



EDMONTON HISTORICAL BOARD (EHB)

2022 Annual Report and 2023 Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION

That the April 12, 2023, Office of the City Clerk report OCC01710, be received for information.

Report Purpose

Information only.

The Chair of the Edmonton Historical Board (EHB), Stephen Rees, and the co-Historian Laureates, Cheryl Whiskeyjack and Omar Yaqub, will be in attendance at the April 12, 2023 City Council Non-regular meeting.

REPORT

Mandate

Edmonton Historical Board (EHB) was established to:

- advise Council on matters relating to City of Edmonton historical issues and civic heritage policies; and
- encourage, promote, and advocate for the preservation and safeguarding of historical properties, resources, communities, and documentary heritage.

Activities (Annual Report) - Attachment 1

The 2022 Annual Report, as approved by the EHB on February 22, 2023, provides a summary of the EHB's past year's activities and work to deliver on its mandate and to promote and advocate for the preservation of Edmonton's heritage. This includes the following activities: six meetings with City Council; over two hundred volunteer hours; the submission of two letters to City Council; 11 Historic Resources Additions and eight Municipal Historic Resource Designations.

Work Plan - Attachment 2

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The Work Plan outlines alignment of the EHB to the City Plan and provides a summary of ongoing initiatives of the EHB along with activities planned for the 2023-24 term.

Budget Information - Attachment 3

EHB has provided the 2022 budget (\$70,240), 2022 actuals (\$51,797) and 2023 budget (\$70,740).

Historian Laureate Report - Attachment 4

The co-Historian Laureates have provided a Year 1 report, which provides a summary of their 2022 activities and work plan for the upcoming year.

Annual Report and Work Plan Requirements

Annual Report and Work Plan requirements for the EHB are outlined in:

- Bylaw 18156 - Council Committees Bylaw
 - Section 4(2): All Council Committees will report to Council at least annually.
 - Section 10:
 - At least annually, a Council Committee must approve a work plan that aligns with its mandate and identifies its anticipated resource requirements.
 - During its annual report to Council required by section 4(2), a Council Committee must present its work plan for the current year and summary of its most recently completed work plan.
- Council Policy and Procedure C575D - Agencies, Boards, Committees and Commissions
 - Section 5 specifies that City Agencies will annually report to a City Council meeting with:
 - activities;
 - annual work plan aligned to strategic objectives and mandate; and
 - budget information.

Historian Laureate

The Historian Laureate is the City's official ambassador on historical matters and promotes the history of the city and its citizens by documenting, researching, interpreting and speaking about the people, places and events that have created Edmonton's distinctive heritage and character.

Cheryl Whiskeyjack and Omar Yaqub were selected jointly by the EHB and Edmonton Heritage Council as Edmonton's co-Historian Laureates in April 2022. As outlined in the Historian Laureate Position Description approved at the November 25, 2009 City Council meeting, Edmonton's Historian Laureate must submit a report to the EHB and the Edmonton Heritage Council on a yearly basis and must also attend the EHB's presentation to City Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Edmonton Historical Board - 2022 Annual Report - Activities
2. Edmonton Historical Board - 2022 Annual Report - Work Plan
3. Edmonton Historical Board - 2022 Annual Report - Budget Information

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4. Historian Co-Laureates - Year 1