

Edmonton Historical Board

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Virtually via Google Meets

MINUTES

These minutes were approved on May 27, 2020 by the Edmonton Historical Board

Chair

Recording Secretary

Attending:

Daniel Rose David Rynning
Neil Cramer Erin McDonald
James McTague Stephanie Bailey
Anna Gibson-Hollow
Dominic Schamuhn

Archives Staff:

Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support
Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

Guests:

David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner
Andrew Lints, U of A Student Board Intern
Fatima Fazeli, U of A Student Board Intern

Regrets:

Agenda Item

Action

Person(s) Responsible

WELCOME & CHAIR'S REMARKS

Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m. Welcome everyone. Thank you all for joining this meeting remotely. 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 legacy,

Daniel

	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.	
1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Moved: Erin Approved (unanimously)	Daniel
2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ February 26, 2020 minutes (attached) ▪ City Archivist's Report 	Moved: Neil Approved (unanimously)	Daniel
3. Items for Discussion/Decision		
a) Information: City Policy on Agencies, Boards and Commission meetings during Covid-19	Motion passed by City Council on March 20 is attached. -This allows for the work of the Board and its committees to continue virtually.	Daniel
b) Information: Historian Laureate announcement	-Update received today. -The new Historian Laureate will be announced on Monday as a PSA. -Sonia to follow-up with City Communications to see what the PSA entails and what information is required from the EHB and let members know.	Daniel
c) Information: NTC-APT Conference 2020	-At this time, the conference is still scheduled to proceed. -Ad-Hoc committee to meet for a check-in meeting and to start the discussion -More to come	Daniel
d) Motion: 2020-2021 Committee & Executive Roster; Community member re-appointment	-Draft roster attached -Based on current membership and the committees/roles everyone has at the moment -This roster will be updated when new members are appointed to the Board.	Daniel

	<p>-Council appointments are scheduled to take place in late May; Board should be back up to full membership by end of May.</p> <p>Motion: that the proposed 2020-2021 Edmonton Historical Board Committee and Executive Roster be accepted</p> <p>Moved: Anna</p> <p>Approved (unanimously)</p>	
<p>e) Follow-up & Discussion: Planning Day report and next steps; 2020-2021 Work Plan</p>	<p>-Planning Day took place on March 7.</p> <p>-Draft report from the facilitator is attached for your review.</p> <p>-Next steps: Committee to review and bring back information to Executive</p> <p>-Executive will then review and check how to break these items down and how to proceed.</p> <p>-These reports will be used to inform the Board's work going forward.</p>	Daniel
<p>f) Discussion: \$15,000 donation to EHB</p>	<p>-Richard "Max" Baird generously bequeathed \$15,000.00 to the Board</p> <p>-The funds have been transferred and are now ready to be used.</p> <p>-Board discussed potential ideas on how best to use these funds; ideas generated are listed below.</p> <p>-David R and Kathryn will research the Bairds</p> <p>-Dominic will look into requirements/restrictions of establishing and using an endowment fund</p>	Daniel
<p>4. Board Committee Reports</p>		
<p>a) Heritage Outreach Committee</p>	<p>-Meeting was held earlier this month with all of the new Community Members</p> <p>-One of the new members will be taking the lead with Facebook; once he begins, there will be a probationary period to ensure EHB's standards are met</p>	Stephanie

	-Working on the Spring Newsletter. Will be delayed to have information on the 2020 Historian Laureate announcement -Newsletter will also have articles on the Edmonton General and U of A; Ask an Expert with David Johnston. Hope to solicit more questions from Community	
b) Plaques and Awards Committee	-Committee met earlier this week -Call for Nominations for plaques and awards is now live. Please spread the word -Erin has requested to stay on as a community member, which was happily accepted. -The Board thanks the Committee for all the work and preparation that went into the event which was supposed to be held in early April.	Neil
5. Other Reports and Updates		
a) Heritage Conservation Unit Report	Report attached -National Trust Conference: call for abstracts now moved to end of April -River Crossing area designation: more information to be shared at a later time. EHB to provide a letter of support when time arrives -Windsor Park: Community League has expressed interest in designation the park. Discussions still in the very early stages. May come to the EHB at a later date.	David J
6. Issues/Project Updates		
7. Other Business		
a) Administrative support	No update at this time	Sonia
b) EHB member leaving	Thank you to Erin for all of her work during the past 6 years. The Board is thankful for her leadership and balanced approach. The Board wishes her well and is happy that she has chosen to remain as a Community Member on P&A.	
b) Building Agenda for Next Meeting	-Orientation of new members	Daniel

	-Review and discussion of Planning Day reports- Committee input -Donation- what to do with funds	
9. ADJOURNMENT	Moved by Erin at 6:52 p.m.	

