

Edmonton Historical Board

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

These minutes were approved on April 22, 2020 by the Edmonton Historical Board

Chair

Recording Secretary

Attending:

Daniel Rose Barbara Hilden
Neil Cramer Christina Wilson
James McTague Hanna Choi
David Rynning Anna Gibson-Hollow

Archives Staff:

Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support
Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

Guests:

David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner
Vada Antonakis, Student Heritage Planner
Councillor Scott McKeen
Marlena Wyman, Historian Laureate
Andrew Lints, U of A Student Board Intern
Fatima Fazeli, U of A Student Board Intern

Regrets:

Erin McDonald
Dominic Schamuhn
Stephanie Bailey

Agenda Item

Person(s) Responsible

Time allotted/item

WELCOME & CHAIR'S REMARKS

Meeting called to order at 5:04 p.m. Daniel would like to begin tonight's meeting by respectfully acknowledging that this meeting and the many historic places to which we work to bring attention, sit on the traditional territory of Treaty Six First Nations, shared by the Metis and Inuit Peoples. The subject matter of our work is the product of a difficult

Daniel

5:00-5:05 (5 mins)

	<p>legacy, and our hope is that in our work we can strive to honour the full history, culture, and contributions of all Indigenous Peoples who have and continue to call this place home.</p> <p>Welcome to everyone, and especially to Andrew and Fatima who are the U of A students doing their internships with the Board. Introductions were made</p>		
1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<p>Moved: Christina Approved (unanimously) -Plaques and Awards Committee Report moved to Committee section instead of Consent Agenda section</p>	Daniel	5:05-5:06 (1 min)
<p>2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ January 22, 2020 minutes (attached) ▪ Naming Committee 	<p>Moved: Anna Approved (unanimously)</p>	Daniel	5:06-5:07 (1 min)
3. Items for Discussion/Decision			
<p>a) Motion: Approval of EHB's 2019 Annual Report, 2020/21 Workplan, 2020/21 Budget</p>	<p>-Potential addition of some information for P&A section. Neil to look over information and will update.</p> <p>Motion: That the EHB approve the attached EHB 2019 Annual Report, 2020-21 Work Plan and Budget with amendment to P&A Moved: James Approved (Unanimously)</p>	Daniel	5:07-5:12 (5 mins)

<p>b) Motion: approval of addition of Historian Laureate's annual report as attachment 3 to EHB's Annual Report</p>	<p>Motion: That the EHB approve the addition of the Historian Laureate's Annual Report as attachment 3 to EHB's Annual Report. Moved: David R. Approved (unanimously)</p>	<p>Daniel</p>	<p>5:12-5:17 (5 mins)</p>
<p>c) Update: EHB Strategic Planning</p>	<p>-Everyone should have their calendar invite for Saturday March 7, 2020. -facilitated workshop with some homework ahead of time (preliminary questions). This information will be circulated ahead of time -Dominic and Daniel met with facilitators to get things organized.</p>	<p>Daniel</p>	<p>5:17-5:22 (5 mins)</p>
<p>d) Update: Heritage Mixer</p>	<p>-Held January 29, 2020 -Thanks to EHB members who were able to attend. -It was well attended with members of EDHS and EHC, with good conversations and take-aways. -Potential of doing these more often to ensure conversations continue -Good format, with minimal agenda, allowed for good conversation and was very productive. -Looking at holding these shortly after the start of new terms for all organizations.</p>	<p>Daniel</p>	<p>5:22-5:27 (5 mins)</p>
<p>e) Motion: NTC-APT Conference 2020</p>	<p>-Conference will be held here in Edmonton in the fall of this year. -as host City and the heritage organization of the host city, it would be great if EHB participated and was involved.</p>	<p>Daniel</p>	<p>5:27-5:37 (10 mins)</p>

