

Edmonton Historical Board

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

These minutes were approved on November 28, 2018 by the Edmonton Historical Board

Chair

Recording Secretary

Attending:

Erin McDonald Barbara Hilden
David Rynning Christina Wilson
Andreas Loutas Dominic Schamuhn
Lauren Albrecht Elise Sammons

Archives Staff:

Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support
Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

Guest:

Robert Geldart, Senior Heritage Planner
David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner
Councillor Scott McKeen

Regrets

Neil Cramer
Hanna Choi
Rebecca Goodenough
Marlena Wyman
Daniel Rose

Agenda Item

Person(s) Responsible

Date Due

WELCOME & CHAIR'S REMARKS

Welcome to everyone at 5:09 p.m.

On behalf of the Edmonton Historical Board, Barbara acknowledges that the Edmonton has the second-largest Indigenous population of any city in Canada. EHB acknowledges that we are meeting today on Treaty 6 territory, and respects the history, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and all First Peoples whose presence continues to enrich our community.

Welcome to both U of A FGSR Students, Elise and Lauren. Introductions were made

Barbara

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Moved: Erin Approved (unanimously)	Barbara	
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ▪ September 26, 2018 minutes	Moved: David Approved (unanimously)	Barbara	
3. Items for Discussion/Decision			
a) Follow-up: FAD	Took place on September 29. EHB participated at the Muttart. Barbara, Dominic, Erin, David, and Christina represented the EHB. Thanks to Neil for arranging a site for the EHB to be at.	Barbara	
b) Discussion: Let's Find Out proposal	-Chris's main project during his tenure as Historian Laureate was the creation of the Let's Find Out podcast. -The project is continuing, and Chris is requesting some funding from various groups including the EHB. Motion: That the EHB approve the funding in the amount of \$1750 for Chris to continue with the Let's Find Out podcast. Moved: Erin Approved (unanimously)	Barbara	
c) Standing Item: Camsell Commemoration	Carried forward to next meeting	Barbara	
d) Update: Minchau Blacksmith Shop update	-Historic Resource Impact Assessment has been received by Heritage Planners, but not clear at this point if the Province has received it as well. -Planners not able to discuss fully, as this is for the Province to decide and make public. -Indicates two main routes: preservation or demolition. -Some questions posed to owner, awaiting response	Barbara	

e) Update: Old Glenora rezoning ltr	To come	Barbara	
f) Standing Item/Discussion: EHB's approach to TRC and next steps	-One possibility: event around Frank Oliver to raise awareness and the impact on our Indigenous citizens and neighbours. -Treaty 6 monument; Confederacy of Treaty 6 has requested the Province to move it to the Legislature; ongoing discussion. Possibility of including Treaties 7 and 8 as well. May have future opportunities for civic participation in commemoration. Erin will keep EHB updated for possible EHB involvement.	Barbara	
g) Standing Item/Discussion: RAM building in Glenora; Hangar 11: letters sent to Council	No update at this time regarding RAM -Tender document getting put together; approach for adaptive re-use option.	Barbara	
h) Information: Board Training Session	-Held on October 13, River Valley Room City Hall. -Agenda covered many aspects, specifically: -Board member evaluations will be due early in the new year (soon); - City staff will be sharing their responses to the recruitment survey formally, but some items were shared verbally; - Not sure how much the recruitment process will change due to the survey results, but the applicant interview schedule has been set already. - The date for EHB's presentation to Council is April 3, 2019. There will be a training session for presenters, too.	Christina	
4. Board Committee Reports			
a) Historical Resources Review Panel	-No sites reviewed -Guest speaker (Eric Backstrom) at this month's meeting regarding the River Crossing project.	Andreas	

	-Next meeting will possibly focus on Rosssdale houses		
b) Heritage Outreach Committee	-Work continues on WHERitage. Once complete will be shared between POWA and FEP -New website is up/live with new content -next edition of newsletter will be going out in November -Luncheon with Council will be held on December 7 -2019 Planning is starting.	Dominic	
c) Plaques and Awards Committee	- Have been in talks with Fort Edmonton Park, we are moving ahead with the April 4th. Currently organizing the reception as the Theatre may be too small, so we may have the reception portion of the evening at the Hotel (a short 30 second walk away). - Reached out to Robert Houle from our September event, he is very keen to come speak at our Awards Ceremony, I will continue to go over details and information with him. - Met with Kathryn and Sonia on October 23rd to go over 2nd drafts of the Plaques and Awards, things are looking good. There are some minor content changes that will happen but largely things are progressing smoothly. They will be ready for board approval in November	Neil	
5. Other Reports and Updates			
a) Heritage Planners' Report	Report attached	Robert	
b) City Archivist's Report	Report attached	Kathryn	
c) Historian Laureate Report	Report attached	Marlena	
d) Naming Committee	-Community request continues for renaming of Terwillegar Park for former Councillor Anderson.	Erin	

