Potential Historic Resource Management Plan Content and Process

The content of the Historic Resource Management Strategy will be informed by heritage management best practice, program need, and stakeholder and public engagement. The strategy is expected to contain content such as the following:

- Definition of "heritage" in Edmonton
- Statement of the goals and priorities of preservation in Edmonton
- Summary of past and present heritage work
- Discussion of tangible vs. intangible heritage
- Prioritization of heritage inventory work (e.g. Indigenous and other cultural historic resources, new area / neighbourhood inventories)
- Summary of legal and policy basis for heritage preservation
- Relationship between heritage preservation and The City Plan, Zoning Bylaw and other relevant policies and regulations
- Commitment regarding City-owned historic resources
- Discussion of tools to preserve historic resources (for more information, see the January 18, 2022, Urban Planning Committee report CR_7701):
 - Grants (primary existing tool)
 - Tax incentives (bylaw now under preparation)
 - Heritage trust / revolving fund
 - District plans
 - Incentive zoning / amenity bonusing for heritage preservation
 - Heritage area zoning

The process of preparing the Historic Resource Management Plan will consider the following:

- Heritage management best practices
- The City Plan direction to protect heritage while accommodating new development
- Community values regarding heritage (what is important to Edmontonians), as determined through city-wide engagement
- Edmonton's heritage ecosystem (e.g. Edmonton Heritage Council, Edmonton Historical Board, Heritage Forward)
- How social justice / anti-discrimination movements including Indigenous reconciliation, Black Lives Matter, 2SLGBTQIA+, and the Me Too movement have changed the lens through which we view our past
- Role of heritage in meeting climate change / carbon reduction targets