

Bylaw 18474 - To Designate the Griffith Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource

Purpose

To designate the Griffith Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource pursuant to the provisions of the *Historical Resources Act*, RSA 2000, c H-9.

Readings

Bylaw 18474 is ready for three readings.

This Bylaw is authorized under the *Historical Resources Act*. To obtain passage of the bylaw, Council is required to achieve a majority vote on all three readings.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 18474 be considered for third reading.”

Advertising and Signing

This Bylaw is not required to be advertised and can be signed and, thereby, passed following third reading.

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the May 29, 2018, City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

1. That a Notice of Intention to Designate a Municipal Historic Resource, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the May 22, 2018, Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development report CR_5707, be served on the owners of the property located at 12526 - 109A Avenue NW in accordance with Section 26 of the *Alberta Historical Resources Act*, RSA 2000.
2. That funding of up to \$75,000 for this project be provided from the Heritage Resources Reserve.

3. That the City Manager be appointed to implement matters arising from the issuance of the Notice of Intention to Designate a Municipal Historic Resource.

Report Summary

This Bylaw is to designate the Griffith Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource and to allocate financial incentives for its restoration.

Report

Upon passage of the Bylaw, the Rehabilitation Incentive and Maintenance Agreement (Schedule “C” of Attachment 1) will be approved and come into effect.

The City will pay the owner up to \$75,000.00, pursuant to the terms of the Rehabilitation Incentive and Maintenance Agreement (Schedule “C” of Attachment 1), to encourage the designation and rehabilitation of the Griffith Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource, in accordance with City Policy C450B.

The Griffith Residence is on the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton and merits designation under City Policy C450B - A Policy to Encourage the Designation and Rehabilitation of Municipal Historic Resources in Edmonton. The Griffith Residence is significant for its arts and crafts influences, in particular, Craftsman style elements. The house is located within the Westmount Architectural Heritage Area.

The owner, Siqi Lai, has completed the application requirements to have the Griffith Residence designated as a Municipal Historic Resource under the provisions of City Policy C450B.

The regulated portions of the structure, as outlined in Schedule “A” of Attachment 1, will be restored. Rehabilitation work will meet the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome(s): Edmonton is attractive and compact			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)
Unique character and history of the neighborhood is preserved	Number of designated Municipal Historic Resources	150 (July, 2018)	There is no target for the designation of historical resources

Risk Assessment

Risk Element	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Score (with current mitigations)	Current Mitigations	Potential Future Mitigations
Financial	Grant provided used for costs that are not related to heritage resource conservation/rehabilitation	1- Rare	2- Moderate	2 - Low	- Administration reviews detailed work estimated from third party contractors for qualifying rehabilitation work - Funds are not disbursed until rehabilitation work is complete	

Public Engagement

Public engagement is not required for this process. Administration has engaged with the owner Siqi Lai throughout the designation process.

Budget/Financial Implications

Upon completion of the project phases, the City will pay the owner up to \$75,000 for rehabilitation from the Heritage Resources Reserve. The current Reserve balance is sufficient to cover committed funding, including the Griffith Residence.

The total estimated cost of the restoration portion of the project is over \$199,971. Beyond the \$75,000 grant from the Heritage Resources Reserve, the owner is responsible for all costs associated with the restoration portion of the project.

The projections for the reserve, using current commitments, anticipate a Reserve balance of \$539,938 at the end of 2018; however, Administration is considering a number of potential heritage designations for use of these funds, which will be brought forward for Council approval, as required. The Reserve is funded by the tax levy on an annual basis (\$1.5M in 2017 and \$2.3M in 2018). All unused funds will be used to top up the Reserve for future designations and any overages will be drawn from the Reserve annually.

Legal Implications

In consideration of the incentive payable for the rehabilitation of the Historic Resource (as described in Schedule “C” of Attachment 1), the Owner has waived the right to compensation under the *Historical Resources Act*.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 18474
2. Heritage Planner’s Statement of Significance

Others Reviewing this Report

- R. Kits and S. Padbury, Acting Deputy City Managers, Financial and Corporate Services