	<p>Committee is waiting for budget discussions are finished and funding is available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Request for naming of road in Keswick neighbourhood; approved -Request for honorary naming of Candy Cane Lane in crestwood; approved -Decoteau area structure plan (SE) being looked at. 		
e) Heritage Council	<p>No formal report at this time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Strategic Planning session a couple of weeks ago -Looking at TRC approaches -Connections and Exchanges has gone to CSC 	Daniel	
f) Fort Edmonton Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -\$162 million expansion -Quarterly meetings; next meeting in December -Dark and Dead Centre of Town- Halloween based events 	Dominic	
g) Art of Living Update Committee	<p>Produced final report and has been submitted to Citizen Services Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -EHB members to review plan and discuss at November's meeting -Barbara will begin to draft some notes for potential letter to Council should it be needed. 	Barbara	
6. Issues/Project Updates			
7. Other Business			
a) Administrative support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reminder to Committee Chairs to begin work on Annual Report -Please remember to hand in your Letters of Intention 	Sonia	
b) Building Agenda for Next Meeting			
8. ADJOURNMENT	Moved by Andreas at 6:44 p.m		

➤ **Next Meeting:** Wednesday November 28, 2018 5:00 pm

HERITAGE PLANNERS' REPORT

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Six Approved Designation Bylaws in 2018:

St. Joachim Church (Oliver) approved on January 23, 2018
Burns Residence (McCauley) approved on March 20, 2018
West End Telephone Exchange (Oliver) approved on April 24, 2018
Blue Cross Animal Hospital (McCauley), approved on July 10, 2018
Ernest W. Morehouse Residence (Highlands), approved on July 10, 2018
Griffith Residence (Westmount), approved on August 21, 2018

Potential Designations (in 2019):

Marshall Hopkins Residence (Westmount)	The Richards Block (Strathcona)
Bakos Residence (Westmount)	Matas Residence (Garneau)
Douglas Manor (Garneau)	Judge Downes Residence (Strathcona)
Delton Grocery (Delton)	Stovel Block (The Quarters)
Armstrong Residence (Garneau)	Wilson Residence (Glenora)

In discussion:

Dr. Leslie McIntyre Residence (Westmount)	Keillor Cabin/Stone House (Whitemud Equine Centre)
Stewart Residence (Glenora)	Wilkin Residence (Glenora)
Kennedale Building (Belvedere)	Kensington Court (Calder)
Ritchie Triplex (Ritchie)	McLear Residence (Westmount)
Frost Residence (Westmount)	Henry J. Wells Residence (McCauley)
Hartley Residence (Westmount)	Emerson Residence (Inglewood)
Henry Weitzel Residence (Strathcona)	

Number of Demolitions to date: Thirteen

Updates:

1. The 2019 This Old Edmonton House seminar series program has been drafted and will be ready for posting on the

City's eReg website later this fall. We have dropped the Wall Treatments course, and will be integrating it into the Historic Interiors course being held at Rutherford House.

2. The Westmount Architectural Heritage Area (WAHA) Rezoning project is underway. A consultant, Greenspace Alliance, has been engaged to provide graphic support for the duration of the project. We completed our first drop in workshop on March 13, 2018. The second drop-in workshop took place on September 25, 2018, where concept DC1 and ARP amendments were presented to the community for input. It was well attended with over 65 people in attendance. We will be returning to the community in the New Year for our third and final engagement event, prior to advancing proposed amendments to Public Hearing for consideration by Council in the Summer of 2019.

3. Regarding Hangar 11, Executive Committee made the following motion, which was unanimously approved:

Hangar 11 - Exploration of Uses, Condition and Partner Funding

That Administration return to City Council through Committee with a report outlining the results of:

- a functional use study to further assess the building condition of Hangar 11
- exploration of other civic, partner or private uses for the building
- identification of opportunities for partner funding to retain and maintain the building

The Heritage Team will be coordinating a report on the outcome of the Functional Use Study and the process related to partnerships and future use of the building, which will involve the Historical Board and other advocacy groups. The report is due back in September 2019.

4. Our report on a City-Owned Historic Resources Management Action Plan was passed by Executive Committee on October 15, 2018. The report recommended that Administration prepare a detailed implementation program for City-owned historic resources and return to City Council for adoption, likely in late 2019 or early 2020.

5. Administration prepared an unfunded service package to undertake a Direct Control Provision (DC1) for the Glenora Historic Conservation initiative for Council's consideration during the 2019-2022 budget discussion. If approved, this could result in the creation of three new special heritage character zones.

6. The owner of the Minchau Blacksmith Shop has retained Darrel Babuk to undertake the HRIA report requested by Alberta Culture and Tourism. David has been working with Darrel on the process. Once the report is provided, it will be reviewed with Alberta Culture and Tourism to determine next steps.

7. Initial rehabilitation work on the Shop-Easy Grocery in Calder has uncovered significant rot and structural failure throughout the building. The designation bylaw stipulated the east and south facades were to be retained in situ as part of the rehabilitation. Given the condition of the structure, this will no longer be possible. David is working with the architect and owner to develop a program to ensure a faithful replication of these two facades as part of the development on the site.

8. Rehabilitation work on the terra cotta brick on the Canada Packers Chimney Stack has recently been completed. The next phase of the project will involve the development of a park feature around the base of the structure, including some basic interpretative panels.

