

# Edmonton Historical Board

**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Virtually via Google Meets

## MINUTES

These minutes were approved on June 24, 2020 by the Edmonton Historical Board

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

### Attending:

Daniel Rose      David Rynning  
Neil Cramer      James McTague  
Stephanie Bailey   Anna Gibson-Hollow

### Archives Staff:

Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support  
Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

### Guests:

David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner  
Councillor Scott McKeen  
Fatima Fazeli, U of A Student Board Intern

### Regrets:

Dominic Schamuhn  
Amber Paquette, Historian  
Laureate

### Agenda Item

### Action

### Person(s) Responsible

#### WELCOME

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.  
Welcome everyone. Thank you all for joining this meeting remotely. Daniel would like to begin tonight's meeting by respectfully acknowledging that although today's meeting is taking place remotely, we are all on the traditional territory of Treaty Six First Nations, Metis and Inuit Peoples. The subject matter of our work is the product of a difficult legacy, and our hope is that in our work we can strive to honour the full history, culture, and

Daniel

	contributions of all Indigenous Peoples who have and continue to call this place home.	
<b>Chair's Remarks</b>	Daniel regrets to inform the members of the Edmonton Historical Board of Stephen Greenhalgh's passing. Daniel extends his deepest sympathies to Stephen's family and friends as well as the members of the Heritage Outreach Committee (HOC).	
	Daniel had the pleasure of meeting Stephen during his interview to be a Committee Member on HOC, and was very impressed. Stephen participated in the committee and did some research for the recently released newsletter. Stephen will be missed.	
	<p>City Council has appointed three new members for the Board: Carrie-Anne Lunde, Alison McGavigan, Nancy McDonald. Orientation will be arranged and new members will be participating in next Board meeting</p> <p>-No update on the National Trust Conference at this time</p> <p>-Historian Laureate: Amber Paquette has been introduced. Thanks to HOC members for the News Release. Amber has been interviewed by the Journal and CBC.</p>	
<b>1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	<b>Moved:</b> James <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)	Daniel
<b>2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA</b> ▪ April 22, 2020 minutes (attached)	<b>Moved:</b> Anna <b>Approved</b> (unanimously)	Daniel

3. Items for Discussion/Decision		
<p><b>a) Information:</b> Historian Laureate</p>	<p>As mentioned above, Amber Paquette is Edmonton's 6th Historian Laureate. The Board looks forward to working and supporting Amber over her two year term.</p> <p>Daniel and Dominic will be meeting with the EHC' Chair and Vice Chair to discuss and finalize organizational agreements and Steering Committee Role in supporting Amber</p>	<p>Daniel</p>
<p><b>b) Follow-up and Discussion:</b> Planning Day report and next steps: 2020-21 Work Plan</p>	<p>This item is with Committee Chairs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Chairs have been asked to review the document and discuss/assess state of the Committee and how the ideas generated in the report can be used</li> <li>-also how the work of the Committee can support the work of the Board.</li> <li>-Once all Committees have reviewed this document, work will continue at Board level; possibly next Board meeting or the meeting after</li> </ul>	<p>Daniel</p>
<p><b>c) Follow-up and Discussion:</b> \$15,000 donation to EHB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Dominic will be reaching out to Edmonton Community Foundation to get further information on Endowment Funds. Information will be shared ahead of next meeting</li> <li>-Draft document with ideas generated at last meeting has been attached to meeting information</li> <li>-David R did some research on the Baird's and provided a document with the information he was able to find</li> <li>-Please review both documents and add any other ideas you may have</li> <li>-Also, any idea EHB member is interested in, please look into it so you can "champion" it to the Board as a whole.</li> <li>-Next meeting, ideas will be ranked and a decision will be made</li> </ul>	<p>Daniel</p>

