

BYLAW 20250 - A BYLAW TO DESIGNATE THE FIGG RESIDENCE AS A MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Executive Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 20250 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

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

Readings

Bylaw 20250 is ready for three readings.

A majority vote of City Council on all three readings is required for passage.

If City Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, City Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 20250 be considered for third reading.”

Position of Administration

Administration supports Bylaw 20250.

Report Summary

Bylaw 20250 designates the Figg Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource and allocates financial incentives to support its restoration.

REPORT

The Figg Residence is listed 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 owner has completed the application requirements to have the Figg Residence designated as a Municipal Historic Resource under the provisions of City Policy C450B. The regulated portions of the structure, as outlined in Schedule

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"A" of Attachment 1, will be restored. Rehabilitation work will meet the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*.

Upon passage of Bylaw 20250, the Figg Residence will be designated a Municipal Historic Resource and the Rehabilitation Incentive and Maintenance Agreement (Schedule "B" of Attachment 1) will be approved and come into effect. The City will pay the owners up to \$90,420.86 to assist in the costs of rehabilitation of the historic elements of the structure.

The Figg Residence, built in circa 1914, is valued for its vernacular design with some Craftsman influences and as an early example of residential development in the Bonnie Doon neighbourhood.

The designation will only apply to the north, east and west elevations of the structure, as the south (rear) elevation of the building has been previously altered and the owner plans to construct an addition at the rear of the house.

Budget/Financial Implications

Upon completion of the project phases, the Heritage Resources Reserve will pay the owner a grant of up to \$90,420.86 for rehabilitation of the historic elements of the structure. The June 20, 2022, memorandum provided to City Council regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate for the Figg Residence identified a grant of \$87,960.80 would be provided to the owner. Since the date of the memorandum, the owner has received updated pricing from the contractor regarding the rehabilitation work related to windows. This necessitated an increase in the eligible grant amount from \$87,960.80 to \$90,420.86.

The total estimated cost of the eligible heritage rehabilitation work for the project is \$180,841.72. The owners are responsible for all costs of the heritage rehabilitation work and broader costs for the project beyond the \$90,420.86 grant from the Heritage Resources Reserve.

After considering the funds committed to date, the Heritage Resources Reserve is projected to have a balance of \$4.2 million at the end of 2022. 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 Heritage Resources Reserve is funded by the tax levy on an annual basis (\$2,328,584 in 2022 including \$417,550 specifically for the Edmonton Brewing and Malting Company Ltd.).

Legal Implications

In consideration of the incentive payable for the rehabilitation of the Historic Resource (as described in Schedule "B" of Attachment 1), the owner has waived their right to compensation under the *Historical Resources Act*.

COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

Through the extensive engagement completed to develop The City Plan, Edmontonians emphasized the importance of "preserve" as one of six guiding values. Specific public

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engagement is not required for this process under the *Historical Resources Act*. Administration has engaged with the owner of the property throughout the designation process.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw 20250 - A Bylaw to Designate the Figg Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource
2. Heritage Officer's Statement of Significance for the Figg Residence
3. June 20, 2022, Memorandum to City Council re: Notice of Intention to Designate the Figg Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource

OTHERS REVIEWING THIS REPORT

- M. Plouffe, City Solicitor