➤ **Next Meeting:** Wednesday May 27, 2020 5:00 pm

Ideas for use of donation:

- In Memoriam award; not necessarily monetary
- Publication
- Funding portion of an inventory or one of interest to Board
- Endowment fund
- Planning Day docs and next steps
- Naming portion of P&A event after the Baird's or an Award
- Partnering to sponsor other programs (eg. ECAMP tours)
- Use towards the Conference- fly in a speaker; host an event/evening
- Restoring an historical item/artifact (City owned) and exhibiting it or installing as a piece of art
- Walking Tour heritage app for use during times like these

-Members expressed interest in knowing more about Max and Georgia Baird. Research will be used to see if the Board can get a sense of their interests which can then help the Board decide how to use the donation in a more meaningful way.

-Good to publicly acknowledge the donation and how the Board will/has used it

2020-2021 EHB Roster

Board Chair: Daniel Rose
Board Vice Chair: Dominic Schamuhn

Executive: Chair: Daniel Rose Vice Chair: Dominic Schamuhn
P&A Chair: Neil Cramer HRRP Chair: James McTague
HOC Chair: Stephanie Bailey Past Chair: Vacant

Historic Resources Review Panel: 2nd Tuesday of the month; 5-7 p.m.

EHB Members (3)
Chair : James McTague
- David Ryning
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Heritage Outreach Committee: 2nd Tuesday of the month; 5:30-7 p.m.

EHB Members (3)
Chair: Stephanie Bailey
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Plaques and Awards Committee: meetings as require

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Chair: Neil Cramer
- Anna Gibson-Hollow
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Naming Committee (when appointed) Stephanie Bailey

FEMCO Dominic Schamuhn

Community Members

HRRP: Joe Friedel
Akhila Palat
Richard Wood (new member)

P&A: Suzanne Campbell
Erin McDonald

HOC: Jason Lavin (new)
Stephen Greenhlagh (new)
Cole Hawkins (new)

CITY ARCHIVIST'S REPORT
Report to Edmonton Historical Board
April 22, 2020

The City Archives was closed for the month - like many City Facilities during the COVID-19 experience which has reduced the number of in-person researchers. Requests continue to come in by email and referrals from other agencies - such as the Edmonton Heritage Council and the City. Media requests have been focused on comparisons with previous epidemics and periods of economic failure.

Many of the Archives staff are working from home because they have dependents for whom they have to care. Work is continuing on several long term projects including the creation of governance documents, writing project proposals and uploading digitized materials into the catalogue. Collaborating with staff still working in the building with access to the collection and equipment, sets of aerial maps have been or are about to be uploaded to the catalogue which will show the growth of the city during each decade between the 1920s to the 1990s. This will include thousands of images which together make a map of Edmonton which researchers such as engineers looking for assessments of particular sites can access as an on-line resource.

Others are adding new fonds descriptions to the catalogue, thus increasing access to the collection once we reopen. There are now 305 fonds, collection or government record group descriptions with finding aids on the archives catalogue. Individual items (usually photographs but also documents) amount for nearly 37,500 descriptions.

The three curators continue to support the John Walter Museum and Fort Edmonton Park even though they are closed as well. Consulting on the upgrades and building refurbishment being carried out at both sites to ensure needed maintenance and replacement (for accessibility as well as operational efficiency) are completed before reopening. Several of the largest exhibits at Fort Edmonton Park (the trade store in the fort, the drug stores and some of the dry goods stores) are being refreshed and reinterpreted during the closure involving the replication of hundreds of containers based on hours of research. Planning for an on-line presence including access to the catalogue of thousands of artifacts as well as educational resources is also continuing.