	<p>-City (Heritage Planners) are involved in conference and are part of the organizing subcommittees -Possibly 1200 participants at Conference</p> <p>Motion: That the EHB strike an ad-hoc committee to support planning, engagement, and participation at the joint National Trust for Canada-Association of Preservation Technologists conference in Edmonton in October 2020. Moved: Christina Approved (unanimously)</p> <p>-Anna, David, Neil & Andrew, are able/willing to be on this ad-Hoc with support from Christina & Hanna as able for the next 2 weeks or so.</p>		
<p>f) Motion: Climate Heritage Network</p>	<p>-Briefing notes included in meeting package</p> <p>Motion: that the EHB endorse the principles of the Climate Heritage Network (CHN), and notify Council and the CHN of our intention to join. Moved: Barbara Approved (unanimously)</p> <p>-EHB will look to have Council endorse this -Daniel to mention this at the EHB's annual report to Council in April with letter following in May or June -Information to be added to 2020-21 Workplan</p>	<p>Daniel</p>	<p>5:37-5:47 (10 mins)</p>

g) Motion: Heritage Advocacy	-Briefing attached in meeting information -To have a focused approach to advocacy with other organisations. -goal is to have one or two EHB members in partnership with EDHS and EHC with other community members; to have greater discussion around important issues and to have larger input and more representation as issues arise. -To be tabled until full Board membership in May. -More discussion to come. Please review the briefing notes and provide feedback	Daniel	5:47-5:57 (10 mins)
4. Board Committee Reports			
a) Plaques and Awards Committee	Report attached -volunteers needed for the event to help present the awards and the plaques Dan, David, and James will help.	Neil	6:02-6:07 (5 mins)
5. Other Reports and Updates			
a) Heritage Conservation Unit Report	Report attached -March 17- report going to Council regarding Hangar 11. EHB is encouraged to review the report (when public) and speak to it.	David J	6:07-6:17(10 mins)
b) Historian Laureate Report	Report attached	Marlena	6:17-6:22 (5 mins)
6. Issues/Project Updates			
6. Other Business			
a) Administrative support		Sonia	0
b) EHB members leaving	Thank you to Barbara, Hanna, and Christina. This is their last meeting with the EHB.		

	Best of luck to Hanna and Christina on their next endeavours. Special thanks to Barbara for her dedication over her 6 years on the Board and leadership as past Chair of the Board.		
b) Building Agenda for Next Meeting	-Progress meeting with HL -Returning members: committee assignments	Daniel	6:22-6:23 (1 min)
9. ADJOURNMENT	Moved by Barbara at 7:07 p.m.		6:24

➤ **Next Meeting:** Wednesday March 25, 2020 5:00 pm

PLAQUES & AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

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1. P&A Meeting

A telephone conference call meeting was held on February 19th. The topic revolved mainly around the upcoming P&A event on April 2th. Invitations are currently being sent out. We have confirmed that Naomi MacIlwraith will be a guest speaker.

P&A requires Dan to submit his greetings to Sonia as soon as possible, he can get more details from her.

Neil will take on the role of Emcee for the evening, Erin will present the plaques, and Anne will be presenting the awards.

Erin volunteered to edit the Plaque texts for the awards to make them more palatable for the viewing audience (less about the architecture and more about the stories of the building).

We have changed the normal schedule, we will have Plaques presented first, followed by awards, this will allow us to facilitate a Q & A session with our award recipients at the end of the evening.

P&A is looking for a couple of volunteers from the board to help with our award and plaque presentations. Members of P&A do the talking, but then we need an additional board member to physically hand the award/plaque to the recipient and pose for a photograph. We are looking for 2 individuals total.

We are currently in talks with FEP about additional programming that evening for our guests, more to come.

2. Translations

The translated plaques in Mandarin for Chinatown and the Harbin gate are progressing along, due to the nature of the text, the plaques will be slightly larger than our 'standard' plaque size but this should have no impact. We are hoping to have them on display for the night of the Awards.

