Edmonton Historical Board - Appointment Recommendations

Members	Appointment Term
Appointments (5)	
Elyse Abma-Bouma Tyrel Brochu Elizabeth Cytko Stephen Rees Shalene Williams	May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022
<u>Reappointments (5)</u>	
Carrie-Ann Lunde Nancy MacDonald Alison McGavigan James McTague Dominic Craig Schamuhn	May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022

Here is a brief public introduction as provided by the new appointees:

Elyse Abma-Bouma Edmonton Historical Board

Elyse Abma-Bouma is a public historian and heritage practitioner who is passionate about local history and intergenerational storytelling and memory. Raised in Lacombe, Alberta she is the granddaughter of Dutch immigrants and grew up listening to her grandmother tell stories about her immigration experience. It was this that inspired an early interest in community narrative and the ways in which heritage contributes to individual identity.

Having written walking tours for Edmonton with On This Spot, working for the Edmonton Heritage Council, Gerry Segger Heritage Collection and leading many other independent projects, Elyse has contributed to Edmonton heritage and history in a variety of ways including oral history, archival projects, exhibits, and written work. Aside from project oriented heritage practice Elyse Abma-Bouma has spoken to undergraduate student classes about the opportunities for those with history degrees as well as presenting at various conferences and webinars.

Tyrel Brochu

Edmonton Historical Board

Tyrel Brochu (he/him) is a proud alumnus of the University of Alberta (BCom '06) and he has 15 years of progressive experience working for his alma mater in the intersections of fundraising, alumni relations, stakeholder engagement, governance, and project management. He is currently the Acting Director in the Office of the Senate where he provides strategic advice and support to the Chancellor and Senate of the UofA and is helping to lead the development of their next strategic plan.

Tyrel is passionate about city building and he balances his work with part-time studies in the Urban & Regional Planning program at the UofA. This has increased his knowledge of municipal government policies and processes, land use planning in Alberta, legislation and policies related to historic preservation, real estate and development, and urban planning processes. He advocates for urban planning and urban design that is sustainable, inclusive, and that allows everyone to thrive. In his spare time, Tyrel enjoys gardening and exploring the city by bike and on foot.

Elizabeth Cytko

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Elizabeth Cytko is a Treaty 6 settler from Edmonton Alberta. She recently graduated from the University of Toronto with a Masters of Information and a Masters of Museum Studies. For her degree, she created a digital exhibition about Toronto Union Station, which focused upon the community aspect of the building. Elizabeth is an experienced researcher and spends her time learning about Edmonton history.

Currently, Elizabeth is the Vice President of the Tomorrow Foundation for a Sustainable Future. In this role, she is the main organizer for the tree count in the Queen Alexandra neighbourhood. This project is to collect data regarding the urban forest and to understand the larger environmental impact trees on private property have. Working on this project has brought to light the biodiverse history of Edmonton and how choices on eco infrastructure directly affect quality of life.

Stephen Rees

Edmonton Historical Board

Stephen is a proud Canadian, Albertan and Edmontonian. He is the former Chief Program Officer of Capital Management for Alberta Health Services and is currently the Vice President of the International Federation of Healthcare Engineering.

Stephen is passionate about the City of Edmonton's rich history and its

associated architecture. He is very excited about being able to utilize his skills, experience and passion in this opportunity to work with the Edmonton Historical Board.

Shalene Williams

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Shalene has always had an interest in history. She grew up in Vancouver, British Columbia, and since moving to Edmonton in 2015, she's been interested in learning more about the history of Edmonton. Shalene currently works for the Government of Alberta and prior to that in archives and information management in the private and public sector. She is a graduate from the University of British Columbia, where she obtained a Masters of Archival Studies degree. Shalene is a systems-thinker and solutions-oriented person that is looking forward to serving on the Board. In her spare time, she enjoys travelling, reading and attending arts and cultural events including festivals, with her friends.