

## **Edmonton Historical Board - 2025 Work Plan**

### **Mandate of Edmonton Historical Board (EHB)**

The mandate of the Edmonton Historical Board (EHB) is to:

- (a) provide advice to Council regarding matters relating to City of Edmonton historical issues and civic heritage policies;  
and
- (b) encourage and promote the preservation and safeguarding of historical properties, resources, communities, and documentary heritage.

### **EHB Goals for 2025**

1. Goal 1: Advising Council on historic resources that should be added to the inventory as well as building greater awareness of City of Edmonton historical issues and civic heritage policies while communicating about emergent issues and priorities with Council.
2. Goal 2: Supporting the preservation and promotion of built heritage in Edmonton.
3. Goal 3: Promoting Edmonton's history.

Work Plan

Goals	Timeline	Action Items	Expected Outcomes	Partners/ Stakeholders
<p>Goal 1: Advising Council on historic resources that should be added to the Inventory as well as building greater awareness of City of Edmonton historical issues and civic heritage policies while communicating about emergent issues and priorities with Council.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing from May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attending Council meetings where items related to Edmonton’s heritage are being discussed.</li> <li>Contributing to the discussion via letters to Councillors prior to the agenda item or requests to speak at Council meetings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring that the perspective of heritage preservation is represented in Council debates.</li> <li>Successful preservation efforts are achieved.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historian Laureate.</li> <li>Edmonton and District Historical Society, neighborhood / conservation / heritage organizations.</li> <li>Edmonton Heritage Council.</li> <li>Local museums and archives and their umbrella organizations (AMA and ASA).</li> <li>Urban Planning and Economy.</li> <li>Community Services.</li> </ul>
<p>Goal 2: Supporting the preservation and promotion of built heritage in Edmonton.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add to the Inventory is ongoing throughout the year.</li> <li>Historic Plaques</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HRRP will continue to add to the inventory.</li> <li>The Historic Plaques will continue to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successfully adding items to the Inventory will be a metric.</li> <li>Holding a successful event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heritage planners (UPE).</li> <li>Owners of designated properties.</li> </ul>

	<p>event will be July 9, 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make nominations when appropriate will be ongoing depending on their nomination deadlines.</li> </ul>	<p>promote preservation via plaque programs and recognition event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board will make nominations where appropriate to recognition programs for individuals and groups who have facilitated built heritage preservation.</li> </ul>	<p>with plaques for designations being presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having a nomination successfully achieve the award.</li> </ul>	
<p>Goal 3: Promoting Edmonton's history.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holding stakeholder meeting with community partners in heritage preservation.</li> <li>• Phase one of mapping Edmonton's hidden history will be complete by year end.</li> <li>• Content added to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting takes place and members form and strengthen the heritage network in the City.</li> <li>• A free online resource provided for the public.</li> <li>• New content added to the website, which will drive up participation on</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various heritage groups in Edmonton.</li> <li>• City of Edmonton Archives.</li> <li>• MacEwan University - Department of Humanities.</li> <li>• MacEwan University Careers &amp; Experience Office.</li> </ul>

		<p>the EHB website. Planning on adding two structures, four neighbourhoods, two architect bios, and one architectural style, and updating Alberta Avenue and Wihkwêntôwin (formerly Oliver).</p>	<p>the website.</p>	
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## Sub-Committees for Council's Consideration

Row	Name of the Sub-Committee	Rationale	Composition of the Sub-Committee
1	Historic Resources Review Panel	<p>The Historic Resources Review Panel (HRRP) supports the goal of reviewing applications to the Municipal Inventory of Historic Places. The sub-committee meets monthly for approximately two hours, and makes recommendations for the Board to pass at regular meetings. The sub-committee frees up time at regular Board meetings to allow the Board to focus on other priorities. Resources from administration to run these meetings include the EBH coordinator, the City Archivist, and a representative from the City Heritage Planning Unit. The HRRP grew out of the Heritage Sites Selection Committee (established in 1977), and has operated in its current configuration since the mid-1990s.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify potentially viable properties for review and recommendation onto the City of Edmonton's Inventory of Historic Resources.</li> <li>• Support the update of the Heritage Places Strategy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seven subcommittee members that included three Board members.</li> <li>• Experts including an architect, a historian, a member of the Provincial assessment panel for heritage resources.</li> <li>• Two community members who are former EHB members.</li> </ul>
2	Historic Plaques Committee	<p>The Historic Plaques Committee supports the goal of plaques creation. Since 1974, the EHB has prepared and installed interpretive plaques on buildings, building fragments, and sites of historic significance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five sub-committee members and the Board Chair - no externals.</li> </ul>

		<p>the land on which the City of Edmonton resides.</p> <p>The Historic Plaques Committee oversees the work required to complete the EHB's plaques. They met 12 times in 2024 - the frequency and length of meetings determined by the number of municipal designations which occur in any given year.</p> <p>The sub-committee frees up time at regular Board meetings to allow the Board to focus on other priorities. Resources from administration to run these meetings include the EBH Coordinator and the City Archivist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continue updating the website (<a href="http://www.edmontonhistoricalboard.com">www.edmontonhistoricalboard.com</a>).</li> <li>● Write text for and manufacture / install historic plaques.</li> <li>● Participate in the Doors Open Historic Edmonton Festival by hosting the annual Historic Plaque Presentation Ceremony.</li> </ul>	
3	Policy and Planning Committee	<p>The Policy and Planning Committee (PPC) was established in 2021 to actively support the EHB's advisory role to City Council. The Committee's primary focus is to assist the EHB in coordinating and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One community member with a background in Planning.</li> <li>● Four Board members,</li> </ul>

		<p>conducting research, synthesizing and articulating a proactive policy agenda and platform of recommendations on heritage policy and planning Matters.</p> <p>The Committee also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assesses city planning and policy reports for alignment to the Heritage Resource Management Plan (HRMP),</li> <li>• Develops and maintains an EHB Heritage Policy Agenda and platform of recommendations,</li> <li>• Coordinates policy research activities and engagement with heritage partners and other stakeholders, as needed.</li> </ul> <p>The PPC meets monthly for up to two hours, and brings recommendations to the Board. The sub-committee frees up time at regular Board meetings to allow the Board to focus on other priorities. Resources from administration to run these meetings include the EBH Coordinator and the City Archivist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ID Edmonton’s hidden historical treasures (e.g. underground streetcar ties) and map sites on a publicly available digital map.</li> </ul>	<p>including the Board Chair.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognize the efforts of various Edmonton groups and organizations through the Stakeholder Information Working Group</li> </ul>	
4	Engagement Committee	<p>The Engagement Committee was established in 2021, after the Edmonton Historical Board (EHB) completed an extensive review of the mandate, activities, and committees.</p> <p>The Committee’s primary focus is for communicating Board positions, recommendations, feedback, and coordinating formal advice to City Council, Council Committees and City of Edmonton Administration, as well as coordinating communications and engagement with stakeholders and the media when required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate the work of the Board.</li> <li>Establish agenda.</li> <li>Monitoring budget.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four members - Chairs of the sub-committees and EHB Chair.</li> </ul>