



February 15, 2024

Reference No.: 78956729-00-005

To: City Council

From: Kent Snyder, Branch Manager

Subject: **Notice of Intention to Designate the Field Log House as a
Municipal Historic Resource**

SUMMARY

This memo initiates the process to designate a historic resource, the Field Log House, at the owner's request, as a Municipal Historic Resource in accordance with the *Historical Resources Act*.

CURRENT ACTIONS

(Immediate)

1. That a Notice of Intention to Designate a Municipal Historic Resource, as set out in Attachment 1, be served on the owners of the property located at 11305 - 68 Street NW in accordance with Section 26 of the Alberta *Historical Resources Act*, RSA 2000, c H-9.¹
2. That the City Manager be appointed to implement matters arising from the issuance of the Notice of Intention to Designate the Field Log House as a Municipal Historic Resource, as set out in Attachment 1.

FUTURE ACTIONS

(At least 60 days after the Notice of Intention to Designate is served)

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Alberta *Historical Resources Act*, RSA 2000, c H-9, a Bylaw to Designate the Field Log House as a Municipal Historic Resource (the "Bylaw") will be brought forward to Council for their consideration.

¹ On November 26, 2019, City Council passed amendments to the City Administration Bylaw, delegating approval of Notices of Intention to Designate (NOI) under the *Historical Resources Act* (HRA) to the City Manager, where the owner consents to the designation of their property. The NOI initiates the designation process under the *Historical Resources Act*; the final decision on designation remains with City Council by way of a bylaw.

2. If approved, the Bylaw and corresponding Rehabilitation Incentive and Maintenance Agreement will contemplate funding of up to \$45,553.20 to be provided from the Heritage Resources Reserve to fund City-funded work on the Field Log House, as described in Attachment 5.

BACKGROUND

The Field Log House is 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 building was constructed in 1934, and is a rare example of log house construction in Edmonton. It is considered a landmark in the Bellevue community. The building is in generally good condition, with some deterioration of exterior logs and windows. The chimney is also in need of repair and the eavestroughs need replacement. Grant funding will go toward these items as well as some foundation parging and fascia repair.

On January 15, 2024, the owner completed the application requirements to have the Field Log House, located at 11305 - 68 Street NW, designated as a Municipal Historic Resource under the provisions of City Policy C450B.

If designated, any future renovation of the Field Log House will be required to meet the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*.

The designation of this property will support its proper restoration and continued protection in the future.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

If the Bylaw is approved, and upon completion of the project phases as outlined in Attachment 5, the Heritage Resources Reserve will pay the owner up to \$45,553.20 for rehabilitation. The current Reserve balance is sufficient to cover the committed funding, including the Field Log House.

The total estimated cost of the restoration work for the project is \$91,106.40. Beyond the \$45,553.20 grant from the Heritage Resources Reserve, the owner is responsible for all costs of the restoration work for the project.

Administration is considering a number of potential heritage designations for use of Reserve funds, which will be brought forward for Council approval as required. Based on the current commitments, the Reserve balance is anticipated to decline to a balance of \$3.8 million at the end of 2024. The Reserve is funded by the tax levy on an annual basis (\$2.5 million commitments in 2024 including \$465,131.26 specifically for the Edmonton Brewing and Malting Company Ltd. building and \$500,000 specifically for Hangar 11).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public engagement was not undertaken as part of this process, as it is not required under the *Historical Resources Act*.

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c: Executive Leadership Team

Aileen Giesbrecht, City Clerk, Office of the City Clerk

Michelle Plouffe, Chief People Officer and City Solicitor, Employee Services and Legal Division

Attachments:

1. Notice of Intention to Designate the Field Log House as a Municipal Historic Resource - *Historical Resources Act*
2. Location Map
3. Photographs
4. Statement of Significance
5. Description of City-Funded Work

Notice of Intention to Designate the Field Log House as a Municipal Historic Resource

HISTORICAL RESOURCES ACT
R.S.A. 2000, cH.-9, as amended, Section 26

TO: Anna B. Curtis and Bruce W. Anderson
11305 - 68 Street NW
Edmonton AB T5B 1N8

Notice is hereby given that sixty (60) days from the date of service of this Notice, The Municipal Council of The City of Edmonton intends to pass a Bylaw that the original 1934 structure known as the Field Log House and the land on which such structure is located, legally described as:

PLAN 600U
BLOCK 10
LOTS 1 TO 3 INCLUSIVE

EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS

and municipally described as 11305 - 68 Street NW, be designated as a MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE under Section 26 of the *Historical Resources Act*, as amended from time to time.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Municipal Council of the City of Edmonton has appointed the City Manager to implement matters arising from the issuance of the Notice of Intention to Designate a Municipal Historic Resource.

DATED this day of 2024

Andre Corbould, OMM, P.Eng., FCAE, ICD.D
City Manager

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The above Notice is addressed to the owner of, or person with a legal interest in, the resource named which the Municipal Council of the City of Edmonton (hereinafter referred to as the Council) intends to designate, by Bylaw, as a Municipal Historic Resource under Section 26 of the *Historical Resources Act*.

