

City of Edmonton Historic Resource Management Program Activities

The City's Historic Resource Management program includes the following activities related to managing the Inventory of Historic Resources and designating Municipal Historic Resources:

- Working from the core outwards, Administration steadily reviews the existing building stock at a neighbourhood level to identify buildings and properties worthy of being placed on the City's Inventory of Historic Resources. The evaluation process is outlined in Attachment 1. An inventory for the Jasper Place area is currently underway, and an inventory for the Beverly area will be initiated in the fall of 2018.
- Once added to the Inventory, the affected owner will be notified and a warning will be placed on POSSE to identify the property is on the Inventory.
- While being on the Inventory and on POSSE in no way fetters the rights of the building owner, it does:
 - provide the basis for a Heritage Officer and an affected owner to approach each other on the potential for a building to be formally designated as a Municipal Historic Resource; and
 - alert the Heritage Officer to an application to demolish a building on the Inventory and cause the Heritage Officer to determine the affected owner's interest to preserve/conservate the building.
- The Program monitors properties not on the Inventory should an opportunity arise to have it included on the Inventory and potentially pursue its designation.
- Should the Program determine a building is worthy of designation, it will seek the owner's consent to formally protect the building. This may include buildings that are not yet on the Inventory.
- The City's long-standing practice to obtain an owner's consent to designate is to offer a grant to assist in rehabilitating/restoring a property, in lieu of compensation as outlined in the *Historical Resources Act*.
- Should an owner consent to designation, Administration and the owner will agree to an appropriate grant amount and seek City Council's approval to designate the property by bylaw.
- Should an owner no longer seek approval to demolish a building on the Inventory, the Program will continue to monitor the property in the event the existing or subsequent owner becomes interested in designation.
- Should an owner decline designation and continue to seek approval to demolish a building on the Inventory, the Program will provide notice to Council of the pending demolition.