The Heritage Council is in the process of planning their AGM - which may or may not be virtual - but will be slightly delayed in the hopes there can be an actual gathering eventually. Their grant streams have been refocused to include projects with on-line or digital delivery especially for museums and heritage practitioners providing educational content.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION UNIT REPORT

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

April 22, 2020

UPCOMING DESIGNATIONS FOR 2020:

Abram Residence (Strathcona) - Notice of Intention to Designate being prepared
Munroe Residence (Westmount) - Notice of Intention to Designate being prepared
Strathcona Garage (Strathcona) - Notice of Intention to Designate being prepared
Edmonton Cenotaph (Downtown) - Notice of Intention to Designate being prepared

APPROVED DESIGNATIONS IN 2020:

Kenneth T. Henderson Residence (Strathcona) - Bylaw passed on January 20, 2020
McLear Residence (Westmount) - Bylaw passed on March 9, 2020

TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATED: \$150,000.00

Potential Designations:

Nye Residence (Highlands)
Judge Downes Residence (Strathcona)
Stone House (Whitemud Equine Centre)

Matas Residence (Garneau)
Armstrong Residence (Garneau)

Proposed Demolitions:

1913 Ritchie School (Ritchie)
Hore Residence (Britannia Youngstown)

El Tovar Apartments (Oliver)
Burrell Residence (Glenora)

Ongoing Discussions:

Dr. Leslie McIntyre Residence (Westmount)
Wilkin Residence (Glenora)
Ritchie Triplex (Ritchie)
Henry J. Wells Residence (McCauley)
Emerson Residence (Inglewood)
Beaver House (Downtown)

Stewart Residence (Glenora)
Kennedale Building (Belvedere)
Frost Residence (Westmount)
Hartley Residence (Westmount)
Henry Weitzel Residence (Strathcona)
St. Teresa School and the Dawson/O'Connell

Buildings (Forest Heights)
Brokenshar Building (Westmount)

Bellevue Community League (Bellevue)
A. Minchau Blacksmith Shop (Ritchie)

CURRENT UNIT INITIATIVES:

1. We are working with the City Manager's office, the City Clerk and the Law Branch on a new process for the issuance of our Notices of Intention (NOI) to Designate. Currently, the issuance of an NOI as part of an application to designate is taken first to Urban Planning Committee (UPC) and then City Council with a full report package. The NOI is then issued, and we return straight to City Council (not through UPC) with a subsequent report for the approval of the Designation Bylaw and the Rehabilitation Incentive and Maintenance Agreement. As a means to be more efficient (both for Council and for property owners) and reduce the number of reports being sent to Council, we are seeking to implement a new process. Moving forward, we intend to inform Council of a new application to designate and request the issuance of an NOI only through a memo from Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development. This memo will request the City Manager to issue the NOI, as we have done before, and which is a requirement of the Historical Resources Act . The same 120-day period mandated in the Act for City Council to approve the final Designation Bylaw after the issuance of the NOI will continue to be adhered to. At the end of the process, we will take the Bylaw and Agreement to City Council directly, with all of the typical information they have seen from our NOI and Bylaw reports in the past.

2. 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. Follow-up reports seeking Council approval of the funding plans were scheduled for the May 4, 2020, UPC and May 10, 2020, Council meetings. However, given the current circumstances with COVID-19, those meetings have been cancelled and the reports deferred to a later date that has yet to be Determined.

3. 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 is on hold due to the COVID-19 circumstances. We are working with the City Clerk to determine an available future Committee date.

4. 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.
5. The Glenora Heritage Character Area Rezoning project has been partially delayed by COVID-19. A planned public engagement session was cancelled in March, and ongoing engagement is on hold during the response. The consultant is using this time to complete a neighbourhood character analysis and policy best practices review. The project team is exploring options for online public engagement and planning for a resumption of stakeholder and public consultation when it is appropriate.
6. The 2020 season of This Old Edmonton House has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation. David will be working with the instructor team later in the summer to develop the 2021 season offerings.
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 APT Workshops and Symposiums subcommittee. We are awaiting to see what direction will emerge from the National Trust on whether the conference will go ahead as planned due to the COVID-19 situation.
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, she is working on identifying evaluation criteria, maintenance/best practices and legal agreements that the city can use when designating a tree.

12. The rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Strathcona Hotel is ongoing, and Scott continues to work closely with the owners and the Province to review progress. The hoarding was recently removed exposing the new colour scheme, 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.

13. David is working with the River Crossing team on the development of Edmonton's first designated Municipal Historic Area. The area will cover the River Crossing area, as well as extend south of the river to include lands in and around the John Walter Museum, Kinsmen Sports Centre and the Indigenous Art Park. We are hoping to bring the Designation Bylaw to City Council in the fall of 2020.

Submitted by the Heritage Conservation Unit: David Johnston, Scott Ashe, Vada Antonakis and James Haney