

BYLAW 20112

Bylaw to Designate the Magrath Mansion as a Municipal Historic Resource

RECOMMENDATION

That Executive Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 20112 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To designate the Magrath Mansion as a Municipal Historic Resource pursuant to the provisions of the *Historical Resources Act*, RSA 2000, cH-9.

Readings

Bylaw 20112 is ready for three readings.

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

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “that Bylaw 20112 be considered for third reading.”

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

This Bylaw is to designate the Magrath Mansion as a Municipal Historic Resource.

REPORT

Upon passage of the Bylaw, the Rehabilitation Incentive and Maintenance Agreement (Schedule “B” of Attachment 1) will be approved and come into effect.

The Magrath Mansion has already been fully restored and maintained to a high standard. Additional rehabilitation work is not required at this time. The property owner is seeking the designation of the Magrath Mansion as a gesture of goodwill and is not seeking a rehabilitation

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incentive. The amount of \$10 will be provided to the property owner to satisfy the requirement for compensation under the *Historical Resources Act*.

The Magrath Mansion is listed on the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton and merits designation under City Policy C450B - Policy to Encourage the Designation and Rehabilitation of Municipal Historic Resources in Edmonton. The Magrath Mansion is valued as a rare example of Classical Revival style residential design in Edmonton and for its association with the early development of the neighborhood of Highlands, real estate developer William Magrath and architect Ernest Morehouse.

The owner has completed the application requirements to have the Magrath Mansion designated as a Municipal Historic Resource under the provisions of City Policy C450B.

The Magrath Mansion was designated as a Provincial Historic Resource on September 17, 1975. If designated municipally, it will benefit from dual historic designation.

The regulated portions of the structure, as outlined in Schedule "A" of Attachment 1, will be preserved and maintained. Any future renovation of the Magrath Mansion will be required to meet the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*.

COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

Through the creation of The City Plan, Edmontonians advised that it was critical to retain and steward historic resources even as the City is redeveloped and modernized, The City Plan value of Preserve. Formal public 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.

Budget/Financial Implications

If the Bylaw is approved, the property owner will be provided up to \$10 from the Heritage Resources Reserve. The current Reserve balance is sufficient to cover the committed funding, including the Magrath Mansion. The nominal amount will be provided to the property owner in order to satisfy the requirement for compensation under the *Historical Resources Act*.

Legal Implications

In consideration of the payment of \$10 to the owner of the Historic Resource, the owner has waived the right to further compensation under the *Historical Resources Act*.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw 20112 - Bylaw to Designate the Magrath Mansion as a Municipal Historic Resource
2. March 25, 2022, Memorandum to City Council re: Notice of Intention to Designate the Magrath Mansion as a Municipal Historic Resource

OTHERS REVIEWING THIS REPORT

- M. Plouffe, City Solicitor