed succession planning strategies for Board members becoming Chair, especially regarding them to receive proper role orientation. He felt he did not receive one and would like to provide proper guidance and support to a new Chair in his last year on the Board.</p>	
b. Council Liaison Report	- Nothing to report.	Councilor Hamilton
c. Heritage Unit Report	- David and Sydney presented the Heritage Conservation Unit <a href="#">report</a> and a discussion was held.	David/ Sydney
d. Naming Committee	<p>- Harrison reappointed as the representative to the Naming Committee for the 2025-26 term.</p> <p>- Harrison presented the March 18th Meeting updates and a discussion was held.</p>	Harrison
e. Historian Laureate Report	- Donna presented her report.	Donna
f. City Archivist	- Kathryn presented her <a href="#">report</a> and a discussion was held. Members of the City Administration, the ED and Chair of the EHB and the Chair of the EHC have had a couple of meetings to discuss the Council's and the Civic Agencies Team suggestion of aligning the two boards. Since an election is upcoming, nothing will be decided until after it, which provides time to address anything.	Kathryn

4. Committee Reports & Requests for Decision		
a. Historic Plaques Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mitchell and Kathryn are reviewing plaque draft owner responses for final versions before placing an order for manufacture with Behrends.</li> <li>- Carlie and MacEwan University's HIST 338 course has researched and written a lot of great new content for the website and it will all soon be uploaded.</li> <li>- The <a href="#">plaques spreadsheet</a> listing the various EHB plaques installed around town was discussed as being an effective, inspiring resource, especially when deciding on ghost plaque locations.</li> </ul>	Mitchell
b. Historic Resources Review Panel	- No meeting this month.	James
c. Policy & Planning Committee	- No meeting this month.	Mark
d. Engagement Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Highlights from the March 18, 2025 meeting were presented.</li> <li>- Kyle made a <b>motion</b> that the Edmonton Historical Board send a letter of support to City Council about the Garneau Community League's proposal to protect the area's heritage character (pending any edits to said letter by the end of day on Friday 28th) - unanimously <b>approved</b>.</li> </ul>	Chairs of Committee
5. Other Business		
a. Administrative Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Historian Laureate <a href="#">2024 Annual Report</a> has been published.</li> <li>- 2024-2025 Budget <a href="#">Comparison/Planning</a></li> </ul>	Mitchell

<b>6. Roundtable and Conclusion</b>		
a. Roundtable	- Kyle: 1) EHC AGM May 28, 2) <a href="#">Canadian Museums Assoc. Conf.</a> in Calgary April 13-15, 3) <a href="#">Sturgeon County Victoria Trail MHA</a> .	Steve/All
b. Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Members to review the draft District Planning Letter by end of day on Friday 28th.</li> <li>- Kathryn and Mitchell to send a Doodle poll to reschedule the May Board meeting to allow members to attend the EHC AGM.</li> <li>- Kathryn and Mitchell to invite EHC/David Ridley to future EHB Meetings.</li> </ul>	Steve/All
c. Next Meeting	- April 23, 2025 at 5:00PM - virtual.	Steve/All
<b>7. Adjournment</b> 6:48PM.		