EFFECT OF NOTICE

This Notice of Intention protects the historic resource named in it for 120 days from the date it was served on you. During these 120 days **NO PERSON MAY DESTROY, DISTURB, ALTER, RESTORE OR REPAIR A MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE OR REMOVE ANY HISTORIC OBJECT FROM IT** unless they have written approval of the Council or person appointed by the Council for the purpose.

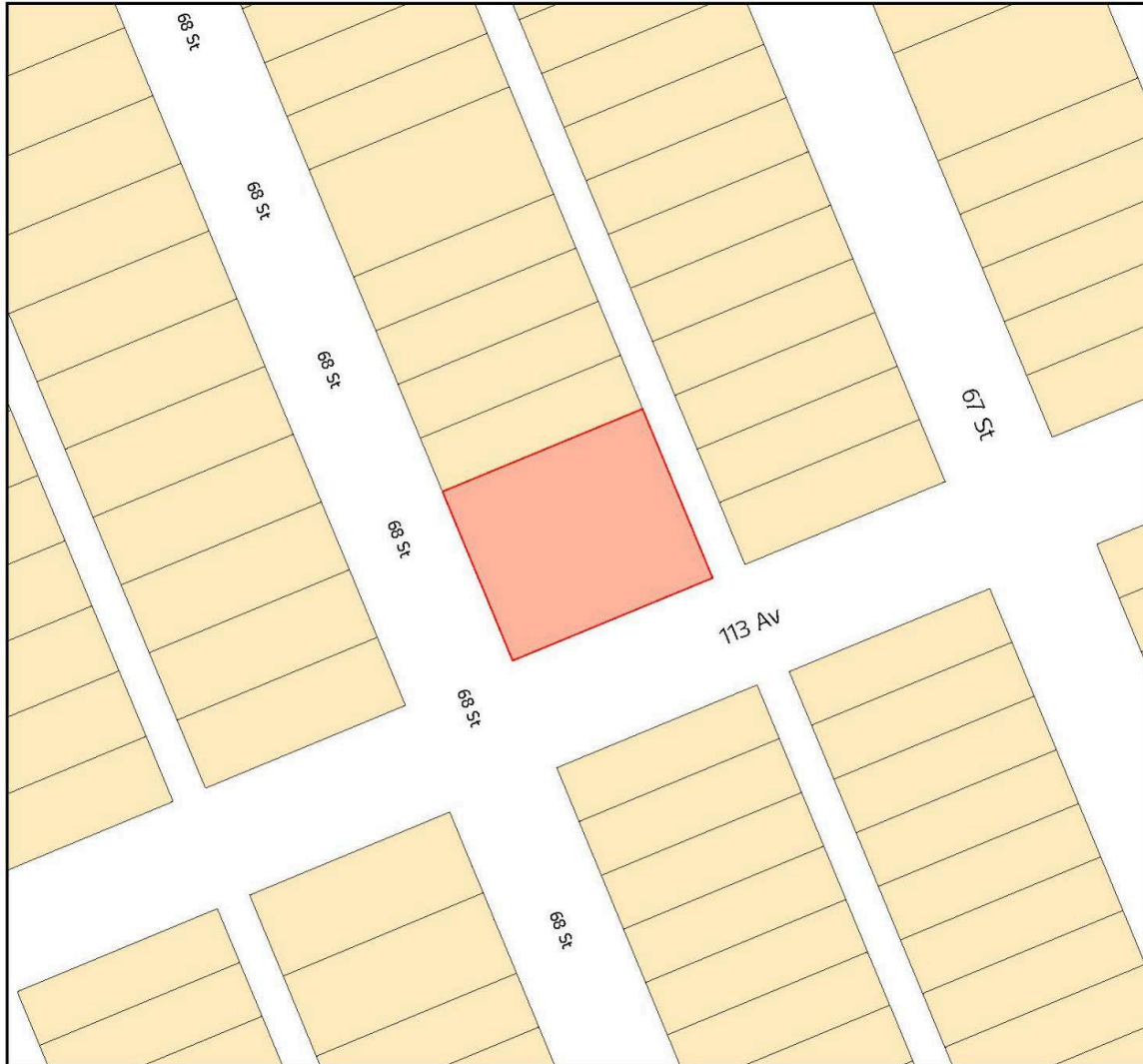
The Council or the person appointed by the Council, in its or their absolute discretion, may refuse to grant an approval or may make the approval subject to such conditions, as they consider appropriate.

Although there is no right of appeal as such against designation as a Municipal Historic Resource, you are not precluded at any time from writing to the Council, claiming that the site should not or should cease to be designated. Such claim must demonstrate that the property to be designated is not of architectural or historical significance. The evidence provided to support the claim will be carefully considered.