9. Work continues with Real Estate and Housing on the planned rehabilitation of the Edmonton Iron Works. The City issued a tender request for site clean-up and abatement, in order to have the site and buildings properly cleaned up. A contractor has been engaged, and work is anticipated to begin by October 1, with completion targeted by December 31.

10. A sales offering on the Stovel Block has recently closed, and Administration has selected the successful proponent. A condition of the sale requires designation and full rehabilitation of the building. The successful proponent is proposing to rehabilitate and occupy the existing structure.

11. Despite a series of unanticipated structural deficiencies the rehabilitation and restoration of the Gibbard Block is advancing with work projected to be complete in early 2019. An amending bylaw and rehabilitation and maintenance agreement is scheduled to be considered by Council on November 27 in order to allocate additional funding to support the rehabilitation. On October 22nd Council approved the rezoning of the site to Direct Control Provision (DC1).

12. Rehabilitation work on the Ortona Armoury is now in its initial phases, after the City retained a consulting team to work through the program. A site visit was held on September 19 with the overall team. The initial phase involves a detailed condition assessment and the development of the program to relocate the current tenants by the end of March 2019.

13. Our project of creating an app for Strathcona is proceeding as soon as we complete the process of preparing an agreement with the contractor, On This Spot. For this project, the Strathcona walking tour as a pilot project. If successful, our plan is to proceed with the Historic Downtown Walking Tour and eventually include Highlands and

Oliver walking tours. The Edmonton Heritage Council has generously offered to be a sponsor for the Strathcona project.

Respectfully submitted by; Robert Geldart, David Johnston, Scott Ashe and Darbi Kinnee

CITY ARCHIVISTS' REPORT
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The City Archives continues to be partially shut down due to construction on the Prince of Wales Amouries building. You will have seen that the roof is currently being stripped of shingles and the flat roofed areas recovered. Unseen are the replacements of the heat pumps in the vaults, the boiler replacement including the installation of a new cooling tower on the west side of the building, and a new electrical panel and access into the building. We continue to be unable to retrieve materials for researchers.

The Reference Room remains open - and we can assist with simple inquiries and for any of the "self serve" material in that room - which can help house history hunters and the Phase 1 engineering requests. The launch of the new website on October 4th - cityarchives.edmonton.ca - at City Hall was a success and hits on the site have topped 44,000 - about 15,000 more than previous months. Unfortunately, revenue generating activities as well as in person visits have fallen off since the construction closures.

Registration is open for the Archives course on how to research genealogy at the City Archives. The registration information is available on EReg now - look for that course under the Heritage - Adult course offerings in the Winter session.

This weekend there is a symposium for museum professionals - Thinking Locally Acting Globally organized by Catherine Cole for COMSOC here at the POWA - in the Lestock Room. It is on Eventbrite.

Just to put it on your calendar. November 11th the Loyal Edmonton Regiment Museum will be holding their small and family friendly indoor Remembrance Day ceremony here at the POWA between 10 AM and 2 PM. All are welcome for the very brief ceremony, to view the galleries and the Project Heroes exhibit and to participate in crafts and have refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

HISTORIAN LAUREATE'S REPORT

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First, catching up on a few late September happenings:

- I gave a talk and slide presentation to the Lynwood Grade 5/6 class at City Hall School on September 26th. I spoke about the role of Historian Laureate and my interpretation of the position as a visual artist.
- For the exhibit *Archived Land : Terrain Archive*, we estimated approximately 150 attendees over the run, September 14 – 29, at Jackson Power Gallery, Edmonton. Thank you again to the EHB for your financial support.

Here are some comments regarding my Gladys Reeves installation:

- *I was so moved by your exhibit and had such a good talk about the exhibit and your work. The work of Gladys Reeves seems to be at the root of my attachment to Edmonton.*
- *Thank you for your research and for writing this; by doing so, you've have brought the very interesting Gladys Reeves to my attention, and made me realize the fight to protect our river valley has been, and still is, a long one.*
- *I love your work. Makes me want to go outside and enjoy what we have around us.*

October:

- Dan Rose interviewed me, Kathryn Ivany and Braden Cannon (Private Records Archivist at the Provincial Archives of Alberta) for an Archives Week post in the EHC blog, published October 1st.

<https://edmontonheritage.ca/2018/10/01/archives-week-2018-meet-your-archivists/>

- I spoke at the October 4th City Hall launch of the new City of Edmonton Archives website and online catalogue. I was interviewed by NAIT Newswatch at the event (9:35 on the Oct 5th clip):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=623&v=58IXISyalOQ

Kathryn Ivany and I were also interviewed by Star Metro News:

<https://www.thestar.com/edmonton/2018/10/04/website-upgrades-give-edmontons-city-archives-a-digital-dusting.html>

- I attended the dedication ceremony for Constable Frank Beevers monument at the Edmonton Cemetery on October 11th.
- I was contacted by Dr. Michael Carroll who teaches the History 100 class at MacEwan University regarding my participation in his class project regarding oral histories. I agreed and said that this would be particularly appropriate since the oral history collection was one of my responsibilities at the Provincial Archives of Alberta. The class is October 29th.

Respectfully submitted by Marlena Wyman