

Edmonton Historical Board - Appointment and Reappointment Recommendations

Members	Appointment Term
<u>Appointments (4)</u>	
Michael Aytensifu	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Mark Minenko	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Kyle Schole	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Vanessa Zembal	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
<u>Reappointments (6)</u>	
John Beamish	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Joshua Budinski	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Elizabeth Cytko	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
James McTague	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Stephen Rees	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Harrison Sheremeta	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026

New Appointee Biographies:

Michael Aytensifu

Michael Aytensifu was born and raised in Edmonton. He had an active upbringing, being one of seven kids in a large and busy family. Michael took French immersion at JH Picard, and went on to study history at the University of Alberta. He then obtained a law degree from the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law. During university, he completed exchanges to Lille, France, and Uppsala, Sweden.

Since graduating, Michael has worked as a lawyer; first at a local firm, Mussieux Law, and more recently with the Government of Alberta. He continues to be involved in sports in his community, both as a player and a referee. Michael resides with his fiancée, Melanie, in south Edmonton.

Mark Minenko

Mark Minenko is a legal historian and has been a lawyer for over 37 years practicing law in Manitoba, Ontario and Alberta. After completing a Master of Laws degree in international law at the University of Alberta he was awarded a Doctorate in Law at

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King's College London, England in 2021 on the impact of emergency legislation on civil liberties and is completing two books on this subject. Mark has also served in the Canadian Armed Forces medical services for 36 years including a tour of duty in Bosnia, served as the Deputy Speaker and Member of the Manitoba Legislature, and has been a board member of organizations such as Citie Ballet and the Ukrainian Pioneers of Alberta. He is a member of several organizations including the Alberta Genealogical Society and the Edmonton United Services Institute.

Mark's research has uncovered many hidden treasures and stories about Edmonton and as a member of the Edmonton Historical Board he will work with city council, board members, and members of the public to bring these stories to life not only for Edmontonians, but the many visitors to our city. He is married and is a companion to two cats – Teemu and Pooshka.

Kyle Schole

Kyle Schole grew up near Westlock, just north of the city, in Treaty 6 Territory. He studied Political Science and Canadian Studies at the University of Calgary before serving briefly as a staffer for the Minister of Agriculture on Parliament Hill, and then as a certified sea kayak guide in Tofino and the Gulf Islands of BC. Kyle is a municipal planner with a passion for tangible and intangible heritage, and he has led an intermunicipal initiative to see 718km of kisiskâciwani-sîpiy (North Saskatchewan River) in Alberta designated under the Canadian Heritage Rivers System which will contribute to the conservation, stewardship, and celebration of the river's exceptional natural, cultural, and recreational heritage values for future generations.

Vanessa Zembal

Vanessa Zembal has spent the past 15 years living in Edmonton and has found many communities in the city through volunteering with festivals and exploring the urban and natural landscapes that make up this beautiful metropolis. She has a Masters in Arts in Material Culture from the Human Ecology Department at the University of Alberta and her research explored the relationships between urban design, governance of spaces, and the experiences of people with these urban spaces during winter conditions. Vanessa's passion for urban design, heritage, and human ecology have led to other research projects in this realm that highlight the need for well informed decisions around creating inclusive urban spaces that both reflect the history of this place and accommodate Edmontonians in the future.