

BYLAW 20572

Bylaw to Designate the St. Francis of Assisi Friary / St. Anthony's College / St. Francis of Assisi Church as a Municipal Historic Resource - Amendment No. 2

Recommendation

That Executive Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 20572 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To amend Bylaw 14222, being a Bylaw to Designate the St. Francis of Assisi Friary / St. Anthony's College / St. Francis of Assisi Church as a Municipal Historic Resource, to remove the designation from a non-historic portion of the property that has been subdivided off into a separate parcel of land.

Readings

Bylaw 20572 is ready for three readings

Bylaw 20572 is authorized under the *Historical Resources Act*. 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 20572 be considered for third reading."

REPORT

Between 1909 and 2005, the Franciscan Friars, a religious order within the Roman Catholic Church, operated a mission in what is now the Balwin neighbourhood. The mission became the largest Franciscan training centre in western Canada. In 2006, after the Franciscans sold the property, City Council designated two interconnected buildings on the site, the St. Francis of Assisi Friary and St. Anthony's College, which were built in stages in 1925, 1931, and 1946, as a Municipal Historic Resource. The Government of Alberta designated these buildings as a Provincial Historic Resource in 2007. In 2012, the Municipal Historic Resource designation was extended to include the St. Francis of Assisi Church, constructed in 1961. The church was the first

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religious assembly in Edmonton designed in a modernist architectural style to become a protected historic resource.

The owners of the site have now subdivided off the northern, non-historic portion of the site for a future affordable seniors housing project. As a result, the Municipal Historic Resource designation needs to be adjusted to no longer pertain to the non-historic portion of the site.

Community Insight

Heritage preservation and affordable housing are priorities for many Edmontonians. This bylaw will facilitate affordable housing by removing Municipal Historic Resource designation from a non-historic property intended for affordable housing. 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, recognized as The City Plan value of "Preserve." Administration has engaged with the owner of the property throughout the designation process. Additional engagement with the public for this process is not a requirement under the *Historical Resources Act*.

Legal Implications

This amending bylaw is required in order to remove Bylaw 14222 as an encumbrance from the parcel of land that has no historical significance.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 20572 - Bylaw to Designate the St. Francis of Assisi Friary / St. Anthony's College / St. Francis of Assisi Church as a Municipal Historic Resource Amendment No. 2
2. Annotated Air Photo

Others Reviewing the Report

- M. Plouffe, City Solicitor