Respectfully submitted by: Neil Cramer, Plaques & Awards Committee Chair

HERITAGE CONSERVATION UNIT REPORT

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UPCOMING DESIGNATIONS FOR 2020:

Kenneth T. Henderson Residence (Strathcona) - Bylaw passed by City Council on January 20, 2020

McLear Residence (Westmount) - scheduled for March 9, 2020, City Council

DESIGNATIONS FROM 2019:

Marshall Hopkins Residence (Westmount) - Designation Bylaw passed on May 14, 2019

Ellen Elliot Residence (Westmount) - Designation Bylaw passed June 18, 2019

Walton L. Smith Residence (Westmount) - Designation Bylaw passed on June 18, 2019

Douglas Manor (Garneau) - Designation Bylaw passed on September 24, 2019

Delton Grocery (Delton) - Designation Bylaw passed on September 24, 2019

Richards Block (Strathcona) - Designation Bylaw passed on October 8, 2019

Stovel Block (The Quarters) - Designation Bylaw passed on October 22, 2019

TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATED: \$1,614,848.61

Potential Designations:

Abram Residence (Strathcona)

Nye Residence (Highlands)

Matas Residence (Garneau)

Judge Downes Residence (Strathcona)

Armstrong Residence (Garneau)

Stone House (Whitemud Equine Centre)

Strathcona Garage (Strathcona)

Proposed Demolitions:

1913 Ritchie School (Ritchie)

Ongoing Discussions:

Dr. Leslie McIntyre Residence (Westmount)

Stewart Residence (Glenora)

Wilkin Residence (Glenora)	Kennedale Building (Belvedere)
Ritchie Triplex (Ritchie)	Frost Residence (Westmount)
Henry J. Wells Residence (McCauley)	Hartley Residence (Westmount)
Emerson Residence (Inglewood)	Henry Weitzel Residence (Strathcona)
Beaver House (Downtown)	Bellevue Community League (Bellevue)
St. Teresa School and the Dawson/O'Connell Buildings (Forest Heights)	
Brokenshar Building (Westmount)	

CURRENT UNIT INITIATIVES:

1. The October 15, 2019, report to Urban Planning Committee addressing the request for additional heritage funding for the Brighton Block and Strathcona Hotel was received for information, and Committee passed a motion directing Administration to continue to work with the property owners to develop a funding plan using the Quarters CRL (Community Revitalization Levy) for the Brighton Block and the Heritage Resources Reserve for the Strathcona Hotel. Administration will be seeking Council approval of the funding plan at the spring Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment.
2. The Advanced Assessment and Documentation component of the Hangar 11 work is complete, and a draft report has been provided. David is working with the City's Partnership Centre for Excellence to develop a program to determine adaptive re-use and funding partners for the City. The report back to Executive Committee has been shifted to March 2020 to allow for additional review and stakeholder discussions.
3. The Implementation Program for City-Owned Historic Resources was unanimously endorsed at the December 2, 2019, Executive Committee meeting. The presentation and support by Board Chair, Dan Rose, on behalf of the EHB was greatly appreciated. David will be engaging with the internal working committee to determine the necessary staffing and funding support for the program, as well as some prioritization of current City assets in terms of rehabilitation. A report in this regard will be brought back to Executive Committee in Q3 of 2020.
4. The Glenora Heritage Character Area Rezoning project team met with the Old Glenora Conservation Association working committee to kick off the project in late January. This initial meeting was followed by a walking tour of the project area on February 8 to better understand the character-defining elements important to the group and how new development impacts the area. A public engagement event is planned for March 12, to introduce the project and understand what residents value about Old Glenora's character. Feedback from these events will be used by the consultant team as they prepare a neighbourhood character assessment and undertake a best practices review.

5. The formal development permit application for the demolition of the 1913 Ritchie School has been made. We are working with the school representatives to obtain the required documentation of the building prior to the demolition. As a reminder, the demolition is required to facilitate the construction of the new Ecole Joseph-Moreau complex on the site, which was previously approved by the Provincial government.

6. The 2020 season of This Old Edmonton House is set to start on March 16, with Windows and Doors I. Information on the program can be found at www.edmonton.ca/thisoldhouse. To help boost enrolment, we would appreciate the EHB getting the word out through your networks and social media channels.