<b>4. Board Committee Reports</b>		
a) Historic Resources Review Panel	No report at this time	James
b) Heritage Outreach Committee	<p>Spring Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-was released earlier this week; new section "Ask a Heritage Expert" thank you to David Johnston</li> <li>-list of recipients has doubled in the last year, because of the pop-up window on Architectural Heritage Website</li> <li>-Currently brainstorming ideas how to participate in Doors Open Festival, which will be held virtually this year</li> <li>-Historian Laureate- News Release was circulated and a couple of news outlets reached out to Amber.</li> </ul>	Stephanie
c) Plaques and Awards Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Committee met earlier this week</li> <li>-Call for Nominations for plaques and awards due June 5. Please spread the word</li> <li>-Committee reviewed planning day report and specifically looked at the awards night and how to proceed</li> <li>-Next meeting in June to review nominations received and continue discussion</li> </ul>	Neil
<b>5. Other Reports and Updates</b>		
a) Heritage Conservation Unit Report	<p>Report attached</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Archibald Block</li> <li>-On Whyte Avenue, When Pigs Fly building.</li> <li>-Application for rezoning has not been formally received, but is expected. Owners are looking at demolition of current building and redeveloping with an 8 storey building.</li> <li>-Current building is unique as has brick under the stucco finish and is not wood construction; unique for the area.</li> <li>-Alberta Culture has been contacted.</li> </ul>	David J

-Building may have strong connection to Lebanese Community in Edmonton

#### McTaggart Lands

- City owns a portion of these lands
- Looking at long-term redevelopment of the River Valley trail system which would include these.
- Currently, a 500 square foot Cabin exists on land on site of development
- Alberta Culture has been contacted and are requesting a Heritage Resources Impact Assessment as there is no record of the building anywhere.
- Upon further research, cabin was possibly flown on to site as a gift from Cecile McTaggart to her husband Sandy.

#### Western Cycle Neon Sign

- Installed in 1960; wedding gift to Western Cycle owners from friends who owned Blanchet Neon Signs.
- Cyclist sign is roof mounted. Looking at retaining character by mounting it on the roof of the Mercer Warehouse building
- Western Cycle Arch sign will also be salvaged and relocated to Neon Sign Museum once restored.

#### Young Canada Works

- Have committed \$10,000 for the hiring of a new Heritage Planning student
- No authorization from HR at this point; hopefully by September.
- David will check to see if possible to included Board when applications for demolition go to Council so Board can weigh-in in a more timely manner

<b>6. Issues/Project Updates</b>		
<b>7. Other Business</b>		
<b>a) Administrative support</b>	No update at this time	Sonia
<b>b) Building Agenda for Next Meeting</b>	-Orientation of new members -Review and discussion of Planning Day reports- Committee input -Donation- discussion -P&A recommendations	Daniel
<b>9. ADJOURNMENT</b>	Moved by Stephanie at 6:24 p.m.	

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

# HERITAGE CONSERVATION UNIT REPORT

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

May 27, 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

## Potential Designations:

Nye Residence (Highlands)	Matas Residence (Garneau)
Judge Downes Residence (Strathcona)	Armstrong Residence (Garneau)
Stone House (Whitemud Equine Centre)	Frank Duguid Residence (Strathcona)

## Proposed Demolitions:

1913 Ritchie School (Ritchie)	El Tovar Apartments (Oliver)
Hore Residence (Britannia Youngstown)	Burrell Residence (Glenora)

## 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)	St. Teresa School and the Dawson/O'Connell Buildings (Forest Heights)

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

Brokenshar Building (Westmount)

### **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. Council and the City Clerk have been informed of the new process.

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. As the conference has shifted to a largely virtual platform, we are working on how our proposed sessions can be adjusted.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. We are disappointed to advise that Vada Antonakis' term with the team as Graduate Heritage Planner has finished, as of May 8. Vada was a fantastic addition to the team, and provided great assistance to us on a number of designation bylaws and agreements, rehabilitation and maintenance grant requests, modernizing our Statements of Significance documents, site visits and mandatory documentation for designated buildings on behalf of the Province. She also assisted on a wide array of administrative updates, improving communications materials, modernizing our organizational structure and other odds and ends, many of which had been untouched since the 1990s. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her well in her future career path, which will hopefully continue to be focused on historic preservation.

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