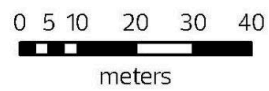
You may also apply by originating application to any judge of the Court of Queen's Bench for an Order shortening the 120 days of protection.

After 120 days the Notice ceases to have any effect, unless the Council has revoked it sooner, or the court has shortened the period, or unless the Council has passed a Bylaw designating the resource permanently.

Location Map for the Field Log House



Field Log House
11305 - 68 Street NW



Photographs of the Field Log House



View of west (front) elevation, looking east from 68 Street NW



View of north elevation, looking south



View of south elevation, looking north from 113 Avenue NW



View of east (rear) elevation, looking west



Historical photo of the Field Log House from the corner of 113 Avenue and 68 Street NW, ca. 1934

Statement of Significance

Description of Historic Place

The 1934 Field Log House is a one-storey residence constructed with rounded logs, with a hip roof and intersecting front gable. It is located on a corner of a residential street in Edmonton's Bellevue neighbourhood. It is valued as a rare example of a log-constructed residence and as an original building in Bellevue.

Heritage Value

The residence is significant due to its rare log construction and for its function as a community landmark. Built in 1934, this residence is one of only a handful of log structures in the greater Edmonton area.

Alfred and Marguerite Field met in Edmonton. Marguerite transferred to Edmonton from Souris, Manitoba through her job at the Union Bank, while Alfred had been raised in the city and was residing there after flying for the Royal Flying Corps in World War I and working as a Mountie. They were introduced by an aunt of Alfred's and married in 1922. After a decade of living in Detroit, the couple moved their family back to Edmonton. On April 25, 1934, Marguerite Field received a building permit to construct a "log dwelling" at 11305 - 68 Street NW in what used to be known as "Bellevue Addition" and is currently known as Bellevue. The house was built for approximately \$4,500 using logs that were sourced from the Pigeon Lake area. The Fields retained the services of contractor Stuart Olson for the project. Olson, a Swedish immigrant who came to Canada in 1923, went on to cofound Stuart Olson Construction in 1939. It grew to become one of the largest construction companies in Canada and is still operating today.

Built in the midst of the Great Depression when Edmonton was experiencing little growth, the choice of material may have reflected the availability of labour and the need for locally-available materials. Olson built the house in four months with a team of four, and the Field family lived there for the next 56 years. Marguerite passed away in 1989, and Alfred moved out of the house in 1990, at which time he passed the house down to their grandson. Alfred passed away in 1991. The log house remained with the Field family until 2002, when it was sold to the current owners.

The Field Log House is located in the Edmonton neighbourhood of Bellevue. Bellevue is a reference to the French term for "beautiful view," as the neighbourhood is located atop the banks of the North Saskatchewan River. Bellevue sits on what was once River Lot #28. The land was acquired by the City and subdivided in 1906. The area did not take

off immediately and remained sparsely populated with new homes until decades later; the Field Log House is an example of the later development of the area.

The horizontal logs of the house are joined by a system of slats and grooves that are supported by upright logs on the corners. The front gable features decorative timbering made with vertical and horizontal logs. The eaves feature exposed rafters and brackets with tongue and groove sheathing, and the medium-gable roof has a rolled shingle feature on the eaves of all four elevations.

The south side of the residence contains a large fieldstone chimney. A dining room on the south elevation and a kitchen extension on the east elevation were added to the residence in 1952. The additions were also built by Stuart Olson. Both additions are clad in a brick exterior, with wood timbering in the gables and brackets under the eaves. They feature the same rolled shingle roof as the original house.

Character-defining Elements

The character-defining elements as expressed in the form, massing, and materials of the 1934 one-storey Field Log House include:

- The horizontal rounded log siding construction
- The rounded vertical log corners
- The intersecting medium pitched gable roof with wood shingles in both gable ends
- The rolled edges of the roof
- The vertical rounded logs in triangular pattern on both sides of the main gable at gable ends
- The large brackets under main eaves
- The ornamental fieldstone chimney and the concrete chimney
- The style, pattern, and construction of all wood windows, especially the original double-hung wood windows
- The dining room addition to the south side and the kitchen addition to the east side, both constructed in 1952
- Brick cladding in a Stretcher bond finish on both additions
- Brick slip sills in a soldier course format under the windows on both additions
- Board and batten cladding in the gable ends with brackets on both additions

Description of City-Funded Work

Phase	Description of City-Funded Work	Estimated Cost	Amount Allocated
1	Log exterior: repair resealing, replacement of logs as needed, repainting	\$62,798.40	\$31,399.20
2	Fascia: repair and replacement as needed for new eavestroughs	\$4,662.00	\$2,331.00
3	Windows: storm window repair, window sill	\$5,418.00	\$2,709.00
4	Eavestroughs: replacement with filters	\$4,793.25	\$2,396.63
5	Chimney: new metal cap, repointing of mortar	\$6,825.00	\$3,412.50
6	Parging: repairs on foundation	\$6,609.75	\$3,304.88
	TOTAL	\$91,106.40	\$45,553.20