7. We are actively participating with the National Trust regarding the preparations for the upcoming Hindsight 2020 national conference in October. We will be looking to submit presentations on a few topics. Scott is participating on the Field Sessions subcommittee, while David is participating on the Workshops and Symposiums subcommittee.

8. We have been able to extend Vada's Graduate Heritage Planner contract for an additional three months, which means she will be continuing her great work with the team until May. Including her work with the Glenora team and on some potential designations, Vada has been working hard to do a "brand refresh" of our application forms, contractor list and other items, which has been extremely helpful, as many of these had not been updated since the early 2000s or earlier.

9. David is working with Integrated Infrastructure Services (IIS) to prepare the Request for Proposals for the Rossdale Generating Station Condition Assessment and Conservation Plan, which is expected to be released in April. This will build on past assessment work, and will provide clear direction on the overall rehabilitation work required on the buildings. A key initiative in 2020 will be to undertake much-needed roof repairs to the Turbine Hall and Switch House, both of which have been experiencing water penetration issues for some time.

10. David is working with the team at IIS on the rehabilitation of the Stone House at the Whitemud Equine Centre. The consultant team has been selected and the team is underway with the preparation of the required schematic design report, which will then inform the detailed design report. The project will involve full rehabilitation of the building, and will include its designation as a Municipal Historic Resource. Rehabilitation work on the building is expected to start in late 2020 and continue through 2021.

11. Vada is working on research looking into the different aspects of designating a tree as a Municipal Historic Resource. Currently, the research is looking at aspects such as other municipal examples, criteria and significance, best practices, legal aspects, and funding and maintenance.

12.The rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Strathcona Hotel is ongoing. The hoarding was recently removed exposing the new paint colour, the fire-damaged roof trusses and shingles have been replaced, and extensive upgrades to the interior structure continue. The first tenant is scheduled to take possession of the main floor in the spring.

HISTORIAN LAUREATE REPORT
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Sketching History exhibit news:

- I gave a talk and tour of the exhibit to a group from the Learning Centre Literacy Association.
- The travelling exhibit is at the Highlands Library branch until the end of February.
- I have written another post on my art blog : <https://theprairieline.wordpress.com/>
- I gave a talk at a meeting of the Society of Western Canadian Artists on February 10th.

Other news:

- I gave an artist's talk and workshop at the Spruce Grove Library on February 8th about my paintings that are part of the AGA/AFA TREX travelling exhibit *Real Women*. My paintings in this exhibit are based on Edmonton women's history.
- I participated in the heart-bombing of El Mirador apartments on February 15 and I was interviewed there by Global TV: <https://bit.ly/39L8ymP>
- I have submitted my Historian Laureate Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted by Marlena Wyman

NAMING COMMITTEE
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MEMBERS

Ms. Alyssa Peters, Chair
Ms. Erin McDonald, Vice-Chair, EHB
Ms. Ailwin Boulet
Ms. Marla Miller
Dr. Gulwant Gill
Ms. Maryanne Wiebe

Regrets:

None

February 25, 2020 (4:15 pm)
Edmonton Tower
10111 – 104 Avenue NW

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Cory Sousa, City Planning

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request to name two future LRT Stations along the Metro Line

On March 26, 2019, Administration received a naming application from LRT Infrastructure Delivery, Integrated Infrastructure Services, to name Stops and LRT Facilities within phase 1 of the Metro Line Northwest Extension project. The naming package requests to have two Station names along the Metro LRT Line.

The Naming committee provided a number of alternative names to the Metro North Partners project team, including “Blatchford North” and “NAIT/Blatchford South” to assist with wayfinding. Ultimately, the project team affirmed the zoning and project commitment to maintaining the names applied to the LRT Stations throughout the design process to ensure they are relevant in the final development.

That the Naming Committee approves the naming of the two Stations along the Metro LRT Line as names “Blatchford Gate” and “NAIT/Blatchford Market”. CARRIED.

2. Request to name a Natural Area Wetland within the Decoteau Area

On November 26, 2019, Administration received a naming application from Administration's Biodiversity and Open Space Planning requesting to name the wetland (pond) feature within the Environmentally Sensitive Area SE5007 located within the Decoteau Area as “W Grant Pearsell Natural Area”.

At the December 2019 meeting, the Committee requested a presentation on the request, provided by the Biodiversity and Open Space Planning team, to further explore naming options in the Decoteau Area. That the Naming Committee tables the request to name the wetland (pond) feature within the Environmentally Sensitive Area SE5007 until March 24, 2020. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Request to name a River Valley Park adjacent to Oleskiw Neighbourhood

On February 7, 2020, Administration received a naming application from Jill Wright requesting to name the North Saskatchewan River Valley park, located at 4505 – 156 Street NW, adjacent to the Oleskiw Neighbourhood as “Jan Reimer Park” The naming request honours City of Edmonton’s 32nd Mayor, Jan Reimer, who served as the City’s Mayor between 1989 and 1995. She is Edmonton’s first female Mayor. She also served as a City of Edmonton Councillor between 1980 and 1989. The Naming application also requests to name the pedestrian foot bridge between the subject park and Terwillegar River Valley park as “Jan Reimer Bridge”.

The Committee discussed the naming of a park in the River Valley after an individual not closely associated with Indigenous culture, as this has been a focus of the Committee for several years. Administration provided background on consultation that has been undertaken with Indigenous communities; at this time, there is no indication there is a strong traditional connection with the specific parkland requested for naming.

The Committee discussed the size and significance of the specified park, and weighed options for naming against naming for other former Edmonton City Mayor’s.

That the Naming Committee approves the naming of the North Saskatchewan River Valley park, located at 4505 – 156 Street NW, adjacent to the Oleskiw Neighbourhood as “Jan Reimer Park”. CARRIED

That the Naming Committee approves the naming of the pedestrian foot bridge between the subject park and Terwillegar River Valley Park as “Jan Reimer Bridge”. DEFEATED.

4. Request to name four roads within The Orchards Neighbourhood

On February 13, 2020, Administration received a naming application from Stantec, representing the area developer, requesting to name four roads located within The Orchards Neighbourhood. The proposed names for the proposed subdivision conform to the overall theme and concept of naming roads after fruit bearing trees. The application requests to name the four roads as “Hawthorn Landing”, “Hawthorn Court”, “Hawthorn Link”, and “Hawthorn Row”.

The Naming Committee previously approved road names within The Orchards Neighbourhood using the following fruit bearing trees: Crabapple, Cherry, Chokecherry, Plum, Muckleplum, Mayday, and Pear.

That the Naming Committee approves the naming of four roads located within The Orchards Neighbourhood as "Hawthorn Landing", "Hawthorn Court", "Hawthorn Link", and "Hawthorn Row". CARRIED.

5. Discussion regarding the Decoteau ASP

The Naming Committee remains committed to the proposed naming approach, presented at the September 2019 meeting. A proposed approach was presented aligning the five neighbourhood units with these features. Naming options may include common names, scientific (Latin) names, and names representing Indigenous traditions and languages in collaboration with Indigenous community.

North – Animals local to the region, aligning with planned and existing wildlife habitats and crossings

Southeast – The moraine geomorphology, including lakes

Southwest – Local fauna, highlight natural and planned grasslands and tree stands

Northwest – [Glacial Lake Edmonton](#)

Decoteau (Central) – Community heritage, Edmontonian's of the Century

The Naming Committee previously passed a motion, that the Naming Committee is awaiting recommended names from the Ecological Planning section of Administration, based on the themes outlined for each area.

That the Naming Committee tables the discussion regarding the Decoteau ASP until March 24, 2020. CARRIED.

6. Naming Policy C509B Review

Naming Policy C509B was revised and adopted on May 12, 2015. Civic Committee Policies and Bylaws are to be reviewed every five (5) years with recommended changes presented to City Council.

Committee Members will individually review the Policy for future discussion.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Respectfully submitted by: Erin McDonald, EHB Representative